

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, March 19, 2019

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 5:13 PM on Tuesday, March 19, 2019. The meeting was held at the District's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. Commissioner Joni Tuck's daughters led the assembly in the pledge and Commissioner Joni Tuck offered the Invocation.

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

Minutes: Motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by J. Tuck, to approve the minutes as written for the following meetings: February 11, 2019 Finance & Priority Committee; February 19, 2019 Finance and Priority; and February 19, 2019 Regular Board. K. Matherne complimented Katie DeRoche (with Lori LeBlanc, LLC) for typing the minutes. No further discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Thibodaux – West Project Area: Director Bourgeois reported NLLD is developing items in the parish area via a new drainage study and Duplantis Design Group (DDG) will present the status and some outcomes of that study this evening. NLLD is hoping that the outcomes of this study will position NLLD to develop new projects. The objective is to help the city of Thibodaux and the surrounding areas of the Parish to continue to expand (as they have been) in a way that has a proactive, forward looking approach to area drainage. Ms. Heather Klingman with DDG gave a presentation of the study. After the presentation, Commissioner R. Pitre asked how will the drainage project in Schriever, Gibson and Bayou Black area of Terrebonne Parish affect this project in NLLD. D. Bourgeois stated that the NLLD will actually affect the Terrebonne Parish Project by pumping water into the basin. The Terrebonne Project will have to double-manage the water that will be pumped from NLLD. The pumps in that area of Terrebonne Parish will provide the level of protection needed for the amount of water already there and the amount of water coming from a NLLD project out of the DDG study. President Kief asked which committee has this project. The Director stated that no committee has this project and reminded him that there had been discussions of reassigning the committees, adding that this project is currently in developmental. There is a process in place for the next report and will go through the Needs Oriented Project Evaluation Tool (NOPET). President Kief suggested assigning this project to a committee and then asked how is this region affected by backwater flooding from the watershed. D. Bourgeois stated that it has a levee adjacent to the project boundary; therefore, it is protected from backwater flooding to some extent. There is also a pump station in the West and North. Kief does not expect to see much money coming from The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Morganza to the Gulf, but this project has a lot of Lafourche Parish Government (LPG) responsibilities and might qualify for that money. D. Bourgeois said NLLD needs to identify what needs to be done and to whom the responsibilities belong- LPG or NLLD. Kief also stated that NLLD needs to analyze how the

Choupic area is connected to the backwater flooding from the watershed as well, which can be discussed later. Commissioner J. Tuck said this was a good presentation, but asked if DDG considered green acreage for drainage relief and storm water retention, which NLLD can possibly find funding for and maybe leverage its mitigation credits. Heather responded that DDG can look into it. R. Pitre asked if LPG has a drainage study. D. Bourgeois mentioned that under regulations now, developers have to consider what is downstream for a subdivision. D. Bourgeois said NLLD doesn't want to be in a position to stop future development because the drainage systems aren't capable of working for a subdivision. Kief commended Ms. Klingman on the work report and advised the Board that it should be assigned to a committee for development.

Waverly No. 2 Channel Project: The Director reported NLLD is in the process of developing a potential NLLD project that would create a new major drainage channel parallel to and complimentary to the existing Waverly Ditch that NLLD is calling the Waverly No. 2 Channel Project. NLLD once thought the size of this project would allow for it to be handled in the drainage improvement allowance of NLLD's budget, but the size of this project will likely cause it to be considered a new Capital Construction project. As such, once developed to the point of being able to have a preliminary cost estimate and its final area of impact, NLLD will have to do an analysis using NOPET and determine where it fits into the capital project plans. There are a lot of pieces to this puzzle and NLLD will be reporting on its development. At that point, it may be able to be rapidly developed into a construction project or it may have to sit in waiting as a project until its ranking warrants advancement. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that NLLD and Duplantis Design Group (DDG) met last Wednesday to discuss the path forward as NLLD had previously discussed the project with Lafourche Parish Government (LPG) during the monthly coordination meeting on 2/28. LPG is going to take the project from Bentley to Talbot Drive and NLLD will go from Talbot to the forced drainage channel. NLLD will also look at the areas above Bentley separately. DDG has calculated the size of the new outfall canal and is currently working on ownership information. Once NLLD receives the ownership information and proposed right of way, NLLD will begin meeting with the landowners.

