

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, April 21, 2020

A virtual meeting was conducted on April 21, 2020 as the regular monthly meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District Board of Commissioners. The virtual meeting was held in accordance with Section 4 of Proclamation No. JBE 2020-30, in reference to COVID-19. The District provided written certification and notice through its normal advertising means that it would not be able to operate otherwise due to quorum requirements. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Cory Kief, Board President at 5:25 PM on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Board President Cory Kief called roll. Commissioners participating were: Tim Allen, Louis Andolsek, Rodney Foret, Percy Gasery, Cory Kief, Darcy Kiffe, Kenny Matherne, Adley Peltier, and Susan Testroet- Bergeron. Commissioners Elmo Pitre and Robert Bob Pitre were absent. Others participating were: NLLD Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois; Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer; Administrative Assistant Madonna Viguerie; Attorney Patrick Amedee; Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche; various engineering professionals; and members of the public.

Minutes: Motion was made by S.T. Bergeron, seconded by R. Foret, to approve the minutes as written for the following virtual meetings of March 26, 2020 Finance & Priority Committee and the March 26, 2020 Regular Board. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

COVID-19 State of Emergency: D. Bourgeois gave an update to the commissioners on COVID-19. He said NLLD is operating as normal due to providing essential services. While NLLD is still operating, NLLD will be following social distancing guidelines by the CDC. The following votes were each made via roll call vote.

A. Thibodaux - Lockport - Bayou Blue Project Area:

TLBB Element 2, (Lockport to Mathews Levee Improvement Project): K. Matherne made a motion, seconded by D. Kiffe to approve a balancing change order to extend the construction period to January 24, 2020 due to 23 days for additional contract time and a net decrease of \$30,854.26 as requested by Sealevel Construction, Inc. and recommended by the project engineer for additional work. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. L. Andolsek made a motion, seconded by A. Peltier to A motion to approve payment of pay request #8 in the amount of \$45,405.96 from Sealevel Construction, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. S.T. Bergeron made a motion, seconded by R. Foret to approve payment of pay request #4 in the amount of \$165,540.54 from The Lemoine Company, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Crest Pump Stabilization: T. Allen made a motion, seconded by K. Matherne to approve payment of pay request #1 in the amount of \$176,111.57 from Crosby Dredging, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. C. Kief abstained from the vote. No discussion or public discussion. Motion passed unanimously with the one abstention.

Lockport – Larose Levee Project “Reaches C4, C5, D1”: P. Gasery made a motion, seconded by D. Kiffe to approve payment of pay request #20 in the amount of \$140,551.01 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. Parr/Larose Pump Station 30” Pump Addition and Canal Debris Screen/Edna Barrios: L. Andolsek made a motion, seconded by K. Matherne to approve payment of pay request #3 in the amount of \$48,197.78 from Crosby Dredging, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. C. Kief abstained from the vote. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously with the one abstention.

B. Lake Bouef Watershed Project Area:

40 & 80 Arpent and Halpin Canals, East Theriot Canal, Sam Foret and adjacent Canals, Maintenance Dredging Project: R. Foret made a motion, seconded by P. Gasery to approve a payment of pay request #13 in the amount of \$52,345.00 from Sealevel Construction, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

G. Gheens Project Area:

Des Allemands FDA Pump Improvement Project: D. Kiffe made a motion, seconded by T. Allen to approve change order #2 with a net increase of \$3,567.60 to the contract as requested by Sealevel Construction, Inc. and recommended by the project engineer for additional work and materials. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Jesse Dufrene FDA Levee Improvements: T. Allen made a motion, seconded by R. Foret to approve payment of pay request #7 in the amount of \$115,370.38 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

K. General Items:

Morganza Action Coalition (MAC) continued funding: D. Bourgeois said the NLLD is benefiting from being in the Morganza Action Coalition on the state and federal level and suggests that NLLD continues to be a member of MAC. A. Peltier made a motion, seconded by S.T. Bergeron to approve payments up to the amount of \$71,500.00 to the Morganza Action Coalition for continued financial support in the interest of the NLLD for the efforts during this calendar year (2020). No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Louisiana Board of Ethics Reporting Requirements: 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. Although some deadlines before April 30th were extended, May 15th currently remains the due date for this filing. The electronic version can be found at:

<http://ethics.la.gov/Pub/FinDiscl/F417s.pdf>. D. Bourgeois asked the board members to please let Madonna know if they would prefer a printed version for your submittal.

Committee Reports: K. Matherne stated during the committee meeting prior to this board meeting, the members reviewed the completed Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as a required part of the audit engagement of Louisiana government agencies. A motion was made by L. Andolsek, seconded by A. Peltier to authorize the Board President and Secretary/Treasurer to sign the required Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Accounts Payable: A motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by L. Andolsek to accept the Payables Report as given. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

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

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The Board President announced the next Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be tentatively at 5:30 PM, or immediately following the 5:15 PM F&P committee meeting, on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at the District's office located at 3862 Highway 1, Raceland, LA or virtually until further notice. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:52 PM on motion by R. Foret, seconded by P. Gasery.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director