

North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District to be
held at the **NLCLDD Office, 3862 Highway 1, Raceland, LA 70394**

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 – Time: 5:30 PM

I. A public meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2024
Time: 5:20 PM or immediately following the 5:15 PM Finance & Priority Meeting
Place: North Lafourche Levee District Office
3862 Highway 1
Raceland, LA 70394

1. Call to Order/ Invocation

2. Pledge

3. Roll Call: Commissioners

Timothy Allen	_____	Louis Andolsek	_____
Monique Crochet	_____	Percy Gasery	_____
Rodney Foret	_____	Cory Kief	_____
Tory Hebert	_____	Adley Peltier	_____
Darcy Kiffe	_____	Robert Bob Pitre	_____
Elmo Jay Pitre	_____		

4. Approval of Minutes:

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 Finance & Priority Committee
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Motion By: _____ Second By: _____ Discussion? Public? Motion: Passed ____ Failed ____

5. Director's Report:

As a brief reminder to those of you in attendance tonight there will be a place on the agenda where we will call for additional Public Comments. It is important that anyone offering public comment remember a few things: 1) the "Comment" must be relevant to an item on the meeting agenda, 2) there is a three (3) minute time limit, and 3) if posing a question, please keep in mind that the Board may not be able to discuss or answer the question because of open meeting law requirements. If your issue is beyond these meeting limitations, we are still interested and will ask the individual to be contacted later by the Executive Director or as otherwise instructed by the Board.

REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

In your meeting packet, you will find a **Capital Project Report**.

A. Thibodaux – West Project Area (61YY.YYZ):

We are working with High Tide Consultants and the City to potentially identify some projects going forward.

We also have been working with TPCG to open up the St Louis Canal. The drought allowed that drainage in Terrebonne to substantially overgrow which held water in Devil's Swamp impacting

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the folks in Acadia Woods for an extended period of time. We are not done yet, but the issues have been substantially cleared. I'll let Arthur add some details.

Arthur: Nothing new to report.

B. Thibodaux - Lockport - Bayou Blue Project Area (62YY.YYZ):

Drainage District 12 Raceland Prairie Levee Improvements: (NLLD 6200.75Z)

This project for levee improvements in these FDA's will receive a total of \$4.225M in state reimbursements through Capital Outlay. I previously reported incorrectly on the fate of our P5 in the most recent session. The \$2.75M P5 was added to the prior P1 making it P1 in HB2. But we need to wait for the Bond Commission to meet and advance the P1 to secure funding for further work. LCI has provided a change order and pay request recommendation. Arthur, please provide an update on the status of this project.

Arthur: Onshore Materials has been given partial substantial on four of the six reaches. Currently they have the final two reaches, which are also the longest, to complete, in which they are about 50% done. Weather permitting we are expecting them to complete the project ahead of the substantial completion date at the end of October. LCI has submitted a change order and pay request for the Board's consideration.

A motion to approve Change Order No. 3 to increase the contract time by 12 days due to adverse weather conditions in the months of May and June as requested by Onshore Materials, LLC and recommended by the project engineer.

Motion By: _____ Second By: _____ Discussion? Public? Motion: Passed ____ Failed ____

A motion to approve payment of Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$470,391.56 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer.

Motion By: _____ Second By: _____ Discussion? Public? Motion: Passed ____ Failed ____

Upper Bayou Folshe Watershed Backwater Flood Protection: (NLLD 6200.88Z)

Now that we're actively engaged in the Prairie levees and Hollywood Canal project, I will continue to submit funding requests through State Capital Outlay to support this project benefiting a substantial part of our district. On March 28th, all parties to our NRCS PL-566 project met with Bluewing Civil Consulting to provide them with the information necessary for development of the Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report (PIFR), which will be submitted by the end of this year. We'll keep you updated on our progress which is ongoing.