B. Thibodaux - Lockport - Bayou Blue Project Area

Bayou Blue – Hollywood Backwater Flood Protection Project: Director Bourgeois reported the State's Annual Plan (AP) includes future funding expected from GOMESA funds for engineering and construction. The draft AP this year includes \$1.43M in FY21 available in July of next year and an additional \$5.1M for this project in FY22 available in July of 2021. NLLD is working with CPRA to receive this funding and engineering firm, Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. (LCI) is working on getting the modeling for permitting. Project Manager Ostheimer reported NLLD is expecting the additional models soon from FTN, at which time, LCI plans on submitting the permit for the project within thirty days.

TLBB Element 2, (Lockport to Mathews Levee Improvements Project): Director Bourgeois reported that the State's Annual Plan (AP) also includes future funding coming from expected GOMESA funds for engineering and construction. The Draft AP this year includes an additional \$1M available this year for this project bringing the construction money from GOMESA via CPRA to \$6.45M. This project has been a high priority for NLLD for years and there is a lot of work going on to advance both phases 1 and 2. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that on

Phase 1 – the bid advertisement is running. NLLD plans on receiving bids on the project on April 9th and NLLD has a mandatory pre-bid meeting scheduled at the NLLD office on March 26th. On Phase 2 – NLLD met with Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. (LCI) on March 12th and he is on schedule to have the bid documents ready for review by early April. The Right of Way (ROW) acquisitions have been progressing well. NLLD had three days of RoW closings at the NLLD office with Attorney Catherine Masterson from Pat Amedee’s office and executed quite a few closings. NLLD has executed the RoW’s on 53 of the 71 tracts or approximately 75%. Of the remaining, NLLD expects to execute 15 of the 19 RoWs and expropriate 4 tracts, which could change based on the landowners. The feedback has been good on this project and NLLD needs to move quickly on the RoW’s because the project needs to move forward. President Kief asked when will the RoW’s be complete. A. Ostheimer said he hopes that a recommendation for the expropriations will be ready by NLLD’s next meeting.

St. Charles By-Pass Backwater Flood Protection: Director Bourgeois reported that this area has seen benefits since the completion of the backwater flood protection improvements and the use of a temporary pump and now NLLD is ready for the installation of a permanent pump. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that NLLD has requested proposals for the installation of the permanent pump. The proposals are due back from the contractors on March 27th. NLLD expects to start the work in early April to have everything ready when the pump arrives at the end of April.

Cyprien FDA Channel Improvements: Director Bourgeois reported the District is planning to perform much needed maintenance dredging at the Cyprien FDA reservoir once more information is obtained on the discharge from the new pump to be constructed as a Parish project. Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc (LCI) and NLLD Field Coordinator Glenn Bourgeois are planning to make a site visit in the next week or two. At this time, NLLD is expecting the District’s MBI marsh buggy to move to Cyprien upon completion of the East Theriot Drainage Project.

US90 at Bayou Folse: Director Bourgeois reported that the District has been trying to address an issue caused by the construction of the US HWY 90 bridge over Bayou Folse and its impacts to the adjacent levees at the 2 of 12 and 3 of 12 FDA’s. The bridge crossing is the lowest part of the surrounding areas, so much so, that NLLD had to install steel plates under the bridge and HESCO bags adjacent to the bridge during the week between Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008 which stopped the levees from being overtopped during that and other events. NLLD had hired Leonard Chauvin, Inc. (LCI) to propose a permanent solution and what ultimately developed from this was more expensive (@ \$1.6M) than NLLD would normally have handled in levee maintenance / emergency action budget. But, NLLD did include this project as one of many projects submitted to CPRA which were “ready to go” should funding become available. Last week, NLLD was notified that the CPRA would be providing full funding for this project as well. This should be included in the report on GOMESA at the CPRA meeting tomorrow, and there will be more on this as the project progresses. Commissioner R. Pitre suggested to the NLLD Board to go look at this project and others when they have the chance. President Kief stated NLLD has come a long way and still has more to do.

