

## **Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, Tuesday, October 17, 2017**

A regular monthly meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District Board of Commissioners was called to order by Mr. Timothy Allen, Board Vice-President, in the absence of Mr. Cory Kief, Board President, at 5:07 PM on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. The meeting was held at the District's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. Commissioner Joni Tuck offered the Invocation and Board VP Allen led the assembly in the Pledge

Board VP Allen called roll. Commissioners present were: Timothy Allen, Louis Andolsek, Rodney Foret, Kenney Matherne, Adley Peltier, Elmo Pitre, Robert Pitre, and Joni Tuck. Commissioners Cory Kief, Darcy Kiffe, and Shawn Preston were absent. Others present were NLLD Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois; NLLD Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer; NLLD Administrative Assistant Madonna Viguerie; NLLD Field Coordinator Glenn Bourgeois; Attorney Pat Amedee; consultants; various engineering professionals; and members of the public.

The Board VP stated that the election of officers for the term beginning November 1, 2017 and ending October 31, 2018 would be held and he opened the floor for nominations. Motion was made by J. Tuck, seconded by L. Andolsek, that the board keeps the slate of existing officers: Cory Kief – President, Timothy Allen – Vice President, and Kenney Matherne – Secretary/Treasurer. There was no discussion or further nominations offered. A vote was called for on the slate as nominated and it was unanimously approved by the Commissioners.

Minutes: Motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by R. Foret, to approve the minutes as written of the following meetings: September 21, 2017 Finance & Priority Committee and September 21, 2017 Regular Board. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

The floor was then turned over to the Director to address regular session items and he reminded the commissioners that copies of the current Capital Project Report are in their packets.

### **A. Thibodaux – West Project Area:**

South Thibodaux Drainage Project: The Director stated that this project has been showing signs of improvement to the drainage in the City with another larger outfall channel taking some of Thibodaux's water out another route. The Certificate of Substantial Completion was accepted in September and the district is awaiting the clearance of the clear lien period to release the retainage payment. NLLD Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported that Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. is continuing to work on the punch list items and is on track to complete the remaining items very soon. Mr. Ostheimer commended Project Engineer Leonard Chauvin on how smoothly this project went and stated that Mr. Chauvin has a recommendation regarding a change order and a pay request for the project. Leonard Chauvin, from Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. reported that Byron E. Talbot Contractor Inc. has submitted a balancing change order for items that were moved around and culverts added to replace crushed ones with a net decrease of \$6,240.00.

Motion was made by A. Peltier, seconded by R. Pitre, to approve the change order for a credit amount of \$6,240.00 for the South Thibodaux Drainage Project as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Chauvin went on to recommend approval of a pay request that includes paying some items just adjusted. He added that it does not include the retainage and the \$5,000.00 for the punch list items, but the recommended payment amount is \$46,939.84. Motion was made by L. Andolsek, seconded by J. Tuck to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$46,939.84 from Byron E. Talbot Contractor Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Thibodaux - Lockport - Bayou Blue Project Area:**

Bayou Blue – Hollywood Backwater Flood Protection Project: The Director reported that this project will be submitted as a Capital Outlay request again this year and CPRA will also submit this project as part of their request on behalf of NLLD.

St. Charles By-Pass Backwater Flood Protection: The Director reported that LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC is the contractor for this project that is intended to prevent repeated backwater flooding into this community. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that the district met with DDG, LA Contracting, and Mr. Rob Gorman (Catholic Charities), along with several residents to discuss the upcoming project. Mr. Gorman prepared an informative flier that was passed out to all the residents in the project area making them aware of the upcoming construction and things to expect. Mr. Ostheimer added that the Notice to Proceed was issued for October 9, 2017 and LA Contracting has gotten started with a good bit of the clearing on the Raceland side of the St. Charles By-Pass Road.

Cyprien FDA Channel Improvements: The Director reported that the District is planning to perform much needed maintenance dredging at the Cyprien FDA, but that work is on hold until the design is in place for improvements to the pump station by LPG. Project Manager Ostheimer stated that as reported last month, T. Baker Smith is working on the pump station design and they are expecting to begin advertising near the end of the year. TBS has submitted and reviewed the preliminary plans with LPG and based on comments provided, TBS was released to produce the final plans. The Director added that in consideration of the capacity of the improved pump station, he would take a look at the outfall canal for base stabilization.

