

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, Tuesday, March 20, 2018

A regular monthly meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District Board of Commissioners was called to order by Mr. Cory Kief, Board President, at 5:10 PM on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. The meeting was held at the District's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. Commissioner D. Kiffe led the assembly in the Pledge and Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois offered the Invocation.

Board President Kief called roll. Commissioners present were: Timothy Allen (arrived just after roll call), Louis Andolsek, Rodney Foret, Cory Kief, Darcy Kiffe, Kenney Matherne, Adley Peltier, Elmo Pitre, Robert Pitre, and Joni Tuck. Commissioner Shawn Preston was 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.

Minutes: Motion was made by J. Tuck, seconded by A. Peltier, to approve the minutes as written for the February 15, 2018 Finance & Priority Committee meeting. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. It was noted that the minutes of the February 20, 2018 F&P committee and Regular Board meetings will be considered at the April meeting. 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:

The Director reported that the district is developing items in this project area via a drainage study and more will be reported in the future.

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 for this year's legislative session, as well as by CPRA as part of their request on behalf of NLLD. He reported that this year, the State's Draft Annual Plan includes \$72,500 for engineering in FY2019 and another \$1.4M for construction of the closure portion of this project in FY2021 based on the CPRA request with funding coming from expected GOMESA funds. The local legislators should be encouraged to approve this Draft Annual Plan, and if approved by the state that would allow the District to get started on this project and better position the District for future funding assistance. He added that the District has budgeted additional funds for the required engineering, permitting, and field work for this project to better position the District for the future funding assistance. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that a meeting was conducted with Leonard Chauvin, P.E. Inc. to discuss the project scope and requirements, and an agreement was just returned by Chauvin for execution since his review. He added that a big part of this work will be a hydraulic study to determine the location, scope, and components of the project.

TLBB Element 2, (Lockport to Mathews Levee Improvement Project: The Director reported that the State's Draft Annual Plan also includes \$100,000 for Engineering in FY2019 and another \$5.4M for construction in FY2020 of the Thibodaux – Lockport – Bayou Blue, Element 2 Levee Improvements also based on the request through CPRA with funding coming from expected GOMESA funds. He explained that these levee improvements which run from the Coastal Pump station in Lockport to the Butch Hill Pump station near Mathews on the west side of Bayou

Lafourche protects a large and growing population in this area including, a high school, a hospital, and parish government offices. He added that this project has been a high priority for years for the District as it scored very high in NOPET, but it has been delayed due to its cost and other structural issues caused and later fixed by the Parish on the levee. The budget includes additional funds for the required engineering, field and Geotech for this project. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that the District met with Leonard Chauvin P.E. Inc. on March 6, 2018 to discuss issues, scope, and timeline. Chauvin has performed a survey of the existing cross sections of the levee and canal. Additionally, a meeting was conducted with Mr. Dan Toups and Attorney Pat Amedee on March 6, 2018 so Mr. Toups can begin determining ownership of the property along the levee alignment and the best path forward to obtain the ROW's as needed.

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 completed a significant portion of this project including the headwall and the pad for the temporary pump location. NLLD has installed a temporary pump to maintain and temporarily lower the water level as a commitment to the landowner who gave the RoW and LPG which is currently cleaning out the ditches along the St. Charles By-Pass Road. There is a fairly large change order for the Board's consideration that totals \$68,556.00 from LA Contracting. A large part of this change order is work the NLCLDD requested pricing from LA Contracting to install an aggregate road for the temporary pump pad. NLLD's budget for 2018 includes funds to install the permanent pump for this project, so being favorable pricing was received it is suggested that the installation of the road to the pump be made part of this project. Duplantis Design Group has a recommendation for this Change Order No. 2 along with a recommendation on the contractor's pay request for the Board's consideration. Motion was made by T. Allen, seconded by R. Pitre, to approve the change order to extend the construction period to March 31, 2018 due to 53 days for additional construction time and a net amount of \$68,556.00 as requested by LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by R. Foret to approve payment of the pay request in the amount of \$58,812.30 from LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Cyprien FDA Channel Improvements: The Director reported that the District is planning to perform much needed maintenance dredging at the Cyprien FDA reservoir, but that work is on hold until the design is in place for improvements to the pump station by Lafourche Parish Government. The District has been asked by the Parish to consider being responsible for the placement of rip-rap or other armoring along the two levees that make up the outfall canal and that is in the best interest of the District. The Director added that the District met Mr. Dustin Rabalais from T. Baker Smith (TBS) to consider an engagement for them to frame up what that effort would entail. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that TBS has turned over the final review set to the Parish and there seems to be a path forward for pipeline relocation that has been holding up the project.