C. Lockport - Larose Project Area

Lockport – Larose Valentine Return Levee Project: Director Bourgeois reported that Low Land Construction Inc. is the contractor on the levee portion of this project. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that Low Land is getting very close to completing the initial section while also working on the C-4 Tie-In for the project. There is still a lot of work to do because it is still wet. A motion was made by T. Allen, seconded by E. Pitre to approve a pay request in the amount of \$25,554.62 from Low Land Construction Company, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Lockport – Larose Levee Project Reaches C4, C5, and D1: Director Bourgeois 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. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that NLLD met with Engineer, Mr. Neil Angelette with Angelette-Picciola, LLC regarding some issues on the project including the electric fence that keeps the cattle out of the project. Neil worked with the landowners and Onshore and hopefully this won't be a problem in the future. As for the excavation, Onshore is making steady progress on the project continuing to proceed towards Larose. At this time, they're approximately 70% complete. A motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by E. Pitre to approve a pay request in the amount of \$87,180.61 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

LPG Parr Larose Pump Consolidation Project: Director Bourgeois reported this new pump station by the Parish is fully operational and that will allow the District to plan for the removal of the old Barrios Pump Station which interferes with NLLD's levee alignment in the area. Mr. Neil Angelette with Angelette-Picciola, LLC Inc. reported that the pump station is operational in the manual mode, but there were problems with the automated mode and the contractor is working to resolve that issue.

Lockport to Larose Reaches A2 and Claudet Return Levee Project: The Director reported that Womack and Sons Construction Group, Inc. is the contractor for this project. The certificate of substantial completion was accepted in August, but there are liens and a punch list on the project that have prevented close-out. There are no new changes on the status from Attorney Pat Amedee.

Lockport to Larose Reach B Levee Project: Director Bourgeois reported that Picciola & Associates continues to develop alternatives to the preliminary design and budgets for the proposed three phases of this levee reach. The Director said he feels confident NLLD is going to be able to return with some projects that can be pushed forward likely for a future budget consideration.

Comeaux Drive Drainage Project: The Director reported that the Town of Lockport is working to clear the drainage corridor right of ways of the numerous encroachments and open up the existing system to reestablish drainage in the existing corridor. They recently sent letters to the residents in that area. From there, NLLD can consider the cost to hopefully repair/replace the sub-surface drainage channel and the request for funding assistance made by the Town of Lockport for that purpose.

On call for discussion on the Lockport to Larose Project Area, Commissioner D. Kiffe asked if there was any progress on the pipeline portion of the project and had concern on the

transmission lines. Project Manager A. Ostheimer said NLLD is working on the pipeline as part of a separate segment of the project. The plan is to create a PI in the levee system and Angelette-Picciola, LLC will design a bridge to cross the pipeline, tie it back into the pump station and then adjust the discharge pipes in that section as well. Ostheimer also stated that not all of the RoW's will be utilized for some of the sections with transmission lines, but the material will be dug and used around them. D. Kiffe also asked about the dirt pits and what plan is there to get more material. D. Bourgeois stated that Phase 2 will consist of the pipeline, transmission lines and dirt pit issues. Mr. Angelette mentioned there is still a lot of dirt underneath the dirt pits that can be used. Board President Kief asked Neil Angelette and A. Ostheimer to discuss in more detail with D. Kiffe any concerns he has.

D. Choupic Project Area

West Choupic Storm Water Protection Project: The Director reported that Leonard Chauvin, Inc. LCI continues working with NLLD to determine a path forward in order to submit the permit application to the USACE. Project Manager Ostheimer stated that NLLD needs to conduct additional outreach meetings with the public in 2019 to gain input on the project.

Existing Choupic Levee Status: The Director reported that this item is concerning an old permit application and Right of Way (RoW) agreements for existing Parish levees in the Choupic area. NLLD understands that the Parish is currently working to acquire the RoW's.

E. St. James Project Area: D. Bourgeois reported that NLLD is developing items in the Parish Area via a new drainage study and Duplant Design Group (DDG) is still gathering information regarding a master drainage plan for this area. As with the Leighton Study, the Director said he would like to have DDG give a presentation to the full Board on this after NLLD gets a bit further into this. NLLD had its first meeting with the City of Thibodaux on this project last week, meeting with Mayor Eschete and DPW Director Archie Chaisson. To remind everyone, the overall plan is to allow Thibodaux to develop this area in a proactive, forward looking way; whereby, working with the current landowners, NLLD can pre-install some major drainage features beforehand to avoid trying to correct for unplanned difficult drainage issues in the future. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that NLLD met with DDG on March 12th along with a landowner to follow up on some of the items and ideas NLLD had outlined for the area. This meeting was very productive and there seems to be a plan in place moving forward. D. Bourgeois said DDG can possibly give a presentation at NLLD's monthly meeting in May on the plans with this project.

