

## **Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, June 18, 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 5:15 PM on Tuesday, June 18, 2019. The meeting was held at the District's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. Commissioner Tim Allen led the assembly in the pledge and Commissioner Rodney Foret offered the Invocation.

Board President Cory Kief called roll. Commissioners present were: Tim Allen, Darcy Kiffe, Kenney Matherne, Adley Peltier, Robert Pitre, Louis Andolsek, Kenney Matherne, Elmo Jay Pitre, and Rodney Foret. No Commissioners were absent. There remains two vacant Board seats. Others present were; NLLD Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois, Attorney Patrick Amedee; NLLD Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer; NLLD Administrative Assistant Madonna Viguerie; Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche; Accounting Assistant Peggy Boudwin; consultants; various engineering professionals; and members of the public; NLLD Field Coordinator Glenn Bourgeois was absent.

President Cory Kief stated he is looking forward to recruiting two new Board commissioners who are equal to the ones who have resigned and to the current serving members of the board. He also recognized the two new employees, Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche and Accounting Assistant Peggy Boudwin and is proud to have them working at the NLLD.

Minutes: Motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by E. Pitre, to approve the minutes as written for the following meetings: May 21, 2019 Finance & Priority Committee; May 21, 2019 Regular Board. No further discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

**A. Thibodaux – West Project Area:** Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported that NLLD is developing items in the Project Area via a new drainage study. He reminded everyone that NLLD's objective here 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 so that NLLD is not asked to work the impossible in the future. This area is seeing a tremendous surge in development, justifying NLLD's proactive efforts.

Waverly No. 2 Channel Project: Executive Director D. Bourgeois 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. There are a lot of pieces to this puzzle and NLLD will be reporting on it as it moves from preliminary design and estimate to the NOPET evaluation to determine advancement eligibility. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported Duplantis Design Group (DDG) and NLLD had a meeting with landowner on 6/12 to discuss options. There were some legitimate concerns brought up by the landowner and NLLD is currently working on some other options. This particular tract is the first one to start the project so NLLD is trying to work through the issues. NLLD is also planning on going and meeting with the next tracts moving towards the back in the upcoming month.

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

Bayou Blue – Hollywood Backwater Flood Protection Project: Director Dwayne 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 Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. (LCI) is working on getting the modeling for permitting. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported there was a pre-application meeting with USACE and DNR on June 4<sup>th</sup> to review the permit drawings. Currently LCI is addressing comments made at that meeting along with gathering some additional modeling information requested.

TLBB Element 2, (Lockport to Mathews Levee Improvements Project): Executive Director D. Bourgeois reported 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. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported that Phase 1 was awarded to Sealevel and NLLD is currently executing contracts for the project. NLLD expects to have a pre-construction meeting schedule as soon as the contracts are recorded. Since this is a sheet pile project there will be an assembly period prior to the Notice to Proceed so that the sheet pile can be ordered. For Phase 2, Leonard Chauvin, Inc. (LCI) delivered a final set of plans and specifications for review and the NLLD returned comment on those drawings. LCI is currently finalizing the bid set, which will be forwarded to CPRA as soon as complete. Currently, NLLD has six RoWs left and expects to execute three, two of which are scheduled to be executed tomorrow morning and will have to expropriate three tracts. President C. Kief asked if there any landowners who do not want their land used for this project. A. Ostheimer said there was only one and he has an ongoing dialogue with the landowner and will eventually execute. A. Ostheimer said the RoW method NLLD is using now is the quickest and most beneficial ROW method he has ever used. D. Bourgeois then showed C. Kief the alignment of the project.

St. Charles By-Pass Backwater Flood Protection: Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported this area has seen benefits since the completion of the backwater flood protection improvements and the use of a temporary pump, and now a larger permanent pump is being installed. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported that Sealevel Construction, Inc. has installed the new natural gas powered 12" pump and it was put into service on 6/7. NLLD needs some more rain to allow it to run for a longer period of time. Sealevel Construction, Inc. is finalizing the installation of the fence and a few punch-list items; so, NLLD fully expects this project to be complete this week. NLLD also has NLLD's vegetation control contractor spraying the feeder ditches to the pump. This project seems to have made a huge difference for this area and NLLD should be wrapping up the last bit of construction in the next two-three weeks. Commissioner T. Allen asked if switching to natural gas pumps is a trend. D. Bourgeois said a natural gas pump is more beneficial than diesel in cases of emergency.