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 continues to move material to the levee limits and process

the material along the alignment, but the material has been very wet for the last two months. Currently they are working towards the 40 Arpent Canal Side of the project.

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 Sealevel has installed material across the 40 Arpent canal to fill in the canal and create a small ditch in order to continue the installation of the sheet pile. They will be starting on the excavation once the sheet pile work is complete. Angelette-Picciola has a recommendation for payment on a request from Sealevel. Motion was made by R. Foret, seconded by L. Andolsek to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$167,142.59 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 Onshore Materials, LLC is the contractor on this project that is phase 1 of the improvements to the levees in these reaches. The objective of this phase is to provide and place material that will be available for phase 2 of the project while immediately improving the stability of the levee. He noted that Phase 2 of the project will reshape the material providing an improved and consistent elevation along its length. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that the Notice to Proceed for this project was issued March 19, 2018 (back one week from planned). The District received the final appraisal reviews on February 26, 2018. Attorney Pat Amedee's office prepared and filed all of the Expropriation suits on behalf of the District, and he has informed the District that the expropriations were signed by the judge and the right-of-way phase is complete.

Edna Barrios Pump Consolidation Project: The Director stated that the completion of this pump station by Lafourche Parish Government is important to the NLLD as it will allow the removal of the old Barrios Pump Station which interferes with the levee alignment in the area; however, the newly installed pumps had to be pulled for modifications. As previously reported, there is a proposed plan for the modifications and the contractor was awaiting the go ahead from the Parish. Mr. Neil Angelette, from Angelette-Picciola, reported that the change order for the modifications will go before the Lafourche Parish Council on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. He added that the modifications will require about a ten (10) week turnaround to get those pumps back in action. The Director mentioned that the District is looking to finish off that section of the levee at the old Barrios Pump and possibly add a new pump in the new station.

Lockport to Larose Levee Project "Reaches D3" Project: The Director stated in cooperation with CPRA, remaining funds from Reach D2 are being 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 the District met at the project site on March 7, 2018 to review the project. The project looks to be built to section and based on reviews by Picciola & Associates the 28 day settlement period began. There is a change order for the Board's consideration. The change order is to repair the small failure area on D2 that has been monitored over the last few months by Picciola & Associates and they feel it has stabilized enough to move forward with the repairs and this is a favorable time being the contractor is on site. Picciola & Associates has a recommendation for Change Order No. 2 along with a recommendation for the contractor's pay request for the Board's consideration. Motion was made by E. Pitre, seconded by D. Kiffe, to approve the change order to extend the construction period to March 31, 2018 due to 7 days for additional construction time and a net amount of \$3,270.00 as requested by Volute, Inc. and

recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by E. Pitre, seconded by R. Pitre to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$79,999.20 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 stated that Womack is continuing to work on the Claudet Return portion of the levee. They have been working on expanding the levee section into the area along the existing ditch which is a slower process.

