

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, January 28, 2020

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 5:25 PM on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. 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 Susan Testroet-Bergeron offered the Invocation. Board President Cory Kief called roll. Commissioners present were: Tim Allen, Cory Kief, Kenney Matherne, Elmo Pitre (arrived at 6:16 pm), Louis Andolsek, Percy Gasery, Darcy Kiffe, Robert Bob Pitre; Susan Testroet-Bergeron; and Adley Peltier. Commissioner Rodney Foret was absent. Others present were: NLLD Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois; Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer; Attorney Patrick Amedee; NLLD Field Coordinator Glenn Bourgeois; NLLD Administrative Assistant Madonna Viguerie; Accounting Assistant Peggy Boudwin; Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche; various engineering professionals; and members of the public.

Minutes: Motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by D. Kiffe, to approve the minutes as written for the following meetings: December 17, 2019 Finance & Priority Committee Meeting; December 17, 2019 Regular Board. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. C Kief offered a Happy Birthday to Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche.

A. Thibodaux – West Project Area: Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported NLLD is developing items in the Project Area by extending this drainage study with additional investigations to assist the City of Thibodaux and the Parish with a proactive approach for drainage since this area is seeing a tremendous surge in development.

Waverly No. 2 Channel Project: Director D. Bourgeois stated NLLD is in the process of developing a potential NLLD project that would create a new major drainage channel functionally parallel to and complimentary to the existing Waverly Ditch that NLLD is calling the Waverly No. 2 Channel Project and then will run the NOPET evaluation as soon as NLLD has all the data. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported Duplantis Design Group has sent over an updated estimate for the project along with a list of landowners. The NLLD's next step is to get a valuation on the needed right of ways in order to finalize the cost estimate for the project.

NSU Drainage Study: Director D. Bourgeois reported that NLLD is looking into the long persisting drainage issues at Nicholls State University to address these issues on campus and the surrounding areas. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported Duplantis Design Group (DDG) has performed a majority of the survey work and will be building the model for the existing conditions to further evaluate campus drainage. NLLD plans on meeting with DDG and NSU later this month or early next week, once this information is finalized to review and discuss possible improvements to include in the next phase of model runs. C. Kief asked that once the study and designs are finished, he would like a detailed presentation of it.

B. Thibodaux - Lockport - Bayou Blue Project Area

Bayou Blue – Hollywood Backwater Flood Protection Project: Director D. Bourgeois reported the State's Annual Plan includes future funding expected from GOMESA funds for engineering and construction. Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. (LCI) has submitted the permit application. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported LCI has submitted the permit application and NLLD is continuing to monitor the progress. LCI has been meeting with landowners to discuss the structure. LCI has also released the geotechnical consultant to begin work as part of the continued design development.

TLBB Element 2, (Lockport to Mathews Levee Improvements Project): Director D. Bourgeois reported Sealevel is the contractor on Phase I which covers the area requiring sheet pile installation. The Lemoine Company, LLC is the contractor on Phase II which is the canal relocation and berm construction. These phases are both included in an IGA with CPRA for GOMESA funds reimbursement. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported for phase I Sealevel has completed the driving of the sheet piles and is working on the grading around the sheet pile wall. NLLD met onsite to review the project on January 15th and LCI performed a substantial completion inspection on January 24th. A motion was made by T. Allen, seconded by A. Peltier to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$613,385.83 from Sealevel Construction, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. Another motion was made by L. Andolsek, seconded by R. Pitre to accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion from Sealevel Construction, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. A. Ostheimer continued reporting for Phase II, the Lemoine Company has cleared the right of way for the project. They are currently excavating the new drainage channel for the Twin Oaks pump station. NLLD had a construction progress meeting with Lemoine and Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. on 1/22 to discuss the project status and discuss the current methodology, along with addressing any of their issues to keep the project moving forward. A motion was made by T. Allen, seconded by K. Matherne to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$628,326.16 from The Lemoine Company, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Cyprien Outfall Channel: Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported NLLD plans on starting to dredge the outfall channel in the next few days. NLLD was waiting on Sealevel to complete installation of the bulkhead. T-Can will be working with T. Baker Smith to have the channel staked so that NLLD can begin excavation, either next week or the following.