Cyprien FDA Channel Improvements: Executive Director D. Bourgeois reported the District is moving forward with the maintenance dredging at the Cyprien FDA reservoir. Project Manager Ostheimer reported Sealevel Construction, Inc. is continuing to clear the trees and brush to allow a place to put spoils on the bank. The NLLD's MBI buggy is finishing the dredging between Hwy 182 and the pump station. NLLD's buggy was slowed a bit with a maintenance issue but hopefully that will be resolved and it will be able to move to the other side of the new Cyprien pump station to begin dredging.

US90 at Bayou Fouse: Director D. Bourgeois reported that for a very long time, the District has been trying to address an issue caused by the construction of the US HWY 90 bridge over Bayou Fouse 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. The proposed permanent solution at \$1.6M was more expensive than NLLD would normally have handled in the NLLD levee maintenance / emergency action budget, but planning and engineering are moving forward with CPRA's funding commitment. More on this as it pulls together. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported that Leonard Chauvin Inc. (LCI) has worked out a preliminary design and is meeting with the three landowners NLLD needs RoW's from. That seems to be proceeding fairly well. LCI has also submitted for the DOTD permit to work around Hwy 90. LCI is waiting for the geotechnical report to finalize the design which should be in the next 30 to 45 days. NLLD is hopeful by then to have the RoW's and permit for the project.

Crest Pump Stabilization: Project Manager Ostheimer reported Leonard Chauvin Inc. (LCI) has a preliminary design for the project and is awaiting the geotechnical report is finalized so the bidding document can be prepared. We're expecting to have this report in the next couple of weeks so that LCI can finalize the design.

### **C. Lockport - Larose Project Area**

Lockport – Larose Valentine Return Levee Project: Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported that Low Land Construction is the contractor on the levee portion of this project. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported that Low Land Construction Co., Inc. has finished installing and shaping the material on the return levee and the grass is beginning to take root. They have excavated a good bit of material for the tie-in and have continually worked this material. This material needs to be dry in order to set the base on the flood side of the project which they should be able to do in the next week or two. A motion was made by E. Pitre, seconded by R. Foret to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$29,554.50 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 Dwayne Bourgeois reported Onshore Materials, LLC is the contractor on this project that is phase 1 of the improvements to the levees in these reaches. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported that Neil Angelette with Angelette Picciola is continuing to work on the next phase which will be the section over the Central Crude pipeline and around the Edgar Guidry Pump Station. In addition to plans to bridge over the pipeline he has also put together an alternate plan to sheetpile around the pipeline. This would be another option to consider that may further lessen the potential impact to the pipeline. NLLD plans on meeting to discuss this. In the meantime, Central Crude still hasn't officially commented on the drawings that were previously submitted. N. Angelette is finalizing this as another potential option to continue to work in good faith around this pipeline. As for the excavation, Onshore is making steady progress on the project continuing to proceed towards Larose. They have moved forward to their next segment area. They are currently working around the Angelette pit which NLLD has some pictures to show the Board.

Commissioner D. Kiffe asked if NLLD has heard back from Central Crude on approving the plans. A. Ostheimer said not yet, but Central Crude has received the plans and are under review, but at some point NLLD will have to push the issue forward. D. Kiffe also asked what would the NLLD do if Central Crude does not approve of the plans. D. Bourgeois said that NLLD can request a pipeline company to move the pipeline, but it would cost the NLLD. D. Bourgeois said NLLD is finding the best agreement and accommodation between Central Crude and NLLD, which might take some time. A motion was made by Kenney Matherne, seconded by D. Kiffe to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$111,490.80 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. At this time, they have approximately a mile left to the project.

LPG Parr Larose Pump Consolidation Project: Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported this new pump station by the Parish is fully operational and that allows the District to plan for the removal of the old Barrios Pump Station which interferes with NLLD's levee alignment in the area. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported that Neil Angelette with Angelette Picciola is finalizing the bidding documents for this project and NLLD expects to have a set here for the NLLD to review in the next couple of days. NLLD expects this project to be ready to advertise in the next two to three weeks. A motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by K. Matherne approving LPG Parr Larose Pump Consolidation, NLLD Project No. 6300.51Z for advancement through the bid advertisement, through the receipt and evaluation of bids and asking the project Engineer to make a recommendation to the Board for award of a contract to complete this project; allowing the Executive Director to sign any and all relevant documents. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Lockport to Larose Reaches A2 and Claudet Return Levee Project: Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported 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 minimum punch list on the project that have prevented close-out. Attorney Pat Amedee reported that everything has remained unchanged from last meeting, which does not cost the NLLD anything.