Lockport to Larose Reach A1: The Director reported that as per the engineer's original recommendation last month (February), the construction contract was awarded to Gulf Island Services, LLC; however, it was since noticed that an invalid contractor's license number was used on the bid documents causing their bid to be deemed non-responsive. A motion will be needed to rescind last month's award and there is another award recommendation for your consideration. Motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by K. Kiffe to rescind the February 20, 2018 motion awarding the construction contract to Gulf Island Services, LLC; thus cancelling the commitment of \$1,828,060.62 of NLLD's net assets from the 2017 Bond Proceeds towards NLLD Project No. 6300.57Z. Discussion ensued regarding the disqualification. Mr. Leonard Chauvin, from Leonard Chauvin, P.E. Inc. explained that Gulf Island Services, LLC is the owner of Dolphin Services and their license number was under Dolphin Services. Earlier this year before submitting the bid, they changed Dolphin Services to Gulf Island Services with the Secretary of State's office, but not with the State Contractor's Licensing Board. Throughout the bid process, Gulf Island used Dolphin's contractor license number and the discrepancy was discovered that there was no such license number for Gulf Island when checking with the licensing board during the award process. Mr. Chauvin added that Gulf Island tried working through this with the state licensing board, but all of their appeals were denied. In consultation with Attorney Pat Amedee, it was concluded that the bid be considered non-responsive. Attorney Amedee further explained the results of their research and his recommendation to rescind the award based on this being a material defect in Gulf Island's bid documents and there is no such irregularity that can be waived by this board. There was no public comment, and the motion passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Project engineer, a motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by E. Pitre, that NLLD awards the construction contract to Shavers-Whittle, LLC, thus committing \$1,852,268.33 of NLLD's net assets from the 2017 Bond Proceeds towards NLLD Project No. 6300.57Z and authorizing the NLLD President to sign, execute, and administer a contract and any and all relevant documents. With no board discussion or public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

Lockport to Larose Reach B Levee Project: The Director reported that the District has had conversations with Picciola & Associates to consider a Letter Agreement to investigate what a project at Lockport to Larose Reach B would entail. He explained that this is a gap in the ultimate 9' of protection between Reaches A and C. More to be reported as this develops.

Comeaux Drive Drainage Study: The Director reported that Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. was engaged to take a look at this area of concern for a sub-surface drainage channel within the

Town of Lockport that has a lot of encroachments and issues. More details will be reported on this in the future.

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 work continues through the permit process, particularly on preparing a letter to send out to all of the landowners to gain permission for Chauvin to perform the wetland delineation.

Existing Choupic Levee Status: The Director reported that 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 Mr. Jack Plaisance with Picciola & Associates. Although NLLD is not taking responsibility for any past actions of the LPG, the District is willing to assist in the process as the outstanding issue with the Corps could potentially have a bearing on the West Choupic project. The Director added that representatives of the District (including Commissioner Peltier), Picciola & Associates, Lafourche Parish Government Department of Public Works, and Parish President Cantrelle met last Thursday. Picciola & Associates will provide the District with a scope of work so they can assist in this effort, but the priorities are for LPG to acquire a ROW over the entire project as was previously suggested and to gain 100% control over the installed culvert gates.

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. is working on a wetland delineation to set an alignment that avoids wetland impacts and prepare a permit application for submittal. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that Leonard Chauvin P.E. Inc. had just given him a landowner map that will be used when requesting landowner permission to access the property to perform the wetland delineation.

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

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 has completed all the clearing and is continuing with the drainage excavation along the alignment. The project is moving forward; however with the restriction in the area to lay out dredge material to dry, along with the weather, progress has slowed down on this project. This has been discussed with Leonard Chauvin P.E. Inc. and the plan is to prepare a change order for next month to recommend an increase in contract time on this project by at least 30 days to account for weather delays. Mr. Leonard Chauvin, from Leonard Chauvin P.E. Inc. recommended payment of a pay request from Sealevel Construction, Inc. as he reported it to be in order. Motion was made by A. Peltier, seconded by R. Foret to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$92,511.00 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 as previously reported, the USACE has everything they need to issue the

permit. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that the USACE has stated that they are preparing the permit for signature for approval and that should be done by the end of the week.

Martinez / Rond Pom Pon Levee (Interim) Project: The Director reported that Leonard Chauvin, P.E. Inc. was engaged to consider a fix for a particularly precarious segment of this levee system adjacent to Bayou Rond Pom Pon. More will be reported next month on this stabilization issue.