**C. Lockport - Larose Project Area**

Lockport – Larose Valentine Return Levee Project: The Director stated that Low Land Construction Co., Inc. is the contractor on the levee portion of this project. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that Low Land is finally picking up some steam on this project with better weather. Low Land has established a couple of borrow areas, created a haul road, de-grassed a large portion of the levee section, and begun to haul in material to the levee. With good weather, a great deal of progress is expected in the next month. Angelette-Picciola has a recommendation for payment to Low Land for the work they have performed. Neil Angelette, from Angelette-Picciola, recommended payment of the third request from Low Land Construction in the amount of \$18,263.73. Motion was made by L. Andolsek, seconded by E. Pitre to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$18,263.73 from Low Land Construction Co., Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Lockport – Larose Valentine Return Structure Project: The Director stated that Sealevel Construction, Inc. is the contractor on the structure portion of this project. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that the Notice to Proceed for this project was issued for September 5, 2017. Sealevel is expecting the sheet piles for the project to be delivered by the manufacturer this week, once received they will be sent off to be coated and should be delivered onsite sometime the week afterwards. The sheet piles are the critical path item for the project so

they will begin mobilizing equipment within the next week to begin the construction portion of the project. Angelette-Picciola has a small pay request from Sealevel for the board's consideration.

Neil Angelette, from Angelette-Picciola, recommended approval of Sealevel's pay request #1 in the amount of \$12,943.75. Motion was made by E. Pitre, seconded by R. Pitre to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$12,943.75 from Sealevel Construction Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Lockport – Larose Levee Project, Reaches C4, C5, and D1: The Director stated that in efforts to proceed with improvements for these parts of the hurricane protection levee, last month (September) this board approved expropriation resolutions for ten (10) tracts. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that work continues on the expropriations. Truax and Robles has begun contacting some of the landowners and the NLLD has sent out letters to all of the landowners. Truax and Robles is expecting to begin the field work for the appraisals within the next week. Neil Angelette is finalizing the design for the project and a meeting is scheduled to review and discuss the project tomorrow with a follow-up meeting next week. At this time, advertisement is being planned for this project on approximately October 26, 2017 to accept bids on November 30, 2017. That would allow for a recommendation of award at the December board meeting. Discussion ensued regarding expropriation and the circumstances that made these expropriations a legal requirement. Mr. Ostheimer reminded the board that ROW agreements were successfully gained on 98 of 108 tracts. The remaining ten are being expropriated because of the inability to contact the owners of record or the inability to obtain a clear title opinion on ownership or ownership percentage. He noted that the remaining landowners were not hostile toward the project. The Director reiterated that the value of the ROW property will be in the registry of the court and available to the owner(s) once they are able to sort out their title issues.

Lockport – Larose Levee "Reach C5 & D1" Emergency Repair Work: The Director stated that Project Manager Ostheimer will bring everyone up to speed on the progress thus far by Low Land Construction combined with the use of the district's new MBI/CAT buggy operated by an employee of Sealevel. Mr. Ostheimer reported that Low Land Construction was engaged to perform the emergency repairs and is working along with the NLLD's marsh buggy excavator. Currently there are two repair locations completed and the third location is being wrapped up as far as excavation work is concerned. Once the third location is complete that will mark the end of the emergency work with Low Land. The NLLD marsh buggy excavator will remain on site for a few more weeks to do some bucket dressing and final placement of material around the levee. Commissioner Andolsek asked if all failed areas were taken care of. Mr. Ostheimer stated that there is one remaining location, but there are pipeline issues to be worked out.

Edna Barrios Pump Consolidation Project: The Director stated that the completion of this pump station by Lafourche Parish Government is vital to the NLLD as it will allow the removal of the antiquated Barrios Pump Station which interferes with the levee alignment in the area. He added that the estimated completion was expected for September; however, necessary modifications to the pumps prevented that from being met. Neil Angelette, from Angelette-Picciola, reported that the contractor indicated that the newly installed pumps were not capable of pumping down to the -5 elevation as specified. The contractor will remedy the situation as quickly as possible. They pulled out both of the pumps and they are developing a

game plan to modify to meet the requirements. Discussion ensued regarding the age of the Barrios Pump station.

Lockport to Larose Levee Project “Reaches D3” Project: The Director stated in cooperation with CPRA, remaining funds from Reach D2 will be used to extend the lift onto Reach D3. He added that Volute Inc. was awarded the construction contract in September to re-section and elevate the existing levee to a 7.5’ elevation. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that the preconstruction meeting was held on October 5, 2017. Volute is testing borrow material for the project and finalizing preparation to begin the work. The Notice to Proceed for the project will be issued for no later than October 31, 2017.