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

Comeaux Drive Drainage Project: Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported the Town of Lockport hired a contractor who has cleared the drainage corridor right of ways of the numerous encroachments and inspected the system from the inside. NLLD made a site visit with the Town and Contractor last week. NLLD found the system to be near the end of its practical life, full of rust and in need of replacement. But, that sub-surface drainage system was still functioning to a degree where NLLD did not see any issue that it could be causing the flooding incidents observed north of LA1. To be sure NLLD fixes the actual problem, and not spend a bunch of money that doesn't fix the problem, NLLD will be taking a much closer look at it and map out the drainage routes in the contributing drainage areas north of LA1 where the flood incidents have occurred. From there, NLLD can consider the cost to hopefully repair / replace the sub-surface drainage channel along with improvements or alternatives in the

contributing area and ultimately, the request for funding assistance made by the Town of Lockport for that purpose. NLLD will report more on this as the evaluation progresses. Town of Lockport Councilman Stephen Boudoin asked what is the time limit for these studies. Mr. Leonard Chauvin with Leonard Chauvin Inc. (LCI) said a reasonable time frame will be about 90 days. D. Bourgeois said during the 90 days for the study, NLLD will be looking for a funding source for this project. D. Bourgeois also said NLLD plans to have a presentation made for the Lockport council explaining the studies. President C. Kief asked Mr. Boudoin to review the Lockport Council budget to see what funds they would be willing to put into the project, as well as Lafourche Parish along with NLLD. On call for discussion within the Lockport - Larose Project Area, Commissioner L. Andolsek asked if there is an expiration date on the bond for Lockport to Larose Reaches A2 and Claudet Return Levee Project. Project Manager A. Ostheimer said the project is contractually still an open project and until the NLLD receives a clear lien, the NLLD holds the bond. Attorney Pat Amedee said he does not think the bond will expire within a year but will check in the contract to be sure, then report back to the Board. No further discussion.

#### **D. Choupic Project Area**

West Choupic Storm Water Protection Project: Executive Director reported Leonard Chauvin Inc. (LCI) continues working with NLLD to determine a path forward in order to submit the permit application to the USACE. However, as mentioned before, there does not appear to be broad public support for the installation of this system. The area has suffered little backwater flooding since an extratropical event in September of 2009. So, many residents already feel protected enough by natural elevation on the ridge and have not experienced the threat of flooding. But, NLLD knows the area is growing increasingly vulnerable. What NLLD decided to do is to use the same mailing list for the notice of survey work to send out another letter with a postage paid response card that will allow the landowner to tell NLLD their interest in this project. This will help NLLD make a final decision on the project. NLLD feels this is the best way to gauge the true interest as some may not be willing to speak out against a vocal minority in a public meeting. It may also help determine if there is a smaller segment of levee that could be built, with independent utility, where support might be strong. NLLD will let the board know how this poll turns out at a future meeting and make a recommendation based on statistics.

Existing Choupic Levee Status: Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported this item is concerning an old permit application and Right of Ways (RoW's) 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:** Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported NLLD is developing items in the Project Area via a new drainage study and Duplantis Design Group will present the status and some outcomes of that study this evening. To remind everyone, the overall plan here 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. Ms. Heather Klingman from Duplantis Design Group presented the outcome of the study to the board. The study boundaries are 2,900 acres from Bayou Lafourche to the 80 Arpent Canal and Twelve Cedars Subdivision to Highland Lakes Subdivision. The presentation included findings and proposed improvements.

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

Zeller/Larousse Forced Drainage Area Systems Improvements: Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported that 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 will be discussing this with them further. In the meantime, NLLD is just beginning the development of Phase 2 of this project as all phases are known to the State. There will be more to report as NLLD gets a little further with the project.

