

Minutes of the meeting of the **North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District Finance and Priority Committee Meeting**

Date: **Wednesday, August 1, 2018**

A meeting of the Finance & Priority Committee of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District was called to order by Chairman Kenney Matherne at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, August 1, 2018. The meeting was held at the District's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. The Chairman called roll. Members present were: Matherne, Louis Andolsek, Adley Peltier, Joni Tuck (arrived at 3:25 PM) and ad hoc non-voting member Cory Kief. Also present were: NLLD Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer; NLLD Field Coordinator Glenn Bourgeois and Ms. Katie Deroche. NLLD Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois and NLLD Administrative Assistant Madonna Viguerie were absent from the meeting.

Review of the Revised Budget: The committee members were provided with a worksheet of the budget and a supplemental sheet with project amounts. PM Ostheimer explained that the recommended adjustments were primarily based on year-to-date amounts. The new revenue amounts included an additional \$31K for Surplus Equipment Sales related to the Volvo/WECO and \$87K for expected revenue related to an Energy Efficiency Grant through the Louisiana Public Service, while the SLLD Reimbursement for the mitigation work on Morganza to the Gulf was reduced by \$60K to match the expected project expense. The overall change to the expected revenues is an increase of \$76K.

PM Ostheimer then directed the committee to the operating expenditures. The larger increases included: \$4K for I.T. equipment and set-up, \$10K for the Facilities Expense due to the unexpected expense of removing three slabs before pouring the new concrete for the storage building and yard, \$4,500.00 for Storage Rental due to an additional three months of rent on the storage yard needed to move things out; and \$69K for Equipment Repairs due to a few unexpected expenses this year on the CAT/Wilco. He added that other minor increases were related to vehicle expense and equipment operations at about \$2K.

The larger decreases to operating expenditures included: \$7,350.00 for Commissioners' pay, \$7K for Travel/Mileage, \$73K for the Right-of-Way/Levee Vegetation Control due to one less spray this year as a result of the cold weather conditions earlier in the year.

PM Ostheimer then went on to explain that the Capital Projects section of the budget has minor recommended adjustments to the budget. He stated that the adjustments include: the General Levee/Drainage Maintenance amount was shifted from there to the Project Areas by the actual amounts spent on maintenance work performed at Leighton, Morvant, Chackbay 101, and Rond Pom Pon, Capital Outlay Match Reserve was reduced by \$1.5M after receiving no appropriations on any of the requests, and shifting the budgeted amount for the New Valentine/Ludevine project from current year to future years. The other minor revisions were to adjust from engineering estimates to the actual bid on construction work.

Motion was made by L. Andolsek, seconded by A. Peltier, that the committee approves recommending to the board the revised working budget as presented. Commissioner Andolsek complimented the presentation of the reports and suggested including totals on some details. No further discussion or public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

Review of projects in line for a possible future funding plan: PM Ostheimer provided the committee with a listing of projects that could possibly be considered for construction. Discussions ensued regarding some details of the preliminary design process. The Chairman called for public comments; there being none, motion for adjournment was made by A. Peltier, seconded by J. Tuck, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

/s/ Cory Kief, President

/s/ Dwayne Bourgeois, Director