US90 at Bayou Folse: Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported this project is another one with a commitment from CPRA for GOMESA funding. Their commitment is allowing the District to design and construct a permanent solution to raise the elevation of the levee adjacent to the US Hwy 90 Bridge over Bayou Folse on both sides. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported NLLD received the DOTD permit and concurrence from CPRA so that NLLD was able to begin advertisement for the project. The pre-bid meeting will be here at the NLLD office on February 3rd and the bid opening is on February 11th. Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. should have a recommendation for award at NLLD's February Board Meeting. C. Kief asked what is the budget on the project and A. Ostheimer said \$1.5 million.

Crest Pump Stabilization: Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported that the contractor, Crosby Dredging, LLC has been awarded the project and the contracts have been finalized. A preconstruction meeting was held at the NLLD office on January 8th and the Notice to Proceed was issued for March 2nd to allow them time for the delivery of the sheet pile for the project.

C. Lockport - Larose Project Area

Lockport – Larose Valentine Return Levee Project: Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported the contractor Low Land Low Land, Angelette Picciola, and the NLLD held a construction progress meeting onsite on January 22nd to review the project status. Low Land has moved a majority of the material across the canal and is about one lift away from finishing the levee. NLLD has asked them to move any remaining borrow to the levee side to allow NLLD to perform some maintenance work at a later date on the levee. The remaining item is removing the plug

across the canal which NLLD expects to be completed in the next two to three weeks. Once the plug is removed, this forced drainage system will be fully open from the Claudet Return to the Intercoastal Canal. Neil with Angelette Picciola has a recommendation for a change order to add some contract time due to weather and adverse conditions for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by A. Peltier, seconded by S. Bergeron to approve a change order to extend the construction period by 53 days to February 12, 2020 due to 42 days for rain/weather delays and 11 days for additional construction time as requested by Low Land Construction Company, Inc. and 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 Onshore Materials, LLC is the contractor on this project that is phase 1 and 2 of the improvements to the levees in these reaches. Project Manager Ostheimer reported Onshore is continuing to excavate. They have the section they are currently excavating along with one additional section to finish in order to complete the excavation portion of the project. They slowed a bit around the holidays but have been back excavating the section. NLLD is expecting them to complete the excavating in the next four to six weeks.

Parr/Larose Pump Station 30" Pump Addition and Canal Debris Screen: Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported Crosby Dredging is the contractor on this project that involves the removal of the old structure at Barrios, the addition of a pump and a debris screen at the new Lafourche Parish Government pump station. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported Crosby Dredging has completed the demolition of the old Barrios station, installed the trash screen across the canal at the Parr/Larose pump, and demolished the old Edna pump station. They have installed a majority of the embankment to fix the alignment of the levee where the old Barrios station was and should complete this work in the next couple of weeks. After that, Crosby will be waiting for the pumps to be delivered for installation in the Parr/Larose pump station.

Lockport to Larose Reach B Levee Project: Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported 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. Project Manager Ostheimer reported NLLD met with Picciola on January 7th to discuss the project. Picciola was able to identify a couple of landowners willing to work with NLLD for access and plan on meeting with one of them on January 29th to try and iron out the details. A more immediate issue came up this month which was water feeding into the system through a culvert in the levee. The culvert was installed by Lafourche Parish Government (LPG) and has degraded to a point that water is flowing around the pipe and the gate has fallen off. This was an issue due to water feeding into the system in a roundabout way from a small breach in the Bayou Le'Bleu levee. The NLLD is working with LPG to install a new pipe consistent with NLLD plans for the levee improvement along with a new gate so that if needed the pipe can be closed and prevent water from entering the pump system. Picciola is working with the NLLD and LPG to get this work done ASAP.