40 and 80 Arpent and Halpins Canal Maintenance Dredging Project, East Theriot Canal Maintenance Dredging Project, and Sam Foret and adjacent Canals Maintenance Dredging:

Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported that Sealevel Construction is the contractor for the hydraulic spray dredging of these canals and adjacent canals combined. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported that the contractor has completed dredging the Halpin Canal and is currently working in the Sam Foret Canal. They are making better progress but are still a bit behind schedule due to the slow start. Beyond the time issue, Leonard Chauvin Inc. (LCI) is monitoring the project and all seems to be proceeding well at this point. A motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by A. Peltier to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$102,207.65 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: Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported Low Land Construction Company is the contractor for this project. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported Low Land is continuing to shape and install material along the levee and the project is getting close to completion. At this point NLLD is expecting the contractor to be substantially complete in the next month. A motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by L. Andolsek to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$26,545.28 from Low Land Construction Company, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Des Allemands Bulkhead Project: Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported that All South Consulting Engineering is monitoring the small sloughing area. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported that the area with sloughing off appears to still be stable. NLLD is currently working on getting a contractor out there to add some additional material to this area. Right now, it's just caught in a backlog of work because it was so wet for so long. NLLD had someone go out there to clear the road and put some silt fence up to keep the mud off the road for the time being.

Des Allemands FDA Pump Improvement Project: Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported 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 NLLD 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 and submitted to CPRA, it was said that CPRA 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. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported that All South Consulting Engineering is planning on delivering final plans in the next 30 days. NLLD plans on having them send a set some time in the next couple of weeks to review. As of now NLLD is still planning to begin advertisement in July. Since this project should be ready to advertise next month NLLD would request the Board to consider moving this project to bid and advertisement. A motion was made by D. Kiffe, seconded by T. Allen approving Des Allemands FDA Pump Improvement Project, NLLD Project No. 6700.61Z for advancement through the bid advertisement, through the receipt and evaluation of bids and asking the project Engineer to make a recommendation to the Board for award of a contract to complete this project; allowing the Executive Director to sign any and all relevant documents. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Jesse Dufrene FDA Levee Improvements: Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported that All South Consulting Engineers (ASCE) advertised and conducted the bid opening for this project that is included for \$1M of appropriation of GOMESA funds via CPRA for this project. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported that NLLD accepted bids at the NLLD office at 10 am this morning here at the NLLD office. ASCE has reviewed these bids and forwarded a recommendation for award for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by D. Kiffe, seconded by T. Allen that NLLD awards the construction contract to Onshore Materials upon concurrence of CPRA, thus committing \$ 1,905,637.50 of NLLD's net assets towards NLLD Project No. NLLD 6700.57Z and authorizing the NLLD President to sign, execute, and administer a contract and any and all relevant documents. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Upper Barataria Risk Reduction (UBRRP) Project: Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported 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 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 hope to get good results. The NLLD and the 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 on the project 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: Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois 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. NLLD met with the two largest impacted Landowners and they still want to fully consider how NLLD might proceed and are working to give NLLD a proposal for the same. NLLD expects that proposal to be mutually beneficial. But, it will be the director's recommendation that NLLD proceeds with the project as planned if this can't be pull this all together by NLLD's next meeting. Commissioner D. Kiffe

asked about the status of the RoW's. A. Ostheimer reported that there are two remaining RoW's if NLLD stays with the original alignment, but depending on how next month goes, NLLD will decide how to proceed with the alignment.

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

Pump Station Study: Executive Director Dwayne 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 a Forced Drainage Area (FDA) from over pumping. As previously discussed, this exercise includes a few phases to get to the educational step and eventually a monitoring program. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported that T. Baker Smith (TBS) has installed the pump station monitoring equipment on 16 of 25 pump stations NLLD had requested. They are making good progress and plan on completing the installation the first week of July. After the physical installation of the equipment it will take them a few weeks to finish the technological side of it. The project is going really well. NLLD met with TBS on 6/13 on the pump stations and the GIS portal in general. The NLLD's GIS portal has become a great tool and NLLD is constantly working with them to refine it to even better suit needs. Once these first 25 stations are complete and they finish integrating them into the GIS Portal, NLLD will have TBS come in and give a presentation to the Board. TBS is also working on gathering the data for the next set of FDAs.