Lockport to Larose Reaches A2 and Claudet Return Levee Project: The Director stated that Womack and Sons Construction Group, Inc. was awarded the construction contract in September to increase the level flood protection through the reshaping of levees and the installation of borrowed embankment. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that the preconstruction meeting was held on October 12, 2017 for the project. Womack is finalizing the preparations for the project and the Notice to Proceed was issued for October 23, 2017 and the work should get started within a week.

Lockport to Larose Reaches A1: The Director stated Leonard Chauvin P.E. Inc. continues to work on the design for the improvements for Reach A1. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that Leonard Chauvin, P.E. Inc. is finalizing the sheet pile length with the geotechnical engineer to settle up the material requirements. Being the sheet pile is such a large part of the project, this has to be finalized so Chauvin can submit a final construction budget. The project design is basically complete outside of this so the advertisement should be able to begin within 30 days of reconciliation of the budget and in the relative near future. In response to questioning, Mr. Chauvin stated that the project will require 4,000 linear feet of sheet pile.

**D. Choupic Project Area:**

West Choupic Storm Water Protection Project: The Director stated that Leonard Chauvin P.E. Inc. has been working to prepare the permit application and conduct a pre-application meeting with DNR and USACE. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that Leonard Chauvin P.E. Inc. has tweaked the alignment for this project and submitted a copy for NLLD review. Chauvin has a meeting scheduled with DNR and USACE to discuss and receive feedback on this proposed alignment.

Existing Choupic Levee Status: The Director reported that at the request of Commissioner Peltier, this item concerning an old permit application and ROW agreements for existing Parish levees in the Choupic area has been receiving the attention of the LPG through the assistance of Jack Plaisance with Picciola and Associates.

**E. St. James Project Area:**

The Director stated that although the district is developing items in the project area via a new drainage study, there is nothing new to report on that at this time. He added that the district has been working with the Parish along with the local Legislative Delegation in the project area to ask DOTD to address the poor condition of numerous road side ditches in the area and there is a meeting scheduled later this week with DOTD at one of the homes of one of the several residents that have been complaining about the situation. He added that the district is providing drawings in support of this effort.

**F. Lake Bouef Watershed Project Area:**

Lake Bouef Watershed, Backwater Flood Protection Project: The Director stated that Leonard Chauvin, P.E. Inc. continues to work on design and meet with landowners for comments on the

preliminary alignment from Theriot Canal to Oak Grove Plantation in hopes of establishing a permit templet to improve drainage and protection from backwater flooding. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that NLLD met with Leonard Chauvin P.E. Inc. earlier in the month and asked that they break the project into phases to consider permitting, budgeting and positive impacts.

Bayou Bouef School Forced Drainage Project: The Director stated there was nothing new to report on this project at this time other than it will be incorporated into the upcoming Capital Outlay request.

Zeller/Larousse Forced Drainage Area Systems Improvement: The Director reported that Sealevel Construction, Inc. is the contractor on Phase 1A of this project which includes clearing encroachments and dredging the reservoir. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that Sealevel Construction is currently clearing the construction limits of the levee and started dredging out the muck from the canal. Mr. Leonard Chauvin, from Leonard Chauvin, P.E., Inc. reported that Sealevel started on September 11, 2017 so they are not very far along but he did recommend approval of a pay request in the amount of \$11,898.75 that is in order and it represents about 1.2% of the contract. Motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by A. Peltier to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$11,898.75 from Sealevel Construction Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

40 and 80 Arpent and Halpins Canal Maintenance Dredging Project, East Theriot Canal Maintenance Dredging Project, and Sam Foret and adjacent Canals Maintenance Dredging: The Director stated that a field observation with DNR brought about a request for a slight modification from DNR to the spoil area. He added that DNR seems to be in favor of this project. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that Leonard Chauvin, P.E., Inc. is still working through the permit process with the state. The Office of Coastal Management is definitely giving it the full review process. Hopefully it can get through the process with the state in the next few weeks as it is still moving forward. The intent is to meet with USACE as soon as the state forwards the permit to them.

**G. Gheens Project Area:**

Mathews Canal Project: The Director reported that Low Land Construction Co., Inc. is the contractor for this project. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that the Notice to Proceed was issued for September 18, 2017. Low Land has mobilized and begun clearing and de-grassing the levee section from the Gheens Road to the pump station. They have de-grassed sections of the borrow area also.

