

**Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, September 22, 2020**

**Public Hearing:** The Board of Commissioners of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District met in a Public Hearing at its regular meeting place, 3862 Highway 1, Raceland, Louisiana, on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:30 PM, pursuant to the provisions of a notice of public hearing duly promulgated and posted in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing was conducted in person and via electronic means. The Public Hearing was called to order by Board President Cory Kief, the pledge was led by R. Pitre and the invocation given by Susan Testroet-Bergeron. All members were physically present except for Louis Andolsek who was absent. Others present were NLLD Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois, NLLD Project/Program Manager Arthur Ostheimer, NLLD Administrative Assistant Madonna Viguerie, Attorney Patrick Amedee, and members of the public (Mr. Ray Cheramie and Mr. Michael Delaune). Various engineering professionals and Mr. Paul Sawyer of Congressman Garret Graves' office participated via electronic means. Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois announced that the public hearing was being held to consider levying increased millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward millage rates not to exceed the maximum authorized by law. Executive Director Bourgeois advised the board that the public was offered the opportunity to submit public comments via email. Upon checking with the administrative assistant, Bourgeois stated that no comments were received, and he suggested that Board President Kief call for public comments. After three calls for public comment, Executive Director Bourgeois unmuted the online meeting participants and asked for public comment. With no comments from the audience or board, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:37 PM upon motion by S. Testroet-Bergeron, with a second by R. Pitre.

**Regular Meeting:** The 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 5:38 PM. The meeting was held at the District's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. President Kief called roll. Commissioners present were: Timothy Allen, Rodney Foret, Percy Gasery, Cory Kief, Darcy Kiffe, Kenney Matherne, Adley Peltier, Elmo Pitre, Robert Pitre, and Susan Testroet-Bergeron were all physically present. Commissioner Louis Andolsek was absent. Others present were NLLD Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois; NLLD Project/Program Manager Arthur Ostheimer; NLLD Administrative Assistant Madonna Viguerie; Attorney Pat Amedee and two members of the public. Various engineering professionals and Mr. Paul Sawyer of Congressman Garret Graves' office participated via electronic means.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by T. Allen, seconded by R. Foret, to approve the minutes of the following meetings: August 12, 2020 Live & Virtual Finance & Priority Committee, August 18, 2020 Live & Virtual Finance & Priority Committee, and August 18, 2020 Live & Virtual Regular Board. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Millage Rates: The President stated that the Board had just conducted a Public Hearing for the consideration of levying increased millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward millage rates not to exceed the maximum authorized by law. The Board will now vote on adopting the required resolutions as provided in the board members' meeting packets. Attorney Patrick Amedee stated that Resolution No. 1 will be to adopt the adjusted millage rate and the board will have to decide afterwards whether to roll forward the adjusted millage rate.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1:**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District of the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 22, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following adjusted millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2020, for the purpose of raising revenue: Ad Valorem – 4.600 mills, Millage Key 1047082 Type C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Lafourche,

shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, there were no comments or discussion, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes of: YEAS: 10, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0, ABSENT: 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 2:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District of the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 22, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following adjusted millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2020, for the purpose of raising revenue: Construction & Maintenance - 5.530 mills, Millage Key 1047089 Type V. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Lafourche, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, there were no comments or discussion, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes of: YEAS: 10, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0, ABSENT: 1.

Executive Director explained that the board has just adopted the adjusted mill rates, now the board needs to contemplate rolling forward. Attorney Pat Amedee stated that the Constitutional Millage can be rolled up to 5.000 mills from 4.600 mills. With respect to the Voter Approved Construction and Maintenance Millage, it can be rolled up to 6.000 mills from 5.530 mills.

Motion was made by C. Kief, seconded by E. Pitre to consider levying 5 mills for the Constitutional Millage. No discussion or public comment. A roll call vote was taken, and the Motion passed by a vote of: YEAS: 9, NAYS: 1 (T. Allen), ABSTAINED: 0, ABSENT: 1. Thus passing the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 3:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District of the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 22, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are: Ad Valorem Adjusted Rate 4.600 mills, the 2020 Levy is to roll forward to 5.000 mills, Millage Key 1047082 Type C.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Lafourche, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with the law. Board President Kief called for discussion and public comment; there being none, Kief called for a roll call vote. The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were: YEAS: 9, NAYS: 1 (T. Allen), ABSTAINED: 0, ABSENT: 1.