G. Gheens Project Area:

Mathews Canal/Clotilda Levee Improvements Project: The Director reported that Low Land Construction Co., Inc. is the contractor for this project. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that Low Land is continuing to fill in the existing ditches and excavate the new ditch while processing the material for placement on the levee. The material from the ground is quite wet and they also had several areas with quite a bit of muck to be removed. There is Change Order for the Boards consideration and this is for a couple of items that were requested by the Barker's who donated the 56 acre RoW. J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc. has recommended the change order for the Board's consideration, along with this month's pay request from Low Land. Mr. John Plaisance, from J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc. reported that the change order total is \$7,025.00 which is for 150lf of barbed wire fencing and the cost to maintain the interior water level for eight (8) months. Motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by K. Matherne, to approve the change order with a net amount of \$7,025.00 as requested by Low Land Construction Co., Inc. and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by E. Pitre, seconded by T. Allen to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$37,951.27 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 with the intent to reduce the project cost while still obtaining some meaningful improvements. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that All South Consulting Engineers is finalizing the maintenance and upgrade recommendations to the pump station for NLLD to review. ASCE forwarded some information and the District will need to get with Lafourche Parish Government on a few issues. Also, the District is reviewing a submittal from ASCE on the bulkhead portion.

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 All South Consulting Engineers (ASCE) has had the geotechnical work done and they are waiting for the processed information. He added that once they have the information, they will be able to move forward with a preliminary design template for the project based on the dry area available to avoid mitigation.

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 of \$3M (with a local contribution of \$1.5M of that total) for preliminary engineering and design work and NLLD has reached out to our legislative delegation for additional support of their request. A NLLD contribution of \$500K to increase the local match to \$2M in cooperation with LBLD is in NLLD's current year budget. He added that he will attend a meeting scheduled for next week with the Corps regarding this project.

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. The objective of the project is to stabilize this levee without any real improvements to the elevation. The mitigation agreement with Lucky Hit Woodlands, LLC – Mitigation Bank is being executed and the payment of \$302,250.00 for 9.3 acres of Bottomland Hardwood Credits is included in tonight's payables report, which after submitted to the USACE should get the District to the issuance of the permit. The mitigation credits are located north of Thibodaux in Lafourche Parish (Sternfel's property). Project Manager Ostheimer reported that Picciola & Associates has gotten five RoW's executed for the project and there are two remaining RoW's which still have work to be done with the landowners. Picciola & Associates is proceeding with the design of the project while those RoW's get finalized. On inquiry of the receipt of the DEQ water certification letter that was outstanding a couple of months ago, Mr. Ostheimer confirmed that it was received and allowed the advancement of the permit. Discussion ensued regarding communications in the works to possibly get a joint self-mitigation bank started between the three local levee districts and the reciprocating benefits to each district. Another discussion touched on past efforts to try and get the Corps to back off of the mitigation requirements when the project is for public need. Then the Director gave a little insight into legislation that is being proposed that would require permitting agencies to consider the net benefits of a project to offset wetland mitigation when dealing with coastal projects.

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. The Director also mentioned that TLCD, along with the SLLD, NLLD, and the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG), is pursuing a course of action to provide the greatest amount of flood protection in Terrebonne and Lafourche, as soon as possible, and at the most efficient cost. He added that the team has asked All South Consulting Engineers (ASCE) to look at an interim solution for a flood protection measure in Grand Bayou. Through SLLD, the team has asked ASCE to do a preliminary report on two alternatives: 1) A structure that will provide protection to an elevation 6', and 2) A structure that provides the greatest level of protection within a \$1.5M construction budget. More will be reported as it develops.

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 report to begin the process of permitting and funding applications for this and the solution for the Gheens community. He added that the final report had been reviewed with Delta Coast Consultants and they have a presentation for the Board. Mr. Mitch Marmande, from Delta Coast Consultants, presented an overview of the project and its goals to add 18.5 miles (to Morganza to the Gulf project) from the Intracoastal Waterway to the Company Canal and, at the request of this board, to tie it into the Upper Barataria Risk Reduction project. He stated that there is Post Authorization Change (PAC) alignment, but to avoid pipeline issues and reduce mitigation costs, meetings were conducted with about 90% of major landowners on this alignment to consider their needs and long term goals for their property. The final alignment as presented is agreeable with Raceland Raw Sugars, Mr. Ted Falgout, and Valentine Sugars, and Mr. Benny

