

Joint House and Senate Select Committees on Disaster Recovery

Minutes of Meeting
2016-2017 Interim
October 17, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Christopher J. Leopold, chairman of the House Select Committee on disaster Recovery, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall, 15710 LA Highway 16, French Settlement, LA.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Christopher J. Leopold, House chairman
Representative Billiot
Senator Ronnie Johns, Senate chairman
Senator J.P. Morrell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Chad Brown
Representative Hensgens
Representative Pierre
Senator Troy Carter
Senator Blade Morrish
Senator Karen Carter Peterson

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Representative Clay Schexnayder

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tyler McCloud, House attorney
Karen Stephens, House secretary
Clarissa Moore, Senate secretary

III. DISCUSSION OF RECOVERY ISSUES

Representative Chris Leopold introduced the committee and invited audience members to come to the table to discuss any particular issues of concern once the presentations were finished.

Overview of State Response and Recovery from the 2016 Flood Event

Office of the Governor

Ms. Julie Baxter Payer, deputy chief of staff, Governor's office, state capitol, (225) 936-8396, spoke for information only on the state response to date and the Shelter at Home program in particular. She provided a handout entitled "Shelter at Home Program - Examples of Temporary Repairs", Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (GOHSEP)

Mr. Mark Riley, GOHSEP (no address provided), (225) 573-0027, spoke for information only on the current status of the GOHSEP response. He provided a handout entitled "Select Committee on Disaster Recovery", Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Mr. Casey Tingle, GOHSEP (no address provided), (225) 485-7451, spoke for information only on the current status of the GOHSEP response.

Mr. Jason Lachney, GOHSEP, 7667 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70816, (225) 933-0173, spoke for information only on the current status of the GOHSEP response.

Update on Hurricane Recovery Programs

Office of Community Development, Disaster Recovery Unit

Mr. Pat Forbes, executive director, Office of Community Development, (no address provided), spoke for information only on the OCD response in the French Settlement area. He provided a handout entitled "Program Information / Updates", Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

Small Business Administration (SBA)

Mr. Garth MacDonald, U.S. SBA Office of Disaster Assistance, 6501 Sylvan Road, Citrus Heights, CA 95610, (916) 735-1500, spoke for information only on the procedure for acquiring an SBA loan and the SBA response in the French Settlement area. He provided a handout entitled "The Three Step Process: Disaster Loans", Exhibit D, which is included in the committee records

Public Comment

Mr. Anthony Galiho, Cypress Point Subdivision, 15760 Cypress Point Lane, French Settlement, LA 70733, (225) 218-7682, spoke for information only on the flooding in his subdivision.

Ms. Lynn McMorris, Cypress Point Subdivision, French Settlement, LA, (225) 218-7663, spoke for information only on the flooding in his subdivision.

Mr. Paul Gaines, 17225 LA Highway 16, French Settlement, LA 70733, (225) 328-6674, spoke for information only on the flooding at his home.

Ms. Terri J. Franklin, 14795 LA Highway 16, French Settlement, LA 70733, (225) 573-6398, spoke for information only on the flood recovery in the area.

Mr. David Pennington, 20010 Aydell Lane, French Settlement, LA 70733, (225) 305-4833, spoke for information only on the flooding at his home.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Christopher J. Leopold
House Select Committee on Homeland Security

Date adopted: