

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, Tuesday, December 19, 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 5:10 PM on Tuesday, December 19, 2017. The meeting was held at the District's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. Board VP Allen offered the Invocation and Commissioner Darcy Kiffe led the assembly in the Pledge.

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

Minutes: Motion was made by D. Kiffe, seconded by J. Tuck, to approve the minutes as written of the following meetings: November 14, 2017 Finance & Priority Committee and November 14, 2017 Regular Board. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by R. Foret, to enter Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the proposed 2017 Final Revised Budget. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

In Public Hearing, Board VP Allen stated that the Finance and Priority Committee met before this Board meeting to review in detail the proposed 2017 Final Budget for the year based on the actual expenditures. The Commissioners and the public were provided with copies of the budget. Board VP Allen added that the Committee's recommendation to this board is for adoption as written. The Board will vote on the adoption of the budget immediately following public hearing and offered board discussion and public comment. There was no discussion or public comment upon three calls for public comment.

Motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by L. Andolsek, to close Public Hearing. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

In Regular Session, Board VP Allen stated that it is the recommendation of the Finance and Priority Committee that the Board adopts the 2017 Revised Budget as provided. Motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by J. Tuck that the Board adopts the 2017 Revised Budget as provided in writing. There was no discussion or public comment, and the 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 reported that this project remains in the final stage awaiting the clear lien certificate and completion of the punch list items. NLLD Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported that Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. still has to complete some final grading on this project and Leonard Chauvin, P.E. Inc. will send correspondence in that regard, but the contractor is waiting for dry weather.

B. Thibodaux - Lockport - Bayou Blue Project Area:

Bayou Blue – Hollywood Backwater Flood Protection Project: The Director stated that this project was submitted as a Capital Outlay request again this year, as well as by CPRA 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 LA Contracting has continued to excavate the ditches on both sides of the St. Charles Bypass Road and create the berm levee parallel with the ditch. They've cut a majority of the ditches on both sides of the road, but they still have to move a good bit of material which is a slow process due to the wet conditions of the area. Out there even when it is dry it is still pretty wet. Duplantis Design Group has a recommendation for a change order request that is for additional fencing along the Pierce Property based on the project's impact on the donated right of way, along with a contractor's pay request for the Board's consideration. Ms. Heather Klingman, from Duplantis Design Group, reported that for the most part, the central ditch on the west side (of the project) is dug. The plan is to tie into the canal later this week depending on the weather conditions and the delivery of the culverts and material. The project site is extremely wet and the contractor is doing what they can. Ms. Klingman recommended the Change Order to add fencing on Ramona Pierce's property (the quantity in the contract was not enough). Ms. Pierce's back pasture is unusable at this time because of the construction, so she is moving her livestock to the front. Ms. Klingman added that it is about 3000' linear feet for a total of \$28,530.00 and she recommended approval by the board. Motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by R. Foret, to approve the change order with a net amount of \$28,530.00 as requested by LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC and confirmed by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Klingman continued on to the pay request from LA Contracting in the amount of \$80,630.10. She added that this request gets them to about 35% bill out on the contract and from the standpoint of the work they are actually a little ahead of that. Ms. Klingman stated that the pay request is in order and it is recommended that it be paid. Motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by L. Andolsek to approve payment of the pay request in the amount of \$80,630.10 from LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. The Director recognized Mr. Robert Gorman with Catholic Charities who was in attendance to follow up on the status of this project.

Cyprien FDA Channel Improvements: The Director reported that the District is planning to perform much needed maintenance dredging at the Cyprien FDA reservoir. But work is on hold until the design is in place for improvements to the pump station by Lafourche Parish Government. Mr. Dustin Rabalais, from T. Baker Smith, LLC met with LPG about 30 days ago and they wanted changes. Met again this morning with the redesign and they seemed pleased as things stand. He added that there is a 4" gas line that needs to be relocated. When asked about a time frame, Mr. Rabalais indicated that he needs to meet with the pipeline company to determine a time estimate.

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 had been steadily hauling material from the borrow area to the levee limits. They've moved a significant amount of material as you will see in the pictures

(later in this meeting); however the material coming from the borrow area is really wet and will require a good bit of processing to get the moisture down in order to meet the embankment requirements. Angelette-Picciola, LLC has a change order request for some additional contract time that the majority was accumulated in the first couple of months (July and August) of the project when the weather was really wet. Along with the change order, there is a request for payment from Low Land.

Mr. Neil Angelette, from Angelette-Picciola LLC explained that Change Order #1 for this project is for an additional 44 days resulting from rain days through November 15, 2017. This changes the contract completion date from March 7, 2018 to April 20, 2018 and he recommended approval of the change order by the board. Motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by R. Pitre, to approve the change order to extend the construction period to April 20, 2018 due to 44 rain days at the request of Low Land Construction Co., Inc. and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Angelette recommended payment of the fifth request from Low Land Construction in the amount of \$136,627.20. Motion was made by R. Foret, seconded by L. Andolsek to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$136,627.20 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 after quite a bit of prep time, Sealevel has started the construction on the structure. They were steadily mobilizing equipment and materials over the last three weeks during the recent dry weather and Angelette-Picciola has a recommendation for payment to Sealevel. Mr. Neil Angelette, from Angelette-Picciola, LLC recommended approval of Sealevel's pay request #2 in the amount of \$98,597.54. Motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by L. Andolsek to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$98,597.54 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 reported that everything is coming together to proceed with improvements for these parts of the hurricane protection levee. The bid opening took place on December 7, 2017 and Angelette-Picciola LLC has a recommendation of award, but first Project Manager Ostheimer will provide the details on the appraisal work for the expropriations. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that the right of way acquisition phase is nearing completion. There has been constant communication with the appraisers (Truax & Robles Appraisers) and they are expecting to have all of the reports along with the review appraisal the week of January 8, 2018. Upon receiving the reports, Attorney Pat Amedee will file the expropriation with the expectation of having the ROW phase completed within a week or two from the final reports. This would have the right-of-ways complete on or about January 26, 2018. On the construction side, Neil Angelette has the bid results and a recommendation for award of the project for the Board's consideration. Mr. Neil Angelette, from Angelette-Picciola, LLC reported that bids were received on December 7, 2017 with a total of eight (8) bids ranging from \$2.98M to \$6.91M. Mr. Angelette added that the project estimate was \$3.839M and four (4) of the bids received ranged from \$3.5M to \$3.8M. He reported that there was one bid that was significantly lower at \$2.98M from Onshore Materials, LLC. Mr. Angelette explained that their bid had been reviewed and he recommended awarding to Onshore Materials LLC at \$2,983,968.57 which is about \$800K under the project

budget. Motion was made by R. Foret, seconded by R. Pitre, that NLLD awards the construction contract to Onshore Material LLC, thus committing \$2,983,968.57 of NLLD's net assets from the 2017 Bond Proceeds towards NLLD Project No. 6300.61Z and authorizing the NLLD President to sign, execute, and administer a contract and any and all relevant documents. On call for discussion, Commissioner Kiffe asked if there was any reason why the low bid came in so much lower. Mr. Angelette explained that they see this quite often where a few bids are clustered close to the budget and one is much lower that could result from that contractor having a different strategy or being a little more anxious for work. When asked where Onshore is domiciled, Mr. Angelette stated that they are associated with Arabie Trucking (Thibodaux area) and he added that he had had one experience with them on a much smaller project for South Lafourche Levee District and there were no problems. With no further board discussion or public comment, the motion passed unanimously. Board VP Allen inquired to Attorney Pat Amedee if he could think of anything that would delay the expropriations and the issuance of the Notice to Proceed with the contractor. Mr. Amedee explained that they have drafts of the petitions that require only the addition of information from the appraisals and the reports to be attached. He doesn't see anything in the way and once the money is in the registry of the court and the petition is filed, the District has quick-take authority. Mr. Amedee added that they would do everything humanly possible to get this done in a timely fashion. There is no legal impediment for the judge not to sign the orders, but there is no guarantee that it will all go perfectly smoothly. Commissioner Andolsek asked about executing the construction contract. Project Manager Ostheimer stated that there is an anticipated timeline. He would expect that the Notice to Proceed would probably be issued for February 15, 2018 based on it typically taking 30 – 45 days to get the contracts signed. Another option if necessary would be to ask for a small continuance from the contractor without risking the bid, award, and contract.

Lockport – Larose Levee “Reach C5 & D1” Emergency Repair Work: The Director stated that Project Manager Ostheimer will bring everyone up to speed on the status of the repair work. Mr. Ostheimer reported that NLCLDD's Marsh Buggy had continued to work on drying out and moving some of the material at the repair locations for the finishing touches. A stopping point has been reached with the construction project coming along and the marsh buggy needing work at Marsh Buggy Inc. which will be discussed later in this meeting.

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 old Barrios Pump Station which interferes with the levee alignment in the area. He added that as previously reported, the newly installed pumps had to be pulled for modifications to the pumping capabilities. Mr. Neil Angelette, from Angelette-Picciola, LLC reported that the contractor, pump manufacturer, and engineers met last week with the Parish and they have a good understanding of the proposal. The contractor indicated about an eight week process to get the modifications completed.

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. is the contractor for this project that is intended to re-section and elevate the existing levee to a +7.5' elevation. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that Volute is making steady progress. The work had slowed a bit around the pump station access where some additional degradation of the existing material had to occur to remove some existing stone. They've managed to reinstall the compacted embankment and are moving along now with the degassing and capping of the existing levee. An onsite meeting was conducted on November

30, 2017 to discuss the construction and pictures will be presented later in this meeting.

Picciola & Associates has a recommendation for payment for the Board's consideration.

Mr. Jack Plaisance, from Picciola & Associates, reported that Volute submitted pay request #1 for November work in the amount \$43,581.15 that is in order and recommended for payment.

Motion was made by D. Kiffe, seconded by R. Pitre to approve payment of the pay request #1 in the amount of \$43,581.15 from Volute, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Lockport to Larose Reaches A2 and Claudet Return Levee Project: The Director stated that Womack and Sons Construction Group, Inc. is the contractor for this project that is intended to increase the level of flood protection through the reshaping of levees and the installation of borrowed embankment. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that Womack and Sons has made a great deal of progress on this project. He explained that they have placed material along the entire A2 section of the project and as per the contractor they have reached the finish elevation. He added that they are also working on the Claudet Return portion with a good bit of material still needed on that end. Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. has a recommendation of payment for this project for the Board's consideration. Mr. Leonard Chauvin, from Leonard Chauvin, P.E. Inc. reported that the project is moving along quite well because of the weather. He added that the project is more complete than the amount of time that has lapsed and he recommended payment of the request from Womack and Sons Construction Group, Inc. in the amount of \$160,241.25. Motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by D. Kiffe to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$160,241.25 from Womack and Sons Construction Group, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Lockport to Larose Reaches A1: The Director reported that Leonard Chauvin P.E. Inc. is working to finalize the design and budget for the improvements for Reach A1. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that the District's staff met with Leonard Chauvin on December 14, 2017 to review the updated probable construction estimate of \$2,163,275.25 based on the geotech work. He explained that the increased cost is directly related to the vinyl sheet pile measuring about 4,500 linear feet (because of the lack of improvement options in the project area) and the expected installation cost which is about 85% of the construction estimate on this project. The design on this project is basically complete and could be ready to advertise in January of 2018.

The Director further explained that this project was initially considered from a budget point of view along with Reach A2/Claudet Return Levee improvements. The Board approved a revised budget for Reach A1 previously and the contract for the work at A2 / Claudet came in significantly under budget (-\$550K). The Director added that even with these things considered, the new estimate for Reach A1 requires about \$200K of previously unbudgeted funds which is approximately equal to the contingency amount included on the new project estimate as a result of the final design. He noted also that additional cost is for rock to repair the side of the road as a result of the reservoir being pumped too low. The Director recommended that the board consider proceeding as there are sufficient funds in the District's overall budget to accommodate this increase. Motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by R. Pitre to instruct the project engineer to proceed with advertisement of the Reach A1 project, to receive and evaluate bids and to make a recommendation for award at a future NLLD Board Meeting. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Choupic Project Area:

West Choupic Storm Water Protection Project: The Director stated that Leonard Chauvin P.E. Inc. continues to work on getting the permit application together for submittal to the USACE. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that NLLD and Leonard Chauvin P.E. Inc. met with the USACE regarding this project on October 19, 2017 and also discussed this project with Leonard Chauvin on December 14, 2017. He added that based on the Corps' comments, Leonard Chauvin P.E. Inc. has been directed to prepare and submit the permit application for this project.

Existing Choupic Levee Status: The Director reported that Jack Plaisance with Picciola and Associates is working with Lafourche Parish Government to clear up an old permit application and ROW agreements for existing Parish levees.

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.

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 possible phasing of this project. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that on December 14, 2017 NLLD requested Leonard Chauvin P.E. Inc. work to set an alignment and prepare a permit application with no wetland impacts (as the Corps had indicated in the pre-application meeting that they would not allow impacts because they could clearly be avoided in this area). At the request of Commissioner Matherne, Mr. Ostheimer explained "wetland impacts" in regards to the USACE permit application. Board VP Allen asked if Leonard Chauvin agrees with the Corps' assessment "that suitable protection can be obtained in this area while avoiding wetland impacts". Mr. Chauvin explained that the main issue here is flooding to the ag land. He added that the ground where they are thinking of routing the levee is approximately 2 1/2' to 3' and they are in the process of doing a wetland delineation that might indicate wetlands further to the front from the levee so the system may have to be designed with flood gates to allow the necessary areas to remain wet with the option to close them at the threat of flooding. Mr. Chauvin noted that the landowners will have to be in agreement to the alignment to grant right-of-ways, but the good side is that the footprint being looked at is only 60' to 100'. In response to Board VP Allen noting that the possible features could drive up the cost of the project, the Director stated that there are also a lot of benefits to residential neighborhoods in the area so the footprint will have to be designed to keep the project affordable.

Bayou Bouef School Forced Drainage Project: The Director reported that this project was submitted again as one of NLLD's Capital Outlay request this year.

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 continuing to clear the levee right-of-way; also they have begun the drainage excavation in several areas and the removal of some of the larger trees along the alignment. He added that Leonard Chauvin, P.E., Inc. has a recommendation of payment for the Board's consideration. Mr. Leonard Chauvin, from Leonard Chauvin, P.E., Inc. reported that the project is pretty much on schedule. The total payments will be at 28.7% of the contract while the project time is at about 38%. Mr. Chauvin stated that a pay request in the amount of \$145,364.25 is in order and he recommended payment. Motion was made by R. Foret, seconded by L. Andolsek to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$145,364.25

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 DNR seems to be in favor of the proposed work as documented in the permit and observed in the field. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that the approved permit was received from LA DNR OCM for this project in November 2017. On November 29, 2017 Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. and NLCLDD reps had an overall positive meeting with the USACE regarding this permit application. He added that the USACE along with DEQ put the project on public notice on December 4, 2017 and based on feedback from the USACE, June of 2018 is the expected time period to receive the permit on this project. The progress of this permit will be closely monitored and updated to the Board. Discussion ensued regarding the processing time being about five (5) months for the permit application with DNR.

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 Low Land is doing a really good job on this project and has made quite a bit of progress along the entire alignment of the project. He added that they are backfilling the existing ditch while simultaneously digging the borrow for the levee embankment. J. Wayne Plaisance Inc. had no one present at this meeting, but they provided a letter of recommendation for payment in the amount of \$115,884.94 to Low Land for the Board's consideration. Motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by K. Matherne to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$115,884.94 from Low Land Construction Co., Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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; however it is being scaled back a bit from the original estimates and still obtain meaningful improvements. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that NLLD and ASCE reps met to discuss both the pump upgrades and the overall protection plan around Des Allemands. NLCLDD has adjusted the scope of the protection to better suit the physical space along the bayou and to reduce the project cost. At the start of January, ASCE along with the NLLD Field Coordinator will meet with the effected landowners to discuss the plan and get feedback since a right-of-way will be needed for this work. The pump upgrades have also changed a bit in scope. He explained that one of the primary reasons for the pump upgrade was to raise the discharge pipes, but that will result in having to upgrade the antiquated electric motor from 10 hp to 30 hp. ASCE was directed to check the required compatibility of the motor and revise the cost estimate based on a prioritized list of upgrades given to them.

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. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that this project was also discussed when the district met with ASCE on December 14, 2017. He explained that based on the review, ASCE was directed to move forward with some survey and geotechnical work to finalize a determination of a final

elevation for this project based on stability of the existing levee and no impact on the existing wet edge.

Upper Barataria Risk Reduction (UBRR) Project: The Director stated that this project is included in the State's Draft Master Plan for 2017 and the project team has spent some time educating the CPRA on project details to hopefully gain support should funding become available through CPRA. Also Lafourche Basin Levee District has submitted this project as a Capital Outlay request and NLLD has reached out to our legislative delegation for additional support of their request. As previously mentioned there may be some benefit to NLLD increasing the local match in cooperation with LBLD, but that can all be considered during the January budget revision before the House Bill 2 is in play.

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. As per the Corps' requirement to conduct a desktop review for cultural resources, Picciola & Associates contracted with archeological consultant Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc. and the report of "No Findings" was submitted to the Corps. Mr. Jack Plaisance, from Picciola & Associates noted that invoices were submitted on behalf of Goodwin & Associates and the Director confirmed that they were paid.

I. Regional/Other Capital Projects:

Morganza to the Gulf, Reaches K & L in Lafourche Parish: The Director reported that in cooperation with SLLD and TLCD, 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 NLLD 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 has been working to provide NLLD with the final alignment and report to begin the process of permitting and funding applications for this and the solution for the Gheens community. He added that there will be a meeting with them shortly.

The Director presented the alignment from the Corps on the overhead screen while explaining the Post Authorization Change Report impacts and the intent of the work being done by Delta Coast Consultants.

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. As previously discussed, this exercise will include a few phases to get to the educational step and eventually a monitoring program. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that T. Baker Smith has completed the field work and gathered the information. He added that TBS was directed to move to the next phase which would be a recommendation of the water level at the first four FDA's being addressed. (Al Robichaux, Jesse Dufrene, Leighton, Edgar Guidry-Larose-Parr-Parr Larose). TBS is finalizing these reports for submittal. Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of this study and the intent to educate the Parish personnel about over pumping. The Director explained that at the point of moving towards the monitoring phase, it would be expected that there may be some cost-share assistance from the Parish. Commissioner Tuck urged that more than just the pumping personnel be educated on the outcome of the study. Mr. Dustin Rabalais

stated that the draft reports are written for the first four FDA's being addressed, but since they were based on Lidar information they will have a crew randomly take some measurements to verify.

J. Equipment:

Liebherr Dragline: The Director stated that since the board's acceptance of the bid from Inland Crane last month, the Bill of Sale was executed, payment in full has been received by the District, and plans are in the works for Inland Crane to take possession of the dragline.

Volvo buggy: The Director stated that on December 15, 2017 the bidding period expired for this Marsh Buggy, previously declared as surplus by the NLLD. No bids were received on the advertisement at the professionally appraised reserve price of \$218,600.00. As is allowed by State law, the District can now remove or lower the reserve and allow the market to determine the value of the machine. The Director recommended it be re-advertised for a recommendation at the February Board meeting with a new reserve of \$80,000 and he requested the board consider the motion as written in the agenda packet. Motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by J. Tuck to re-advertise for Surplus Sale of the NLLD VOLVO / WECO with a reserve in the amount of \$80,000.00 as recommended by the Director and allowing the Director to sign any and all related documents. No discussion or public comment; the motion passed unanimously.

Project Manager Ostheimer reported that issues with the equipment this past month included: CAT/Wilco buggy – the machine is currently down with a hydraulic line break and it should be repaired and back running in a couple of days. The Director noted that Dean Equipment will do some cleaning soon for corrosion control.

CAT/MBI buggy – This machine has had the recurring problem of breaking big bolts at the connections to the pontoons. Marsh Buggies, Inc. has the machine at their facility and they will repair the problem of the bolts and check a couple of stress crack, all at their expense.

Commissioner Kiffe asked if TLCD had similar problems with the same MBI machine. Mr. Reggie Dupre, from TLCD stated that they did not have problems with sheering of the bolts, but he elaborated on their 2014 model is on surplus because of an issue they had with the buy-back provision on a machine with Marsh Buggies, Inc. He explained that in the last four years, five machines were manufactured by Marsh Buggies, Inc. for public bodies in Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes through public bids of the TLCD and piggy-back purchases by Greater Lafourche Port Commission and NLLD, but TLCD is not going to repeat the buy-back provision, especially because the machine works in saltwater. Mr. Dupre mentioned that they did have problems with bolts on an older MBI/Volvo machine.

K. General Items

Photo Presentation: The Director presented photos of the following work: A2/Claudet project, Mathews Canal/Clotilda project, Lockport to Larose D3 project, St. Charles By-Pass Road Backwater Flood Protection project, and Valentine Return Levee and Drainage Structure project.

NLLD Insurance Renewal: The Director reported that the Insurance Proposal was received from Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. that has some enhancements to the expiring coverage through a change in the carrier and the total premium is \$1,728.73 less than the total premium for this expiring year. He added that a copy of the proposal summary and supplemental information was provided in the commissioners' packets and he recommended the renewal of the policies as listed in Option #1. The Director added that he had gone through the whole proposal. The carrier is still an "A" rated carrier. Motion was made by R. Foret, seconded by R. Pitre to renew

the insurance with the enhanced coverage from the expiring coverage at a cost of \$114,143.99 and to authorize the Executive Director to sign any and all documents and to pay the invoices as presented for payment. On call for discussion, Commissioner Andolsek inquired about the Excess Liability coverage as compared to the funds in the District's bank account. He suggested that the Executive Director check with the agent about picking up another \$10M of Excess Liability at a possibly reduced rate. With no further discussion or public comment, the 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:

Pointe-aux-Chenes Community Meeting with Reggie Dupre and Windell Curole on November 16, 2017.

HTV Going Public with Commissioner Elmo "Jay" Pitre on November 28, 2017. (The Director and Mr. Windell Curole will join Mr. Reggie Dupre tomorrow to record TLCD's final segment of Going Public.)

Group Meeting with USDOJ Secretary Zinke hosted by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission on December 2, 2017.

Corps of Engineers Division and District Command Reception on December 4, 2017.

Corps of Engineers Division and District Levee Fly-over and discussion on Permitting, Mitigation, land rights and other issues on December 5, 2017.

Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana Meeting on December 6 – 7, 2017 was attended by the Director, Board President Cory Kief (also serving as ALBL President) and Commissioners Kenney Matherne and Joni Tuck.

Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Meeting on December 7 – 9, 2017.

BIG/SCIA Joint Luncheon with the Director of the USDOJ Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement Scott Angelle on December 11, 2017.

CPRA Meeting on Outcome Performance Based Contracting on December 13, 2017.

Committee Reports:

Finance & Priority Committee: Chairman K. Matherne reported that the F&P Committee met on November 14, 2017. During that meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the Payables report that was recommended for acceptance by the full board during the Regular Board meeting that followed.

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.

The Board VP called for additional public comments. Mr. Reggie Dupre, from the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District, stated that it is a pleasure working with NLLD through the regional efforts and he added a shout out to Board President Cory Kief and his idea to engage the new General with the USACE in Vicksburg which is proving to be quite beneficial.

Commissioner Kenney Matherne offered kudos to the NLLD Executive Director for his active participation in the issues at hand. He added that Dwayne Bourgeois, NLLD Director, was either the leader or a speaker in every meeting he attended at the ALBL Annual Meetings earlier this month, along with Mr. Reggie Dupre and Mr. Cory Kief.

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, January 16, 2018 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 6:57 PM on motion by R. Pitre, with a second by R. Foret.

/s/ Cory Kief, President

/s/ Dwayne Bourgeois, Director