

## **State Government Supports Local Tax Payers**

Governor Jindal is the first governor to make an appearance at a South Lafourche Levee District function in its 41 year history. More importantly he came with pen in hand to sign an agreement which will provide the South Lafourche Levee District almost \$20 Million dollars to improve the height and strength of the flood protection system. This added to the \$7.5 million collected yearly in the district, will greatly accelerate needed levee improvements.

The majority of the state money will be used to raise the west side of the levee from the Leon Theriot Lock south of Golden Meadow to the upper part of Cut Off. The present elevation ranges from 13ft in Golden Meadow to 11ft in upper Cut Off. This money will allow us to increase the heights to 16ft in Golden Meadow and to 13ft in Cut Off.

This improvement will greatly reduce the chance of flooding, but of course there are storms that have pushed surges up to 28ft. They are rare, but if a storm surge of that potential was to hit our area, we would experience devastating flooding.

In order to build these improvements we will be expanding the borrow canal in many sections in Cut Off and Galliano. The landowners who will be affected will receive letters and agreements for the expanded rights of way in the near future. The cooperation of those landowners will greatly increase the flood protection this state grant can provide.

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