Des Allemands Bulkhead Project: The Director reminded all that there are two elements of this project and both are in the design stage for a phased approach for construction. Element 1, includes the levee and channel improvements and Element 2 is for pump improvements. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that NLLD met to discuss this project along with others with All South Consulting Engineers on September 25, 2017. This project was reviewed for the best path forward based on the greatest benefit to the area and necessary rights of way in consideration of the project being broken down. The plans for the pump station maintenance/upgrades were also reviewed and discussed with ASCE and they are now finalizing the plans and cost estimate based on those comments.

Des Allemands Breakwater Project: The Director stated that there was nothing new to report on this project at this time.

Jesse Dufrene FDA Levee Improvements: The Director stated that as previously reported some available land has been identified that is suitable enough to use for borrow material. He added

that Mr. Mark Breaux submitted a request for public comment and he suggested that he may want to comment while on this project. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that this project was also discussed when the district met on September 25, 2017 with All South Consulting Engineers as they are preparing a cost estimate with options for the district to review to plan a path forward for this project.

Public Comment: Mr. Mark Breaux, 160 St. James Street, Gheens, LA stated that his concern is with the height of the Jesse Dufrene levee. He explained that there are two sections that are not equal to the rest of it. Has any project been set to recap the levee? The Director stated that the district is aware of the low spots at Jesse Dufrene and should an issue arise, the district will have to respond with a contingency plan. Mr. Breaux asked if there were any updates on the State's Master Plan regarding the potential gap in protection. The Director stated that technically any work done on this levee was viewed consistent with the Master Plan by CPRA and he could provide Mr. Breaux with the response letter from CPRA.

Upper Barataria Risk Reduction (UBRR) Project: The Director stated that this project has made it onto the State's Draft Master Plan for 2017 and last month several folks from the Lafourche Basin Levee District (LBLD) and others members of the project team were here for an update and presentation on the history of the alignment and future plans for this project.

The Director reported that he has since attended a meeting with that same project team and representatives of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA). The purpose of the meeting was to bring the CPRA and specifically their Engineering Group as up to speed as possible on this project so that they can support it if and when funds become available.

Lafourche Basin Levee District (LBDL) did not make a direct request from CPRA, but they do plan to make a \$3M State Capital Outlay Request for further design work. (It has been in preliminary design and permitting to this point.) LBDL has committed a 50% cost match to this project through a resolution to put up \$1.5M to get another \$1.5M from the state.

At this time, LBDL has asked only that NLLD seek legislative support of their upcoming Capital Outlay request. The Director suggested that LBDL receiving this funding has tremendous benefit potential to the NLLD as well. There are NLLD project elements that have independent utility from the whole, especially given that St. Charles Parish is in the process of raising all of their levees to +7.5'. It would be very good for everything north of Highway 90 on the East side within NLLD if after design NLLD can get funding to construct the closure in Bayou Des Allemands and the first levee segment. The Director suggested that NLLD agree to increase the local match by another \$500K if needed when House Bill 2 is in play in 2018. This would bring the total request to \$3M with \$1M coming from the State and \$2M coming from locals. If between NLLD's legislative delegation and LBDL's six (6) parish legislative delegation this deal cannot be successful, then what is the point of having a State Capital Outlay program? He stated that the board's consideration for contributing to the local match would be addressed during the 2018 Budget Revision in January.

**H. Valentine - East Project Area:**

New Valentine/Ludevine Forced Drainage Area: The Director stated that this is the levee running from Hamilton St. in Larose about 5,500 feet towards the Ludevine Pump Station along the Blackwater Canal. Work continues on a permit issue (National Historic Preservation Act) presented by the Corps. Mr. Joe Picciola, from Picciola & Associates, reported that the Corps agreed to reduce the preservation requirement to a high level review (desktop review). The archeological consultant hired has completed the report of "no findings" and it will be

submitted to the Corps. Discussion ensued on this requirement in relation to the handling of future permits.

**I. Regional/Other Capital Projects:**

Morganza to the Gulf, Reaches K & L in Lafourche Parish: The Director reported that in cooperation with SLLD, NLLD's CAT/Wilco buggy continues working to build terracing as part of the mitigation work for Reaches K&L of the Morganza to the Gulf project in Lafourche Parish, while a second marsh buggy is assisting in this. The second machine and both operators are contracted through Dean Equipment and the district is being reimbursed for the operational cost on this effort.