Comeaux Drive Drainage Project: Director Bourgeois reported the Town of Lockport had the drainage corridor right of ways cleared and the system was inspected from the inside. NLLD had another meeting on January 10th with the Mayor, the Town Clerk and their Engineer along with Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. (LCI) to go over the work phases that would be required for the work north and south of LA1, what has been completed by the Town, what NLLD has done so far, the cost of all of that, future cost, etc. NLLD is engaging LCI to advance the design and ROW

requirements on this so that NLLD can help the Town pursue funding during the coming year. NLLD also plans to bring the Parish and LP DD#1 into the search for funding. So, NLLD still has a bit more to consider before asking the board to consider the request for funding assistance made by the Town of Lockport for that purpose. C. Kief asked to place a price on the whole project. D. Bourgeois said NLLD is in the process of doing that. The NLLD is also being a technical supportive role in order for Lafourche Parish and the Town of Lockport to get funding/grants.

D. Choupic Project Area

There was nothing to report for this Project Area at this time.

E. St. James Project Area

Director Bourgeois reported NLLD is developing items in the Project Area via this drainage study by Duplantis Design Group (DDG). To remind everyone, the overall plan here is to allow Thibodaux to develop this area in a proactive, forward looking way; to avoid trying to correct for unplanned difficult drainage issues in the future. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported DDG is creating a hydraulic model for this area. It will take several months to gather the input information. All the equipment is set up, basically now what's needed is to measure the real conditions during rainfall events.

F. Lake Bouef Watershed Project Area

Zeller/Larousse Forced Drainage Area Systems Improvements: Director Bourgeois reported Sealevel Construction completed the work in 2018 on Phase 1A of this project which included clearing encroachments and dredging the reservoir. NLLD is working on the development of Phase 2 of this project with the intent to make further improvements in elevation and stability of this levee. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported NLLD received a favorable geotechnical report which means the levee will be able to be improved within the existing footprint and avoid the need to permit and mitigate prior to construction. Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. is continuing to work on the design of the project with plans to be ready for construction by the end of the year for this phase of 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:

Director Bourgeois reported Sealevel Construction is the contractor for the hydraulic spray dredging of these canals and adjacent canals combined. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported Sealevel is currently dredging the 80 Arpent Canal toward Raceland Sugars. Overall, they are about 67% complete with the overall dredging of the project. Based on a request by the NLLD, Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. (LCI) has been able to include additional canals for dredging since NLLD had advantageous pricing for the project. A motion was made by L. Andolsek, seconded by A. Peliter to approve a change order to extend the construction period to April 23, 2020 due to 85 days for additional construction time and a net increase of \$99,712.00 as requested by Sealevel Construction, Inc. and recommended by the project engineer for additional work. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. Another motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by T. Allen to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$51,494.75 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: Director Bourgeois reported NLLD is just waiting for the sloughed area to settle as reported last month. GIS will perform surveys of the cross sections to record the settlement in the area.

Des Allemands Bulkhead Project: Director Bourgeois reported All South Consulting Engineers (ASCE) is monitoring the small sloughing area. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer Outer Limits installed additional material onto the levee. Once this material was installed there was some additional settlement as might be expected. ASCE and the NLLD went out to review and both feel all is still good. Once material dries, NLLD and ASCE will have Outer Limits install some additional material to continue to work towards completing the levee to section, probably toward the end of March or April.

Des Allemands FDA Pump Improvement Project: Director Bourgeois reported Sealevel Construction Inc. is the contractor on this project that has GOMESA funds committed and includes the construction of a new pump station in Des Allemands and the removal of the existing pump station. Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported the Notice to Proceed was issued for January 6th. The NLLD, Sealevel and All South Consulting Engineers met onsite with Entergy. In order to begin construction service lines that pass over the station need to be rerouted which was known through bidding. Entergy has been paid for the relocation work which is a requirement prior to a work order being issued. NLLD is currently waiting to hear from Entergy on when the work will take place. Sealevel currently has the pumps ordered and are procuring materials in expectation to begin work in the next couple of weeks.