Cenac (who is not directly involved but discussed a structure in the Company Canal). He explained that Morganza to the Gulf was authorized three (3) times by the federal government, with the year 2014 being the last time, and Mr. Marmande doesn't think changing the alignment to go around Gheens could be worked out with the USACE without going back to Congress. With that said, finding a solution for Gheens was a priority and suggested that the NLLD Director could give more information on that. The Director presented a map of the Gheens area on the overhead screen. He explained that the Jesse Dufrene project (separate from MtoG) is in the design stage and it encompasses the area of the Homeplace levee. He reminded the Board that residents of Gheens had expressed concerns of connecting MtoG with UBRR and after the Director presented that to CPRA, a response was received from CPRA indicating anything the District does to help the Gheens Community is considered consistent with the State Master Plan; thus that could bring protection to that area sooner and possibly result in a state funding source as it would be considered a "betterment" to the plan. The District currently has \$1.4M budgeted for the initial work on the Jesse Dufrene project to get to a 7 ½' elevation. He emphasized that the MtoG project is a federally authorized project, but not a federally funded project at this time. He explained the efforts being taken by NLLD through Delta Coast are similar to the action by Terrebonne Parish where the State is assisting with funding and could ultimately be considered a local match if ever federal funding becomes available. Mr. Marmande added that in Terrebonne Parish the State's contribution has been 35%. Mr. Marmande presented a sketch of the design of a "typical" section at a +9' elevation and a foot print of 106' used for the cost estimates. He presented maps that showed the pipelines in the project area and the preferred alignment as broken down into four reaches. This project has no environmental clearance and the full permitting process is required which this analysis thus far has taken care of step one of the permit process. Mr. Marmande gave details of each levee reach presented. Mr. Marmande concluded that the estimated total is \$54M which includes construction, engineering, mitigation, and acquisition, and it is friendly to the existing drainage of this entire area. A brief discussion ensued regarding the Clotilda area and New Valentine/Ludevine project as it is related to this. The Director added that the written report of this analysis explains the reasoning for each reach alignment.

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 from over pumping to District levees and property inside a forced drainage area. 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 submitted the draft reports for the four FDA's. (Al Robichaux, Jesse Dufrene, Leighton, Edgar Guidry-Larose-Parr-Parr Larose) as requested by the District. NLLD is awaiting a revised report from TBS based on feedback from the draft report that TBS meets with local landowners and pump operators.

J. Equipment:

Volvo buggy: The Director reported that the Volvo/WECO buggy was finally sold after the Board's approval last month to sell the surplus machine for any amount above the scrap value (after unsuccessfully advertising twice for bids at higher reserves). He stated that the scrap value was estimated to be approximately \$10,000.00. Bids were accepted on March 9, 2018 and the high bidder at \$31,600.00 was The Trucking Co., LLC. The bill of sale was executed, payment was received, and they took possession of the machine last Thursday, March 15, 2018.

Field Coordinator Glenn Bourgeois reported that issues with the equipment this past month include: The CAT/Wilco deep-water buggy has a boom pin issue that is being addressed. Two boom cylinders redone and there are issues getting it out and changing it. The CAT/MBI buggy is operating better with the right size bolts and alignment issues resolved.

K. General Items

Photo Presentation: The Director presented and explained the photos of the following work: Claudet Return Levee (south of Lockport), Mathews Canal/Clotilda Levee, Lockport to Larose Reach D3 Levee, St. Charles By-Pass Backwater Flood Protection, Valentine Return Levee, Valentine Return Levee Structure, and Zeller Larousse FDA.

NLLD Insurance Renewal: The Director reported that suggestions to increase the coverage of Excess Liability Insurance by \$10M brought about a search by Arthur J. Gallagher's office that resulted in an indication of possibly a \$25K premium. There were no objections when the Director stated the estimated cost to obtain the additional coverage would not warrant the associated risk and the additional coverage would not be pursued further.

Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana (ALBL) Annual Workshop: The Director reported that the ALBL, in a joint effort with the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, will be hosting its annual workshop in Baton Rouge on May 3 – 4, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. This workshop is a great opportunity to attend state mandated training sessions and show support for the NLLD board president as he serves all of the levee districts as the president of the association. As commissioners of a coastal levee district, each of you is required to attend the training conducted by DOTD or CPRA twice during your term. He noted that there have been changes with the procedures to attend the live ethics training at the workshop. Please let NLLD Administrative Assistant know if you would like to attend and the registration and accommodations will be handled.