Morganza to the Gulf, Larose to Lockport Alignment: The Director reported that Delta Coast Consultants had presented their preliminary report to the MtoG/UBRR committee a few months ago and there has since been meetings with local land owners (Ted Falgout and Benny Cenac) for further refinement of the alignment in that area. DCC will soon be providing the district with the final alignment and report to immediately begin the process of submitting this alignment to the Corps and applying for funding for this alignment and the solution for the Gheens Community.

Pump Station Study: The Director reported that this project is intended to extend the District's influence into the proper operation of the pumps in Lafourche Parish to prevent possible damage to District levees and property inside a forced drainage area from over pumping. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that T. Baker Smith has completed the field work on all of the pump stations in the North Lafourche Levee District. TBS still has some of the gauges to install and they are working with LPG to get those completed. The District has a meeting scheduled with TBS for next week to review the data and discuss the best way to implement and use the information obtained in this study. The Director further explained that TBS started with the larger pumps in the lower half of the District for this study. He explained the phases of the study include gathering the data for comparison, research and determining the appropriate pumping levels, and then actually monitoring the water level as compared to the gauges with the knowledge of which pumps are operating at all times. Discussion ensued regarding the educational process of the final data with the Parish and funding possibilities with LASAFE.

**J. Equipment:**

Liebherr Dragline: The Director stated that as reported in September, no bids were received on September 15, 2017 after the first round of advertisements over a 90-day period. Since the laws were followed for the initial attempt for the disposal of surplus property but no bids were received, the district is now re-advertising the Crane for Sale at a lower reserve of \$350,000 as allowed by law with a bid date of November 9, 2017. North American Machinery is again promoting the sale of the crane at no additional cost to the district for this 30 day period and a bid is expected for your consideration at the November meeting.

Volvo buggy: The notice is expected to begin advertisement for bids in a couple of weeks and to have any bids for consideration at the December meeting.

The NLLD Field Coordinator reported that issues this past month included:

CAT/Wilco buggy – boom issues with cracking at the pin that was repaired by welding and it is working fine. There were also issues with some hydraulic hoses.

CAT/MBI buggy – bolts were breaking from the pontoons, so MBI replaced them with longer bolts. Terrebonne Levee District said for a similar buggy they use a special wrench to regularly check the bolts, so the district is trying their suggestion.

**K. General Items**

Photo Presentation: The Director presented photos taken with the recently purchased drone of the following work: Clotilda Levee project in Gheens, Edgar Guidry Pump Station's water level, repair sections at the Lockport to Larose levee failures, rip rap at the new Edna Barrios Pump Station, terracing at Morganza to the Gulf, South Thibodaux Drainage Improvements project, and the Valentine Return Levee project.

NLLD Tax Renewal: The Director reported that the tax renewal proposition passed on October 14, 2017 by a margin of 65% in favor to 35% opposed. He added that this is a strong testament and vote of confidence to the work that the Commissioners of this entity are doing. Board VP Allen suggested that the outcome is a good reflection on the Director and his ability to educate the people. He thanked the voters who went out and voted.

Vegetation Control: The Director reported that the second round of spraying for the Annual Aerial Vegetation Control Program has been completed. He added that Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. has recommended in a letter to the District that the work was performed, he has reviewed the invoice and it is in order. Leonard Chauvin, from Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. reported that the program has shown continuous improvements resulting in less maintenance problems. Except for a section near Bayou Dumar, it's almost impossible to find water lilies around here. He added that the aerial vegetation program covers about 200 miles twice annually at roughly \$115K each application. There has been a service contract in place for about five years, but it will be up for renewal and it will be adapted to the more current needs. Discussion ensued regarding spraying near Highway 90 and the area was viewed on the overhead screen.

Capital Outlay Request: The Director explained the various Capital Outlay requests the District is a part of in addition to the following. He reported that Capital Outlay requests for FY17-18 are due by November 1, 2017. Because the District has projects that were not completely funded through Capital Outlay requests last year, it is somewhat encumbering to re-request for those projects again this year including: Bayou Blue – Hollywood Backwater Flood Protection Project, Bayou Bouef School District Forced Drainage Area and the additional phases of the Zeller Larousse Forced Drainage Area Project. There is a minimum local match requirement of 25% of the total project cost for any funding requested through Capital Outlay. In the past the District has formally and conditionally increased the District's matching commitment to 50% for the Bayou Blue – Hollywood Backwater Flood Protection Project and the Director suggested that the Bayou Blue project be submitted this year again with the 50% match as addressed in recent budget revisions. It doesn't seem that the District would need to increase the local match for the Zeller Larousse project via Capital Outlay at this time as there is already a \$1M commitment from CPRA on this project that the legislators could use as leverage. It is likely that the District can move forward on the Bayou Bouef School District Forced Drainage Area project within the District's means if funding is received and that might be something to readdress in 2018. The Director explained that the 50% for the Bayou Blue – Hollywood project is not a formal commitment of the Board at this time as that would have to be done in the 2018 Budget Revision if desired and it would once again be conditioned upon the receipt of State funds. If there are no objections, the Director stated he would take action accordingly. No discussion or objections were offered.