Jesse Dufrene FDA Levee Improvements: Director Bourgeois reported Onshore Materials, LLC is the contractor for this project which has GOMESA funding committed through CPRA and designed to raise four miles of levee height from +4' to +7'. Project Manager A. Ostheimer reported Onshore has backfilled approximately 1,000 LF of the force drainage canal which is part of the design to gain stability of the levee. This work is time consuming as there is a period this material has to sit prior to excavating the final channel section. E. Pitre made a motion, seconded by S. Bergeron, to approve Change Order No. 2 to extend the construction period to October 22, 2020 due to 65 days for additional construction time due to rain days as requested by Onshore Materials, LLC and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by P. Gasery to approve payment of a pay request in the amount of \$78,325.36 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Natural Gas FDA Levee Improvements: Director Bourgeois reported the other half of the protection for the Gheens Community is the Natural Gas FDA. NLLD wants to have this project framed up because, like Jessie Dufrene, it is a prime candidate for GOMESA funds, should they become available. Project Manager A. Ostheimer reported All South Consulting Engineers (ASCE) is working on the final design for this project with a plan of bidding the project out later this year, most likely in the early summer. ASCE met with landowners this month in order to work out some access points for the project.

Upper Barataria Risk Reduction (UBRRP) Project: Director 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 able to be sure that the Corps' efforts blend in well with the design team and the efforts of CPRA. The Corps has released its draft report on their study of the

project. Further, the NLLD and the LBLD have been working cooperatively to get this design further down the road. C. Kief asked if this project qualifies for federal grant opportunities. D. Bourgeois said yes it does and he is working with St. Charles parish on another coalition similar to MAC in order to assist in those funding opportunities. A motion was made by E. Pitre, seconded by D. Kiffe to deviate from the agenda to discuss Mr. Ray Cheramie's questions and concerns. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Lockport – Larose Levee Projects- Concerns of Mr. Ray Cheramie: Sponsored by Commissioner

Darcy Kiffe: Director Dwayne Bourgeois reported that as allowed by NLLD By-Laws (Article 7.6 (a)), Mr. Ray Cheramie approached Commissioner Darcy Kiffe and asked for a few items to be added to the agenda. Commissioner Darcy Kiffe agreed to sponsor his request. As such, D. Bourgeois addressed each of these questions / Comments. They are as follows:

(1)- Rules and or Regulations on trafficking on the Protection Levee; (2)- Rules and or Regulations on trafficking in the reservoir. D. Bourgeois answered concerns and questions 1-2 by stating the only way activity is allowed on levees and reservoirs by a landowner on private property is through a permit process with the levee district and the state. If there is any trespassing activity on the property the landowner does not approve of, he or she would have to call law enforcement. The NLLD would call the law if noticing a trespasser damaging the levee and reservoir property. The NLLD Board agrees with Mr. Ray Cheramie that trespassing is an issue and can cause possible damage to the levees and reservoirs. However, the Board also suggested that there are laws already enacted to avert these issues. Discussion ensued about resolving trespassing issues and who should regulate the canal and if NLLD should do more to patrol the reservoir, or if there needs to be an ordinance on motor vehicles. R. Pitre made a motion, seconded by E. Pitre to approve North Lafourche Levee District Attorney Pat Amedee to research the South Lafourche Levee District's regulations for patrolling its levees and canals and to study other local ordinances that would restrict certain transportation, actions and trespassing in the 40/80 Arpent canal for possible adoption by the North Lafourche Levee District at a future meeting. On call for discussion, D. Bourgeois asked Commissioners L. Andolsek and T. Allen for their opinions since they have experience with this. L. Andolsek and T. Allen both agree that it is the landowner's responsibility to notify the police of trespassing on his/her own property and in the Right of Way agreements, the landowner is protected from lawsuits when needed, but they do agree with doing more research as in the motion. No further discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Ray Cheramie asked at what elevation is the reservoir going to be kept and who will patrol and enforce these rules and regulations? D. Bourgeois said the reservoir levels are regulated by Lafourche Parish and explained the pump station monitoring system that will monitor the reservoir from getting too low in order to prevent damaging the reservoir. Lastly, Mr. Ray Cheramie asked when is the dam across the pump reservoir behind Phillip Plaisance's property going to be removed. D. Bourgeois said the dam will be removed in 2-3 weeks. T. Allen made a motion, seconded by S. Bergeron to return to the regular agenda. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Valentine - East Project Area