Motion was made by C. Kief, seconded by E. Pitre to consider levying 6 mills for the Voter Approved Millage for Construction & Maintenance. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed by a vote of: YEAS: 9, NAYS: 1 (T. Allen), ABSTAINED: 0, ABSENT: 1. Thus passing the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 4:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District of the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 22, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of

the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are: Construction & Maintenance Adjusted Rate 5.530 mills, the 2020 Levy is to roll forward to 6.000 mills, Millage Key 1047089 Type V. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Lafourche, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

President Kief call for discussion and public comment; there being none, Kief called for a roll call vote. The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were: YEAS: 9, NAYS: 1 (T. Allen), ABSTAINED: 0, ABSENT: 1.

COVID-19 State of Emergency: D. Bourgeois gave an update to the commissioners on COVID-19 impacts to operations. He said NLLD is operating as normal due to providing essential services. D. Bourgeois stated the NLLD will no longer offer virtual attendance meetings. However, there are means to offer virtual attendance if any of the commissioners needs accommodations with the pandemic, according to JBE-117-2020.

**A. Thibodaux – West Project Area:**

Drainage Study: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported NLLD is 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: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported NLLD is in the process of developing a potential project that would create a new major drainage channel functionally parallel to and complimentary to the existing Waverly Ditch called the Waverly No. 2 Channel Project. NLLD will meet with DDG tomorrow to discuss RoW acquisitions, expecting the process to take several months to finalize. Next step will be to determine to construct the project as a single capital project or as a phased project over time.

NSU Drainage Study: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported NLLD is looking into the long persisting drainage issues at Nicholls State University to address these issues on campus and the surrounding areas. DDG is currently finalizing the report and has reached out to NSU to discuss the recommendations in the study.

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

Bayou Blue – Hollywood Backwater Flood Protection Project: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported The State's Annual Plan includes future funding expected from GOMESA funds for engineering and construction. The permit has been issued. Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. continues working on the RoW and design of the project. Expectations to move into the bidding and construction phase is still in the late 3<sup>rd</sup> or early 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this year.

TLBB Element 2, (Lockport to Mathews Levee Improvement Project): D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported the Lemoine Company, LLC is the contractor on Phase II which is the canal relocation and berm construction. Like Phase I, this phase is included in an IGA with CPRA for GOMESA funds reimbursement. Lemoine has started working on the 2nd and 3rd excavation cuts on the project and working in the area between Twin Oaks and 40 Arpent Canal. They have made some progress but have also had a couple of bank failures during the excavation. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by T. Allen to approve Change Order No. 3 to extend the construction period to January 24, 2021 due to 31 days for additional construction time due to rain/wet days as requested by The Lemoine Company, LLC and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. R. Foret motioned, seconded by P. Gasery to approve payment of pay request #9 in the amount of \$117,473.48 from The Lemoine

Company, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Cyprien FDA Channel Improvements: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported TBS has submitted a final design for NLLD to review. NLLD is currently preparing to request proposals for this work. The estimated cost for this work is around \$135,000.00 which will be performed as maintenance work.

US 90 at Bayou Folse: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported this project is another one with a commitment from CPRA for GOMESA funding allowing for a permanent solution to raise the elevation of the levee adjacent to the US Hwy 90 Bridge over Bayou Folse on both sides. Byron E. Talbot (BET) Contractor, Inc. is the contractor. The service road is still closed as they finish installing the levee embankment, sheet pile, and closure for the road which will tie the NLLD levee into the bridge approaches. Work is progressing well, and NLLD expects them to finish the project in the next two to three weeks. R. Pitre motioned seconded by D. Kiffe to approve Change Order No. 2 to extend the construction period to October 4, 2020 due to 29 days for additional construction time due to rain/wet days as requested by Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. and recommended by the project engineer. R. Pitre and C. Kief were concerned about timing of October 4 being the completion date. A. Ostheimer said the contractors are still eligible for an extension beyond October 4. There were also concerns about the road closure. A. Ostheimer said the road will be open soon and before the project is complete. No further discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. T. Allen motioned, seconded by R. Foret to approve payment of pay request #5 in the amount of \$261,038.62 from Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Crest Pump Stabilization: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Crosby Dredging, LLC was the contractor on this project as this project is closed out. The Clear Lien Certificate was presented last month, and the retainage was paid to the contractor.

Thibodaux Middle School Drainage Improvements: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported the Lafourche Parish School Board (LPSB) accepted bids for Phase 1 of the Thibodaux Middle School Construction Project. In addition to the drainage required at the school site, LPSB will replace and upsize culverts from the area near the school to tie into NLLD's Audubon Drive Drainage project which was created specifically for that purpose. Leonard Chauvin P.E. Inc. is the project engineer for this portion of the project for LPSB. The proposed improvements will not only benefit the school drainage but will also have a positive impact on a much broader area, which needs drainage improvements. This is a great opportunity to help the City of Thibodaux with a well-designed project in a very cooperative way.