F. Lake Bouef Watershed Project Area:

Lake Bouef Watershed, Backwater Flood Protection Project: Director Bourgeois reported that Leonard Chauvin P.E. Inc. continues working towards determining the best alignment for this area. It will be approximately a year before moving forward with construction on this project, although NLLD will be working with local landowners and farmers on reconditioning this area in order to make it more suitable for NLLD's proposed project in the meantime. NLLD will bring it back to the foreground and report on things again when ready to move forward with a project that is considered suitable to both the District and the Landowners. D. Bourgeois stated that if anyone has questions about this in the meantime, please let him know.

Zeller/Larousse Forced Drainage Area Systems Improvements: Director Bourgeois reported Sealevel Construction completed the work on Phase 1A of this project which included clearing

encroachments and dredging the reservoir. As discussed at the September board meeting, the project was brought back to NLLD's attention due to considerable sloughing caused by the Parish over pumping the reservoir. NLLD has discussed this with the Parish, they are going to make some light repairs under NLLD's supervision and NLLD will be discussing this with them further. (Recent weather was too wet to allow such repairs.) In the meantime, NLLD is beginning the development of Phase 2 of this project as all phases are known to the State. There will be more on that to report as the project gets a little further down the line.

40 and 80 Arpent and Halpins Canal Maintenance Dredging Project, East Theriot Canal

Maintenance Dredging Project, and Sam Foret and adjacent Canals Maintenance Dredging:

Director Bourgeois reported that Sealevel Construction is the contractor for the hydraulic spray dredging of these canals and adjacent canals combined, while NLLD's MBI buggy is being used for the mechanical dredge of a portion of the East Theriot Canal. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that the Notice to Proceed was issued for February 4th and Sealevel mobilized and removed the bridges per project plans. At that point it slowed down as the dredge was not onsite until last week. NLLD hopes they'll get started with the dredging sometime later this week. A motion was made by A. Peltier, seconded by R. Foret to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$84,588.00 from Sealevel Construction, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Gheens Project Area:

Mathews Canal/Clotilda Levee Improvements Project: The Director reported that Low Land Construction Company is the contractor for this project. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that Low Land is continuing to push forward and the project is getting closer to completion. NLLD is hoping they'll complete the project in the next 30 days with good weather. A motion was made by T. Allen, seconded by J. Tuck to approve a change order to extend the construction period to March 8, 2019 due to 35 days for additional construction time and a net amount of \$5,000.00 as requested by Low Land Construction Company, Inc. and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. A second motion was made by L. Andolsek, seconded by E. Pitre to approve a pay request in the amount of \$28,631.53 from Low Land Construction Co., Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Des Allemands Bulkhead Project: Director Bourgeois reported that All South Consulting Engineers (ASCE) is working to adjust the plans for the pump station repairs, while Low Land is working on the first phase of the bulkhead project earthwork installation. Project Manager Ostheimer reported that the project was moving along towards completion but as is typical with projects like this, there was a small failure area. It is not uncommon when dealing with a wet edge in this area. Low Land under the direction of ASCE is working on reworking this area. NLLD may have to restore the previous elevation and then come back later this year to finish to elevation once the material is healed. President Kief asked if there will be any armoring placed. A. Ostheimer stated there is armor already installed.

Des Allemands FDA Pump Improvement Project: Director Bourgeois stated that NLLD had been reporting on the progress of this project as an addition to the above project and it has been tracked on the Capital Project Report the Board receives every month. The Board has approved budgeted funds this year in anticipation of NLLD's ability to move forward with this project this

year at about \$800K in total. As a project NLLD had ready to go, it was also submitted on the list to CPRA and last week CPRA said it would make funds available to NLLD for this project as well. So, NLLD will have more to report on this project now as everything moves forward.

Jesse Dufrene FDA Levee Improvements: The Director reported that All South Consulting Engineers ASCE continues their work on the design and cost estimate. This year's draft of the AP includes \$1M of appropriation of GOMESA funds via CPRA for this project. Project Manager Ostheimer stated that ASCE has secured the four temporary Right of Ways for construction access. Ostheimer stated ASCE is finalizing the bid documents. The documents were sent to NLLD and finalized. At this time NLLD expects the project to begin advertising next week.