Morganza to the Gulf: Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported that 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 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. The report generated from the Study 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 \$3.2B as compared to the prior PACR estimate of >\$10.6B. The report has moved from the District, through Division and is now at their HQ. So, lots of positive movement there. NLLD has a plan to meet with The Corps, LA Legislators and the Administration on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Morganza to the Gulf (MTG), Larose to Lockport Feasibility Report: Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported that in the meantime, as reported before, NLLD has engaged Mitch Marmande with Delta Coast to work on the actual alignment of the levee within the District and to file the permit application. NLLD is putting this on the monthly reporting cycle as a project so that everyone can monitor progress of the permit for NLLD's part of this system. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported Delta Coast Consulting (DCC) and the NLLD met to discuss the path forward for the project. DCC will be gathering the information for the permit submittal for Reach 1 and Reach 4 for the project. Reach 1 is the area coming from the GIWW and includes the closure. This will be a permit that NLLD expects to take some time to get and will no doubt require some back and forth with the USACE. It also has the highest mitigation as compared to the construction cost for the project. Reach 4 "should" be a lot more straight-forward with regard to the permit process since it is mostly to be constructed in areas of crop land and also has the lowest expected mitigation cost. Reach 4 has a high construction cost

because it is a long reach, but can be broken down into different phases that all have independent utility. BLLD believes this approach allows NLLD to begin working on the most challenging reach and also push forward on the reach that can be moved to the design/construction phase in the least amount of time. D. Bourgeois stated it is important to always be shovel-ready for projects in order to receive funding more quickly. Discussion ensued on the footprints and permitting period. Director Bourgeois stated the CPRA will be providing \$18.2M 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 (Operations and Maintenance) 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 has some details to work through and we will likely have to put some money annually into an escrow account for maintenance. NLLD also wants to use this document to more clearly detail NLLD's respective maintenance obligations for portions of the MtoG system itself. NLLD Attorney Pat Amedee, working with the Attorney from TLCD, completed the draft which is being circulated for final review. Overall, this is also very good news on funding from the State.

A motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by L. Andolsek authorizing the Executive Director to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement upon concurrence from legal counsel, along with any and all related documents, between the, NLCLDD, TLCD, and SLLD for the maintenance funding of the Grand Bayou Flood gate and other maintenance of the Morganza to the Gulf System. Upon discussion, T. Allen mentioned not exceeding a certain amount or that it might be best to have the final version of the agreement in hand first before board action. The motion was withdrawn. A motion was made by E. Pitre, seconded by R. Pitre to table the previous motion until next month along with an explaining document. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

**J. Equipment:** With Field Coordinator Glenn Bourgeois being absent, Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer gave an update on equipment issues NLLD had during the month. The Wilco marsh buggy in Pointe-aux-Chenes is working on mitigation. The new MBI buggy had a warranty issue where it was powering down and there were three parts that broke, but it is still operating. D. Kiffe asked about how long will the MBI Buggy last. D. Bourgeois said that the machine is contributing, but feels confident in saying NLLD will probably not continue using this machine next year.

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

**Photo Presentation:** Project Manager Ostheimer presented photos and gave explanations on the following projects: Valentine Return Levee; Lockport-to-Larose (LtoL) C4, C5, D1; Mathews Canal/Clotilda Levee Improvements Project; K & L; St. Charles pump, now the Ramona Pump Station.

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

**BTNEP Video Shoot/Dwayne Interviewed for WYES on adaptation: 5/28/19**

**HTV 10 Going Public with President Cory Kief and Katie DeRoche: 5/28/19**

**Presentation on Thibodaux Region projects to Thibodaux City Council: 6/4/19**

**Meeting in Avery Island: 6/7/19**

**USACE Change of Commands- Colonel Clancy to Colonel Murphy: 6/11/19**

**SCIA Banquet: 6/11/19**

**Finance & Priority Committee:** Chairman K. Matherne reported that the Finance and Priority Committee met on May 21, 2019 (just prior to our monthly Board meeting). The NLLD Board has a copy of those minutes in tonight's meeting packet. 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. K. Matherne asked if there is a commissioner who would like to take Joni's place on this committee to let him know after the meeting so NLLD can add back to the make-up of this important committee.

**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 A. Peltier, 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 July 16, 2019 at the District's office located at 3862 Highway 1, Raceland, LA.

A motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by E. Pitre to enter into executive session at 7:30 pm to discuss the annual evaluation of the NLLD Field Coordinator. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. There was a unanimous motion to return to Regular Session at 7:44 pm. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by T. Allen, seconded by A. Peltier to take action as authorized by the Board in Executive Session

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:45 PM on motion by R. Pitre, seconded by R. Foret.

/s/ Cory Kief, President

/s/ Dwayne Bourgeois, Director