New Valentine/Ludevine FDA: Director Bourgeois reported this 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 the bid package. This project was previously approved for advancement through the bid

process and authorization of expropriation on the one remaining tract, if necessary. Project Manager A. Ostheimer reported NLLD had one RoW remaining for the project which the Board had approved expropriation as a last resort. The NLLD and Picciola continued to work with the landowner and he has agreed to voluntarily sell the RoW for the project which is scheduled for Wednesday. With the right of way issues being resolved NLLD has moved forward with the project and begun the advertisement today with the expectation of receiving bids on March 3rd so that NLLD will have a recommendation for award at our March Board meeting.

Morgana to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, Reach 2 Interim Improvements: Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer reported NLLD had mentioned last month NLLD engaged GIS to begin working on a project within the existing footprint that would improve the levee by stabilizing and increasing the elevation in some areas. NLLD's approach is going to be similar to the work in Gheens. The NLLD identified this particular Reach as one that has significant variation in elevation from approximately 3' to 6'. Currently, GIS is performing the topographic survey for the levee and has the geotechnical work scheduled to begin in the next couple of weeks. Just for reference this levee work would begin where the T-Bois levee project ends.

I. Regional/Other Capital Projects

Pump Station Study: Director D. Bourgeois reported this project is extending NLLD's influence into the proper operation of the pumps in Lafourche Parish to prevent possible damage from over pumping and the educational step is complete. Project Manager A. Ostheimer reported T. Baker Smith submitted four reports this month and is scheduled to deliver the final reports in the next two to three weeks. Once completed, NLLD will begin review of the current pump off elevation compared to the recommended so that NLLD can discuss with LPG.

Morganza to the Gulf (MTG), Larose to Lockport Feasibility Report: Director Bourgeois reported Mitch Marmande with Delta Coast Consultants (DCC) is working on the design of the actual alignment of the levee within the North Lafourche District and to file the permit application. Project Manager A. Ostheimer reported DCC had previously submitted the permit application for Reach 4 and we are continuing to monitor and provide information as needed. DCC and NLLD had been working with a pipeline company regarding a conflict which has been settled. The pipeline shifted over so DCC is working on finalizing the permit application for Reach 1.

Morganza to the Gulf: Director Bourgeois reported NLLD is working on a sustained 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 a re-evaluation of 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 (>\$15B today). The report has moved from the District, through Division and is now through HQ and the ASA-CW. So, lots of positive movement there. At this point, the regional levee districts have buy-in from the Corps on the revised project cost and implementation as it's framed up at all levels of the Corps. They are working to finalize the last bits of what they need to express capacity to start the project with funding for the project from Congress. NLLD Director along with Cory, Michael Henry (representing MAC) and a few others from LA representatives met with OMB last week in DC. By all accounts the meeting went very well. Everyone expects additional meetings with OMB will be necessary and LA Delegation is working

on that. Things are progressing, but everyone needs to keep pressure on this issue to get to the goal of federal funding.

Morganza to the Gulf (MTG), Reaches K & L and Structures: Director D. Bourgeois reported 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 and a CEA for designated pre and post construction obligations was recently approved and executed by the Districts in August. GIS was approved for the Construction Management. The project will soon go out to bid this year. More on that as moving forward.