Upper Barataria Risk Reduction (UBRRP) Project: Director Bourgeois reported that this project is included in the State's Master Plan for 2017 and the project team has spent some time working with the CPRA on project details to help shape the action for the Corps' new start design funding. NLLD wants to be able to be sure that the Corps' efforts blend in well with NLLD's design team and the efforts of CPRA. NLLD met with Mark Wingate at the Corps and feels that the district will get good results. The NLLD and the LBLD (Lafourche Basin Levee District) have been working cooperatively to get this design further down the road. NLLD signed a new Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the LBLD to have NLLD's design team advance the project through permitting and preliminary design. Finally, NLLD is working with LBLD to try and get additional State funding for this project.

H. Valentine - East Project Area

New Valentine/Ludevine FDA: The Director reported that this levee running from Hamilton St. in Larose about 5,500 feet towards the Ludevine Pump Station along the Blackwater Canal needs to be stabilized. Picciola & Associates is working on the final design and right of way acquisitions, while considering an alternative alignment suggested by the impacted landowners that would be beneficial to the NLLD. D. Bourgeois stated he met with the two largest impacted Landowners and they still want to fully consider how NLLD might proceed and are working to give a proposal for the same. D. Bourgeois expects that proposal to be mutually beneficial and that NLLD will have a joint presentation for the board on this at the April meeting. The USACE is interested in this being a mitigation bank.

I. Regional/Other Capital Projects

Pump Station Study: Director Bourgeois reported that this project is intended to extend NLLD's influence into the proper operation of the pumps in the Parish to prevent possible damage to levees that the District has jurisdiction over and property inside an FDA from over pumping. As previously discussed, this exercise includes a few phases to get to the educational step and eventually a monitoring program. A. Ostheimer reported that NLLD received the reports. Once NLLD receives and reviews the reports, NLLD plans on meeting with all parties to discuss.

Morganza to the Gulf: The Director reported the NLLD is working on a new push in an attempt to find funding for the federally authorized Morganza to the Gulf Project which now comes well into the jurisdiction of the NLLD. This push includes trying to find an alternative to the Corp's all or nothing Federal "New Start" process and to re-evaluate their estimated cost of the project. NLLD has been working at all levels of the Corps, Louisiana Delegation in DC, State legislators and others in this effort. Last week NLLD completed work on a series of Technical meetings aimed at re-evaluating the cost of the project. NLLD had a meeting on March 7th with CPRA and

the Corps where NLLD reviewed a draft report generated from the Study. The report was very favorable in that it demonstrated that the Corps could build out this system to a 1% AEP LORR to the year 2035 at a cost of \$2.5B as compared to the prior PACR estimate of > \$10.6B. The NFS would be responsible for maintaining that level of protection out to 2085 as would be required in the original authorization. So, NLLD would be looking at not having any need for additional changes to the Authorization or further study. NLLD would need to have the project funded over that 15-year period and it would be built at a 65/35 Fed/ NFS match. NLLD worked with the CPA to develop a letter of support of this report which now will be heading to Corps MVD and HQ for concurrence. An email from Mr. Dalton at Corps to Congressman Graves indicated that MVD will be submitting their report to HQ by the end of April. Congressman Graves felt that this would be OK as long as the timing did not slip so that it can inform the FY2020 appropriations process. There is a lot of positive movement. In the meantime, as reported before, NLLD has engaged Engineer, Mr. Mitch Marmande with Delta Coast to work on the actual alignment of the levee within NLLD and to file the permit application. NLLD will put that back on the monthly reporting cycle as a project beginning next month so that everyone can monitor progress of a permit for NLLD's part of this system. In a related item, the CPRA has told NLLD that they will be providing \$18.5M in funding for the Grand Bayou Flood gate between Reaches K & L in Lafourche Parish. This gate, along with the levees being constructed along Reaches K & L will have a very positive impact on the levees and gravity drainage on the west side of Bayou Lafourche as Grand Bayou is a big source of storm water for those areas. The funding was a joint ask of the state from all three local Levee Districts. This funding for construction comes with some limitations. No change orders can be paid by the funding and O&M of the structure will not be coming from the State as a function of this funding. So, these local Districts will have to commit to getting those things complete. The entire Morganza to the Gulf System benefits the NLLD and the TLCD much more than the SLLD because of its alignment. Still, because the levee reaches and this structure are located in the SLLD jurisdiction, they will be receiving the funds for construction and will be administering the contract and have agreed to operate and maintain vegetation. So, NLLD will have some details to work through and will likely have to put some money annually into an escrow account for maintenance. Pat is already working with the Attorney from TLCD on those particulars and its expected NLLD will have something for the Board's consideration at the April meeting. Overall, this is also very good news on funding from the State. President Kief congratulated D. Bourgeois and the other local levee districts for their hard work put into this project, and Kief expressed appreciation to the Board for allowing D. Bourgeois to put so much time and effort into it.