Louisiana Board of Ethics Reporting Requirements: The Director reminder the commissioners that each of them is required to complete a Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (Form 417) on or before May 15th each year. The electronic version can be found at: <http://ethics.la.gov/Pub/FinDiscl/F417s.pdf> or the NLLD Administrative Assistant can give you a printed version.

Mineral Lease: The Director reported that there was another request for a Mineral Lease which was properly advertised and the bid opening took place last Tuesday, March 13, 2018. There is a resolution for the board's consideration to accept the one bid received, as recommended by Mr. Lee Bloch. Attorney Pat Amedee explained that he is familiar with the lease provided by Mr. Lee Bloch and he is also familiar with some of the other entities Mr. Bloch represents in these matters. Mr. Amedee reported that the winning bidder is Rovig Minerals and they bid a bonus of \$3,000.00; roughly \$250/acre on a 12 acre tract that the District owns. The annual rental would be \$3,000.00 and royalties of 25% royalty for any net minerals provided under the lease. All in accordance with the law, Mr. Lee Bloch has recommended the approval of this lease with the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District owns a portion of Section 51 Township 15 South Range 18 East; and, WHEREAS, Rovig Minerals, Inc. has submitted a bid providing for a bonus of \$3,000.00 or \$250.00 per acre, with annual rentals of \$3,000.00, and royalties of 25% for the minerals provided for under the lease; and WHEREAS, The afore-described bid is a bid for the entire tract advertised located in the southern portion of Section 51 Township 15 South Range 18 East, Lafourche Parish, La., comprising 12.00 Acres, as shown on the attached plat.; and, WHEREAS, the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and

Drainage District has reviewed the bid and voted to accept the bid, subject to the approval of the State Mineral Board; and, Now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District does hereby authorize its Executive Director to execute the mineral lease in favor of Rovig Minerals, Inc. Motion was made by T. Allen, seconded by R. Foret, that the board approves the resolution as read aloud by Attorney Pat Amedee. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the needs and possible changes to NLLD Standing and Project Committees was tabled until a later date and Board President Kief suggested that there be a meeting or workshop to address just this item. Mr. Kief explained his thoughts on this in that the committees are currently set-up in line with the watershed areas in this District. He added that the committees haven't been meeting much anymore and there should be some thought on revamping the committee structure to two (2) committees. He explained that one committee could be charged with reviewing the process of the projects being done and the other committee could be for the development of new projects.

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:

February 21 – 23, 2018 - Bossier / Memphis for a presentation on NFIP Reform to the RRVA at their convention in Bossier and attended the Executive Committee meeting of the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association the following day.

February 27, 2018 - HTV Going Public - This was the final NLLD segment and Mitch Marmande joined the Director. He mentioned that HTV has raised some funding to possibly continue producing these segments without any cost to the District.

March 4 -8, 2018 - DC Trip for MAC, LFRC and MVFCA.

March 14, 2018 - Meeting with LA CPRA / DNR & Representative Zeringue on some legislation we would like included in this session.

Committee Reports:

Finance & Priority Committee: Chairman K. Matherne reported that the F&P Committee met on February 20, 2018 and those minutes will be provided for review before the April Board meeting. 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. He mentioned that the set of minutes approved earlier in the current Board meeting was for the F&P committee on February 15, 2018 where the full budget revision was reviewed in detail. He congratulated the commissioners who volunteered to stay to get it all done in one meeting.

Accounts Payable: The Board President stated that each of the commissioners was provided with a financial report detailing the current year-to-date figures, as well as the current month's Accounts Payable listing. The chairman of the Finance & Priority was asked for the committee's recommendation. Motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by J. Tuck, to accept the Payables Report as given by the Director and reviewed by the Finance and Priority Committee in a meeting just prior to this Board meeting. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Board President Kief called for any other engineering reports; there were none.

Board President Kief called for additional public comments; there were none.

The Board President announced the next Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be at 5:15 PM, or immediately following the F&P committee meeting, on Tuesday, April 17, 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 6:55 PM on motion by R. Pitre, with a second by K. Matherne.

/s/ Cory Kief, President

/s/ Dwayne Bourgeois, Director