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

Lockport – Larose Levee Project Reaches C4, C5, and D1: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer 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. Onshore is continuing to shape the levee and is currently working about a 1000 LF of the Entergy transmission lines. NLLD expects Onshore to begin excavating and working the material from the borrow pit in the next two to three weeks so the material will be ready for installation around the pipeline, Entergy line, and pump station tie in. S. Bergeron motioned, seconded by R. Pitre to approve payment of pay request #25 in the amount of \$30,518.70 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. As allowed by NLLD By-Laws (Article 7.6 (a)), Mr. Ray Chermie approached Commissioner Darcy Kiffe and asked for a few items to be added to tonight's agenda. Commissioner Darcy Kiffe agreed to sponsor Mr. Chermie's following request: What year was the Lockport- Larose Levee first discussed? C. Kief responded with 1993. He next asked, what is the estimated completion of Lockport to Larose Return Levee to Claudet Ring Levee & Return Levee to Larose) and why is it taking this long? C. Kief stated at the beginning stages the NLLD did not have the income it has now and the money it did have was spent

on USACE studies and equipment. There was also a lot of resistance in this area with alignment, RoW's and engineering. A. Ostheimer said the current substantial completion date for C4, C5, D1 is at the end of November with 30-35 days of weather delays. So, it is expected to be completed in December. There were a few change orders from the original plans to shape the levee and then eventually raise the elevation of the levee under the same contract, which is more cost effective for the future. The D2 and D3 Larose Reaches were able to be elevated to 7.5 ft. B2 and B3 Levees will also be raised to 7.5 ft. There has been \$11.5 million dollars spent so far. No further discussion.

Parr/Larose Pump Station 30" Pump Addition and Canal Debris Screen: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Crosby Dredging is the contractor on this project that involves the removal of the old structure at Barrios, and the addition of a pump and a debris screen at the new LPG pump station. Crosby has lengthened the pump and dredged the sump of the pump. There was a meeting onsite on September 17th for a substantial completion inspection, and the pump ran as per design. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by D. Kiffe to accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion from Crosby Dredging, LLC. as recommended by the project engineer. C. Kief abstained from discussion and voting. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously with 1 abstention.

Lockport to Larose Reach B Levee Project: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Picciola & Associates (P & A) continues to develop alternatives to the preliminary design and budgets for the proposed three phases of this levee reach. NLLD can return with some projects that can be pushed forward in a future budget. Outer Limit Contractors has excavated, processed, and installed the material where the pipe crossing will be installed, and future levee alignment will be. The pipe has been welded together and has been set at the same elevation of the failed pipe. P & A has submitted a request for permit modification to the USACE based on the redesigned footprint and since it lessened the mitigation impacts, NLLD is hoping to hear back from them sooner than later. Temporary improvements were made to the low area in the transition from the Delaune to Wald properties.

Comeaux Drive Drainage Project: D. Bourgeois reported the NLLD and the Town of Lockport have had studies and work done since early 2018 to get resolution for their drainage problems. NLLD is engaging LCI to advance the design and ROW requirements to help the Town pursue funding during the coming year and plans to bring the Parish and LP DD#1 into the search for funding. Mr. Michael Delaune of Senator Mike Fesi's office stated Mr. Fesi is interested in this project and willing to help with capital outlay requests. He will be following the project.

**D. Choupic Project Area:**

East 80 Arpent (Dixie Canal): D. Bourgeois reported NLLD has put the re-powered Deep water Marsh Buggy into that area for long term, overdue maintenance dredging in that PA as soon as it is ready to go to work. The NLLD was able to finalize the few items it was adding to the machine and it is now in the canal working. Sealevel is continuing to clear the existing spoil bank. So, they will be able to place the dredged material.

**E. St. James Project Area:** D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported NLLD is developing items in the PA via this drainage study by Duplantis Design Group (DDG). The plan 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. NLLD has been discussing the result of the study and plan to meet with DDG tomorrow to discuss some of the needs in the area for now and in the future based on the ongoing development of the area.

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

Zeller/Larousse Forced Drainage Area Systems Improvements: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer 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. NLLD has

been pushing the extension of this project as something to have ready to go with the State for some time. CPRA has included \$1M for this project available this year (FY2021) in its Annual Plan coming from GOMESA and the IGA is with CPRA for execution. LCI is continuing with design for this project and is getting close to completing. The NLLD has received the IGA from CPRA and has executed it. It is currently working its way through the system. NLLD is expecting to have everything ready to move forward with the project in the next six weeks.

