

Minutes of the meeting of the **North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District Special Board Meeting**, Date: Monday, December 7, 2020

A meeting was conducted on December 7, 2020 as a Special Board Meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District. The pledge was led by Adley Peltier and the invocation given by Rodney Foret. The meeting was called to order by President Cory Kief. The Board President called roll. Commissioners present were: Tim Allen, Louis Andolsek, Rodney Foret, Percy Gasery, Cory Kief, Kenney Matherne, Adley Peltier, and Elmo Pitre. Commissioners absent were: Darcy Kiffe, Susan Testroet-Bergeron, and Robert Pitre. Others present were: Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois; Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer; and Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche, and Attorney Pat Amedee.

Potential Purchase of Property: Board President C. Kief stated the purpose of this meeting is to consider the purchase of a specific piece of property if said property can be acquired at or below appraised value and the ownership of the property is deemed beneficial to the NLLD. D. Bourgeois reported that he sent all members the NLLD's property appraisal, Attorney Pat Amedee's analysis on standards and limitations of the NLLD in buying this property, Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc.'s report on the potential use of the property, and the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's appraisal value of the property. The Sheriff's average appraisal of two evaluations was \$331,000, which means the bid can start and open at 2/3 of the value at \$220,666.67. The NLLD's appraisal value is \$777,500.00. The NLLD also has to decide how much the property is worth to the district if it were to decide to bid on the property. In general, the property was being considered because there could be some potential consolidation of two pump stations in the future and savings with additional material. The NLLD could also surplus some of the property as well as have mitigation opportunities. The total potential value to the NLLD for the property purchase is a conservative \$2.3 million. The NLLD cannot bid above \$777,500.00. The bank is planning to bid at about \$483,000 which is the amount they are owed. The property is 172 acres. Discussion ensued amongst NLLD Board members. T. Allen mentioned the NLLD is not in the landowner business, even though this could be a potential saving opportunity. Also, the NLLD was not considering consolidating two pump stations before this opportunity arose; the NLLD would then have to evaluate the priority of these projects through NOPET that are not yet on the agenda for the district's next fiscal year. There is a high possibility that this investment would be wasted. L. Andolsek commended D. Bourgeois, A. Ostheimer and those working on this opportunity. He continued stating that however, if any dirt has to be hauled from the property, it will no longer be cost efficient. Also, 172 acres is too big to spend with taxpayers' money and mentioned being in favor of a Right of Way on this property, which will be a better deal than purchasing the land. There will also be costs to maintain the property. D. Bourgeois agreed with all of these points and mentioned he did not want to miss this opportunity if it would have been a better deal in the future. All commissioners agreed there are too many unknowns and risks to consider this big purchase with such little time. C. Kief mentioned the NLLD is not prepared for and needs to be prudent with spending the peoples' money; therefore, he does not agree with moving forward in bidding for the property. No commissioner agreed with NLLD bidding for the property. The President called for public comments; there being none, motion for adjournment was made by R. Foret, seconded by T. Allen and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:02 PM.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director