J. Equipment: Field Coordinator Glenn Bourgeois gave an update on equipment issues NLLD had during the last month. On accounts payable, there was a discrepancy on the invoice for work done on the local buggy a couple of months ago, but the number is now fixed. The Wilco is at Point-aux-Chenes on the Wildlife & Fisheries Boat Launch. There were some hydraulic issues on the Deepwater buggy, but will be taken care of once the tracks are on; and there were issues on the glass on the cab, which will be put back in by a local worker. There was a \$700.00 fix to a part on the MBI buggy. NLLD also had to add a new battery to the Gator.

K. General Items – Items for discussion or information as follows:

Photo Presentation: Project Manager Ostheimer presented photos and gave explanations on the following projects: Des Allemandes Bulkhead Project; East Theriot Canal; Valentine Return Levee; Lockport-to-Larose (LtoL) C4, C5, D1.

Heavy Duty ¾ Ton Truck: After properly advertising the invitation to bidders, NLLD conducted a bid opening earlier today. A motion was made by J. Tuck, seconded by K. Matherne that NLLD awards the contract to Southland for the purchase of a Dodge 2500 at the total price of \$35,900.00, and authorizing the NLLD Executive Director to sign and execute any and all relevant documents. No discussion or public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Louisiana Board of Ethics Reporting Requirements: Director Bourgeois stated as a reminder, each Commissioner of the NLLD 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>. D. Bourgeois reminded the commissioners to let Madonna know if they would prefer a printed version for their submittal.

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 and the Department of Transportation and Development, will be hosting its annual workshop in Baton Rouge on May 2 – 3, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. This workshop is a great opportunity to receive required training, as well as 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 the board is required to attend the training conducted by DOTD or CPRA twice during a term. The workshop will also provide one-hour of the state mandated training for Sexual Harassment Prevention. As mentioned last month, NLLD is awaiting clarification on the specifics of a new requirement for an additional hour of that training. The workshop will not offer the one-hour of ethics training as had been in the past, but the ethics training can be satisfied on-line or by viewing a video at NLLD office later this year. D. Bourgeois mentioned to the Board to please let M. Viguerie know if they would like to attend. She will handle the workshop registration and accommodations.

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:

MAC Briefing with Senator Cassidy Staff: 2/21

HTV Going Public: 2/26

CPRA Meeting on OBPC: 2/27; Commissioner J. Tuck also attended

Meeting with the CORPS in MC on High Water: 3/1; President Kief also attended

CPRA / AG Office meeting on WOTUS: 3/13

Meeting with Congressman Steve Scalise on MtoG: 3/7

Finance & Priority Committee: Chairman K. Matherne reported that the Finance and Priority Committee met on February 19, 2019 (just prior to our monthly Board meeting), and the Board had a copy of those minutes in the meeting packet, as well as the February 11th meeting. During the February 19th 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 a final review of the revised budget before recommending for adoption to the full board.

Accounts Payable: In the meeting packets, the commissioners were provided with a financial report detailing year-to-date figures, as well as the current month's Accounts Payable listing. The chairman of the Finance & Priority asked for the committee's recommendation. Motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by L. Andolsek, to accept the Payables Report as given by the Director. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The Board President 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 5:00 PM F&P committee meeting, on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at the District's office located at 3862 Highway 1, Raceland, LA.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:19 PM on motion by R. Peltier, seconded R. Foret.

/s/ Cory Kief, President

/s/ Dwayne Bourgeois, Director