40 & 80 Arpent and Halpin Canals, East Theriot Canal, Sam Foret and adjacent Canals, Maintenance Dredging Project: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Sealevel Construction is the contractor for the hydraulic spray dredging of these canals and adjacent canals combined. Substantial completion was accepted in July and is currently in the clear lien period. T. Allen motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to approve Change Order No. 2 to balance to the actual quantities used with a net decrease of \$45,352.00 and to extend the construction period to July 14, 2020 due to 82 days for additional construction time due to rain/wet days as requested by Sealevel Construction Co., Inc. and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. R. Foret motioned, seconded by P. Gasery to approve payment of pay request #18 in the amount of \$6,797.06 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: D. Bourgeois reported NLLD is waiting for the sloughed area to settle as previously reported. GIS will perform surveys of the cross sections to record the settlement in the area.

Des Allemands Bulkhead Project: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported All South Consulting Engineers (ASCE) is monitoring the small sloughing area. Outer Limit Contractors will install the remainder of the material to bring the levee up to template once the pump station is complete.

Des Allemands FDA Pump Improvement Project: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer 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. The pump station is complete and there was a substantial completion inspection on August 26 with all parties. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by K. Matherne to approve payment of pay request #12 in the amount of \$58,077.54 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. T. Allen motioned, seconded by S. Bergeron to approve payment of pay request #5 in the amount of \$38,237.50 from Sealevel Construction, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Jesse Dufrene FDA Levee Improvements: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Onshore Materials, LLC is the contractor for this project which is being partially reimbursed with GOMESA funding through CPRA and designed to raise four miles of levee height from +4' to +7'. Onshore is making good progress on the project and is steadily installing embankment onto the levee. Onshore did work with NLLD as the storms approached to make sure that the elevation was as good as when the project started. Onshore will continue to process, haul, and install material. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by R. Foret to approve payment of pay request #12 in the amount of \$58,077.54 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Natural Gas FDA Levee Improvements: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported the other half of the protection for the Gheens Community is the Natural Gas FDA. NLLD had been working to have this project framed up because, like Jessie Dufrene, it is a prime candidate for GOMESA funds. That strategy has been successful as the Annual Plan indicates \$2.275M in GOMESA funds available this year (FY2021) for this project. These funds are available, and the IGA is with CPRA for execution. NLLD is planning on meeting with Raceland Raw Sugars this week to finalize and execute the RoW for the project. Once the

IGA is signed, NLLD will begin submitting the documents to CPRA for review and concurrence. NLLD is hoping to begin advertising on this project in approximately 6-8 weeks.

Upper Barataria Risk Reduction (UBRRP) Project: D. 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. 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. NLLD had a call with the Design team and the LBLD about continuing the design work next year in the same arrangement as it has been and will propose that in the next year budget. Field and Design work has been progressing well on this project.

**H. Valentine - East Project Area:**

New Valentine/Ludevine FDA: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Onshore Materials, LLC is the contractor for this project to stabilize about 5,500 feet of the levee running from Hamilton St. in Larose towards the Ludevine Pump Station along the Blackwater Canal. Onshore has completed the clearing and is steadily processing material for installation. Part of this work included excavating a new canal and filling in the old canal. A good bit of this work has been completed. NLLD is expecting them to begin installing material onto the levee very soon. Water from Hurricane Beta slightly topped the levee. This was not due to a levee failure but from the contract work on the levee. NLLD will address this properly in accordance with the contract. E. Pitre motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve payment of pay request #4 in the amount of \$163,637.50 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, reach 2 Interim Improvements: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported ultimately, CPRA will provide \$3M for this project available through State Surplus funds. NLLD is working with CPRA to get the IGAs finalized. NLLD has executed an engineering agreement with GIS for design of the levee. They had been working on the preliminary design of the project under a letter agreement and has forwarded the preliminary design template to NLLD for review along with the final design report with geotechnical analysis. NLLD also has GIS evaluating the Ludevine and New Valentine FDA along with the Pump Stations. Both stations along this reach are insufficient in capacity and derelict in condition which will be an issue as they are in conflict with NLLD's levee project.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, Reach 3 Interim Improvements: A. Ostheimer reported TBS has submitted some preliminary templates for the levee section for this reach. This particular reach has minimal elevation (2'-3') in various sections along with a lesser footprint than Reach 2 or Natural Gas. As moving forward, NLLD may have to permit a portion of the project and obtain RoWs to proceed. A predominant portion of this project is on property belonging to RRS and NLLD is planning on discussing the project with them when the RoW is finalized for the Natural Gas project.