J. Equipment: Field Coordinator Glenn Bourgeois gave an update on equipment issues during the last month: A main drive shaft broke on the MBI buggy. They repaired it but it did not last. They built a new one and replaced it. The other shaft broke and by tomorrow or Thursday, they should be coming to replace it and should be working by the end of next week. Discussion ensued on the buy-back on the machine. NLLD did a PM service on the machine while it was down.

Award of new Excavator Upper Unit for placement on Wilco pontoons: As reported last month, advertisement was in place for bids to be received and publicly opened. An addendum was issued and the bid opening was moved to Tuesday, January 21, 2020. We received two bids both below budget of \$350K. The first bid was for a Hyundai Machine from State Machinery for \$266,279.80 and a second bid was for a Link-Belt Machine from Quest machinery for \$299,487.00. (a difference of \$33,207.20). NLLD produced these bid documents and specifications in-house. NLLD does not feel like the lowest bidder was not the lowest responsive bidder. NLLD worked these questions in consultation with NLLD attorney Pat Amedee and Leonard Chauvin who has prepared and evaluated machinery specifications / bids for NLLD in the past. A motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by A. Peltier to authorize the Executive Director to issue a Notice of Award in the amount of \$ 299,487 to Quest Construction Equipment, LLC to furnish and deliver a new Excavator, make and model Link Belt 350 X4 LF Upper Unit as detailed in the bid documents, allowing the Executive Director to sign all necessary documents for the purchase. T. Allen asked if the NLLD is prepared to give reason for not awarding the lowest bidder. Attorney Pat Amedee explained that State Machinery did not supply details on their proposed machine to the NLLD with the bid package so that the NLLD could determine if their proposed machine met the bid requirements. No further discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

K. General Items – Items for discussion or information as follows: Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer presented photos and gave explanations on the following projects: LtoL C4, C5, D1; TLBB Element 2 Coastal to Twin Oaks Phase 1 and Phase 2; Gheens-Jesse Dufrene FDA Improvements; Edna/Barrios Pump Station; C4 Tie-in (back of Valentine Return Levee).

Open Meetings Seminar: The Lafourche Parish District Attorney's Office will host an Open Meetings Seminar for all parish board and commission members on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lafourche Parish Government Complex in Mathews. The topics covered will be: Open Meeting/Executive Session, Public Record and Public Bid. D. Bourgeois, along with Arthur, Madonna, Glenn and Katie will attend. NLLD would like to encourage the Board to attend as well.

NFIP Reform & Reauthorization Effort with CPRA via the LFRC: Director Bourgeois reported he and Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche along with CPRA made a trip in December 10-12 to continue the efforts of pushing for an NFIP reauthorization/changes to the program before the end of this year. The entire NFIP was set to expire on December 31, 2019 along with the rest of the Federal Government. However, a Continuing Resolution was approved that extends the operation of the Government (along with the NFIP) until September 30th 2020. NLLD has provided the board with a meeting summary for each of these trips. This process is working out very well and is most helpful with the efforts. Although the NFIP is extended Until Sep. 30, 2020 within the CR, NLLD still feels there is more work to be done on obtaining a long-term extension. NLLD has a meeting with CPRA later this week to work on a strategy for this year.

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

CPRA/NFIP Subcommittee Meeting: 12/18/19

CPRA 2021 Draft Annual Plan Public Comment: 1/7/2020

SCIA Luncheon: 1/14/2020

BIG Luncheon: 1/16/2020

DC Mardi Gras/Legislative Meetings: 1/21/2020-1/24/2020

Finance & Priority Committee: Commissioner K. Matherne reported that the Finance and Priority Committee met on December 17, 2019. 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. At that same meeting, the F&P committee reviewed the Proposed 2020 Budget prior to recommendation of adoption to the full board.

Accounts Payable: In the meeting packets, the commissioners were provided with a financial report detailing the 2019 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. A motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by E. Pitre to accept the Payables Report as given. 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 5:30 PM, or immediately following the 5:15 PM F&P committee meeting, on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the District's office located at 3862 Highway 1, Raceland, LA. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:32 PM on motion by R. Pitre, seconded by S. Bergeron.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director