State Mandated Ethics Training and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training: The Director reminded the board members that there will be a live ethics training presented by an attorney from the Louisiana Board of Ethics on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Warren Harang Civic Center in Thibodaux. Other options include viewing the state's ethic training online



or at the District's office on Thursday, November 2nd at 3:00 PM, at which time the required sexual harassment prevention video will be presented as well.

Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana (ALBL) Annual Meeting: The Director reminded the commissioners that the ALBL will conduct its annual meeting in New Orleans on Dec 6 – 7, 2017 at the Hilton Riverside in New Orleans and any commissioner wishing to attend should contact the NLLD Administrative Assistant by October 31, 2017 for registration and accommodations.

Morganza Action Coalition (MAC) continued funding: The Director reported that NLLD's participation in partially funding MAC along with the South Lafourche and Terrebonne Levee Districts has been helpful to the District. It was said from the beginning when this was first approved in May of 2016 that the effort would likely have to be a multi-year effort. The Director added that the board needs to consider ongoing funding for the efforts during the second half of this year. A meeting was held earlier today with the MAC Board and the three Levee Districts and the Director asked that the board consider approve funding of \$35,000.00. Motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by E. Pitre, to approve payments up to the amount of \$35,000.00 to the Morganza Action Coalition for continued financial support in the interest of the NLLD for the efforts during the second half of this calendar year (2017).

Discussion ensued regarding the previous commitment of \$75,000 for an entire year and the Director informed the commissioners that this would be looked at again at the beginning of 2018. No further discussion and no public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Meetings this Month: The Director stated in addition to the regular monthly meeting circuit and those previously discussed, he participated in the following meetings:

September 22, 2017 - Corps of Engineers on Permitting and Mitigation requirements.

September 26 – 28, 2017 – The Director made a presentation on NFIP and other programmatic issues at the National Waterways Conference in St. Louis.

October 2 – 5, 2017 – Trip to Washington DC on NFIP reform

October 16, 2017 – Presentation in Delcambre where their new levee district is trying to convince the public that they need a sales tax.

Committee Reports:

Finance & Priority Committee: Chairman K. Matherne reported that the F&P Committee met on September 21, 2017. During that meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the Payables report that was recommended and accepted for approval by the full board during the Regular Board meeting that followed, as well as reviewed and recommended the 2018 Budget to the full board.

Legal/Development Committee: Chairman J. Tuck reported that the Legal/Development Committee met on August 28, 2017. During that meeting, the committee discussed the public outreach recommendations from Lori LeBlanc, LLC regarding the upcoming ad valorem millage renewal proposition at the reduced rate which has since been successful. Ms. LeBlanc presented a recap of their continual efforts since 2014 through the district's website, social media, and monthly e-newsletters. The committee agreed that they would like to see two informational mail outs be done prior to the October 14, 2017 which were done.

Accounts Payable: Motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by J. Tuck, to accept the Payables Report as reviewed by the Finance and Priority Committee in a meeting just prior to this Board meeting. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board VP called for any other engineering reports; there were none.

On call for additional public comment, Mr. Mark Breaux, 160 St. James Street, Ghens, LA stated that a representative with the DOTD has informed him of upcoming road work on Hwy

654. It was his understanding that they are supposed to elevate the road near Clotilda. The Director replied that would be a good thing, but he had not heard anything about the road elevation. Board VP Allen suggested that the Director contact DOTD for further knowledge of the plan.

The Board VP announced the next Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be at 5:15 PM, or immediately following the F&P committee meeting, on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 (second Tuesday because of Thanksgiving the third week) at the District's office located at 3862 Highway 1, Raceland, LA.

Attorney Pat Amedee informed the board that there were no updates on the pending litigation of Cecil Gassiott, LLC Vs NLCLDD; therefore Executive Session would not be needed for Agenda item 11a.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:20 PM on motion by R. Pitre, with a second by R. Foret.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Director