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

Pump Station Study: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported this is extending NLLD influence into the proper operation of the pumps in Lafourche Parish to prevent possible damage from over pumping. The pump station monitoring is running well. They are currently are working on a few revisions to upgrade the usability and appearance.

Morganza to the Gulf (MTG), Larose to Lockport Feasibility Report: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Delta Coast (DCC) is working on the design of the actual alignment of the levee within the District and to file the permit application. DCC has modified the Reach 1 permit and submitted the information. They will continue to monitor the permit as it works through the process.

Morganza to the Gulf: D. Bourgeois reported NLLD is working on a sustained new push to funding the federally authorized Morganza to the Gulf Project which now comes well into the jurisdiction of the NLLD. This push included a re-evaluation of their estimated cost of the project. NLLD has been working at all levels of the Corps, the Louisiana Delegation in DC, State legislators and others in this effort. The

USACE is working to finalize the last bits of what they need to express capacity to start the project with funding for the project from Congress. The re-programming request for that effort was received on March 6th and they are working on those tasks which are scheduled for completion in March and April of next year. That would put it in line for the next budget cycle. NLLD expects to have future meetings with OMB and other departments to garner support around the Morganza project. Cory, Reggie, Mitch, Windell and D. Bourgeois met with Major General Holland and her staff on August 20th in Vicksburg. The meeting went very well. Her staff had her well prepared on the Morganza to the Gulf project and everyone was able to recognize the prior great cooperation with the Corps in getting this project re-priced and ready to receive funding from Congress. In the meeting, everyone expressed the importance of being sure that MVN completes the last bit of information they are working on. D. Bourgeois firmly believes all things are on track on this project at the Corps at all levels and the project will be prominently featured in their proposed work plan for next year. D. Bourgeois will be meeting with LA Legislative Delegation next week to keep the pressure on getting funding for this project. Things are progressing every month, but there needs to be pressure on this issue to get federal funding.

Morganza to the Gulf (MTG), Reaches K & L and Structures: 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. As previously discussed, the project was broken into two pieces and went back out to bid, and bids were received. SLLD has awarded both contracts to Sea Level Construction within the estimate.

**J. Equipment:** A. Ostheimer gave an update on equipment issues during the last month: There was work done on the fuel tank of the MBI Buggy, and will be going for a track job at MBI in New Orleans; The Wilco buggy had some walkways installed and is working well.

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

Photo Presentation: A. Ostheimer presented photos and gave explanations on the following projects: LtoL C4, C5, D1; Edna Barrios Pump Station; Hwy 90; Reaches B1, B2, B3; TLBB Element 2 & Twin Oaks Pump Station; T-Bois.

Colonial Life Insurance: Upon the referral of SLLD's administrative assistant, Madonna met with representatives of Colonial Life Insurance regarding supplemental insurance coverages (dental, vision, accident, cancer, wellness, disability, and life) for NLLD employees since NLLD currently only has medical and life insurance coverages through the Office of Group Benefits. These supplemental policies would be optional to NLLD employees and they would be fully funded through voluntary payroll deductions. The only indirect cost to the district would be the minimum time involved in getting the payroll deductions set-up and tracking for monthly payments of the group premiums. A. Peltier motioned, seconded by P. Gasery allowing the District to proceed in the process of getting set-up with Colonial Life and Accident Insurance Company to offer employee-paid supplemental insurance products to NLLD employees and authorizing the Executive Director to sign any and all required documents. Discussion ensued on insurance coverage options. No further discussion or public comment. Motioned passed unanimously.

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

**CPRA board Meeting: 8/19**

**Meeting with Major General Holland: 8/20**

**ALBL Executive Meeting: 8/21**

**Going Public on Hurricane Prepping: 8/25**

**G. Graves conference Call/conference call w/Chip and Cory: 8/28**

**Conference call w/ Eddie Belk, Renee Turner, Maggie, and Claire: 9/4**

**Coastal Louisiana Levee Consortium: 9/8**

**GEST Webinar w/ G. Graves: 9/10**

**Conference Call w/ Kennedy's staff: 9/16**

**MAC Board Meeting: 9/22**

Finance & Priority Committee: Commissioner K. Matherne reported that the Finance and Priority Committee conducted a virtual meeting on August 18, 2020. 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. The committee also met on September 17, 2020 to further discuss the millage roll forward consideration and other revenue options.

Accounts Payable: A motion was made by K. Matherne, seconded by A. Peltier to accept the Payables Report as given. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The Board Vice President called for additional public comments; there were none.

The Board Vice President announced the next Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at the District's office located at 3862 Highway 1, Raceland, LA. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:44 PM on motion by R. Pitre, seconded by D. Kiffe.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director