

**MINUTES OF THE IBERIA PARISH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING CONDUCTED ON
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011 AT 5:30PM IN THE IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
300 IBERIA STREET, NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA 70560**

CALL TO ORDER: Dana Dugas determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Dupray, Tommy Granger, Jane Braud, Barbara Laviolette, Ronald Fremin, Dana Dugas and David Fangué

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lanie Borel and Perry Justice

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Wattigny, Julie Armentor, and John Raines

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tommy Granger made a motion to approve the March 17, 2011 Minutes which was seconded by Barbara Laviolette; the vote was unanimous.

ABANDONMENT REQUEST #1: Stephen Devillier located at Northwest Intersection of Seymour Miguez and Deblanc Coulee - John Raines explained the surrounding area. He explained that Mr. Devillier was acquiring this tract and was requesting an abandonment or reduction of the easement. John said there is a major channel that runs across the property. He also said Iberia Parish Public Works Department was opposed to any reduction in maintenance easements along any Coulee. No one was there to represent Mr. Devillier, and no one had any information on the proposed extent of the abandonment or encroachment.

Tommy Granger spoke about not having enough room for digging drainage canals and he thinks the easements should be kept. He also stated that they did not have any input from Public Works to give them insight so they should deny the request.

Mr. Granger made a motion to deny the request which was seconded by Ronald Fremin; the vote was unanimous.

ABANDONMENT REQUEST #2: M & M Oil Tools, Inc. located on Usery St. John Raines explained the location of the site. He said that there was a little street between Hwy 182 and railroad tracks which is a dedicated right of way which was never constructed. Since it is not being used he suggested abandonment. Jane Braud asked that if this would be abandoned, would there be something in writing from Public Works saying that they formally recommend that this right of way will no longer be used by the parish.

Jane Braud made a motion to approve the abandonment of the right of way contingent upon a recommendation from Public Works that it is of no use for the Parish. The motion was seconded by Bruce Dupray; the vote was unanimous.

ABANDONMENT REQUEST #3: Nuxy Romero located on the Rodere Canal. John Raines explained that Mr. Romero's property is located at the end of Louisiana Dr. and across from the Holy Family Cemetery and in between is the Rodere Canal. Mr. Romero has a proposed buyer for his house and they were having difficulty with the lender concerning the easement on the Rodere Canal. His house is located inside the easement and they are requesting an abandonment of easement. John stated that he did not know how much of the house is in the easement. He also said he spoke to Public Works and they said they cannot support abandonment of any easement along the channel itself and will not recommend approval. He said they recognize that the house has been there for many years and that there are other encroachments.

Mr. Nuxy Romero addressed the Commission and told him the easement was about 100 feet on either side and he said he was requesting 50 feet on his side. He said the house has been there about 45 years and the canal has never been dredged since he has been there.

Jane Braud asked if we could get a recommendation from Public Works to accept the reduction. John said he would get something in writing.

Jane Braud made a motion to reduce the easement along Mr. Romero's property from 100 feet to 50 feet which was seconded by Tommy Granger; the vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Bruce Dupray and seconded by David Fangué; the vote was unanimous.

Submitted by John R. Raines
Director of Permitting, Planning and Zoning Department