C. Lockport - Larose Project Area (63YY.YYZ):

Lockport to Larose Reach B Levee Project: (NLLD 6300.60Z)

Low Land Construction Company, Inc. is the contractor on this project designed to increase the stability and the protection elevation to +7' for about 6,400 LF of the levee. CPRA provided \$1M State Surplus reimbursement for the construction. I'll ask Arthur for an update and Picciola & Associates has provided a recommendation for a pay request.

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Arthur: The Board approved substantial completion last month and we are currently in the clear lien period. Picciola has submitted a recommendation for Pay Request No. 14 for the Board's consideration.

A motion to approve payment of Pay Request No. 14 in the amount of \$8,550.00 from Low Land Construction Company, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer.

Motion By: _____ Second By: _____ Discussion? Public? Motion: Passed ____ Failed ____

Lockport to Larose Reach D5 Levee Improvements: (NLLD 6300.68Z)

GIS has been working to develop flood protection options for Allied Shipyard to Bayou Lafourche. We worked with Delta Coast to submit another FEMA BRIC grant application for the current funding cycle, however our application was again not "Identified for Further Review" this year. We are also submitting a funding request for this project through the Capital Outlay Request process. We will keep you posted on any funding opportunities that come to be.

D. Choupic Project Area (64YY.YYZ):

West Choupic & St. James Project Area Backwater Flood Protection: (NLLD 6400.51Z)

We're working with LCI to realign the proposed levee to reduce negative impacts on landowners while meeting the Corps' and DNR wetland requirements. This re-evaluation is a bit more involved, but both agencies have shown openness to an open system design in recent pre-application meetings. LCI has submitted the permit application. We have put in a Capital Outlay request for this Project but nothing this session. Any additional updates Arthur?

Arthur: The permit is still working its way through the system. They have requested some additional information which we are providing as quickly as possible. We do expect the permit process to last at least another six months.

Bowie Forced Drainage System Levee Improvements: (NLLD 6400.56Z)

We worked with LCI on a design to improve and repair the current protection from Bayou Onion to Grand Bayou to 5', which was advertised for bidders. All work is planned in the footprint of the existing levee. I'll ask Arthur for an update.

Arthur: We have the contracts here to execute this evening. Once executed and recorded the notice to proceed will be issued for later this week based on the contractor's readiness to start the project.

E. St. James Project Area (65YY.YYZ):

Woodland Heights Levee: (NLLD 6500.58Z)

The project aims to prevent backwater flooding in the Woodland Heights Subdivision and Hwy 20 public housing. After collaborating with landowners, we feel we are developing a solution to meet the area's needs and reduce the risk of future flooding. I'll ask Arthur to give a report on the project development.

Arthur: We expect to work on the design and right of ways over the next few months to further develop the project. We expect to present the project for the Board's consideration in a future budget.

F. Lake Bouef Watershed Project Area (66YY.YYZ):

Zeller/Larousse Forced Drainage Area Systems Improvements: (NLLD 6600.64Z)

LCI applied to LA Statewide Flood Control for Phase 3 of our project, aimed at enhancing the levee structures and drainage system safeguarding the Kraemer/Bayou Bouef community. The application has been approved by the committees, securing a \$5 million funding award for the approximately 2,500 linear feet along Kraemer Bayou Road during the last legislative session. I'll ask Arthur for his update and a resolution they are requiring us to pass.

Arthur: LCI is currently working on the preliminary design for the project. We have received the CEA from DOTD and have a motion for the Boards consideration.

A motion to approve the resolution as written to authorize, upon concurrence from legal counsel, the Executive Director to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement, along with any and all related documents, between the NLCLDD and the DOTD for the funds for State Project No. H.015972 Zeller Larousse Forced Drainage Area, advancing relevant projects to final design.

Motion By: _____ Second By: _____ Discussion? Public? Motion: Passed ____ Failed ____

G. Gheens Project Area (67YY.YYZ):

Upper Barataria Risk Reduction (UBRRP) Project: (NLLD 6700.60Z)

This project, via the Corps, received \$8M in funding for PED and MVP is working on the PED under the oversight of MVN. I have been meeting with the LBLD and have spoken to CPRA and Corps leadership at MVN. We made some progress with the Corps expediting some things that need to be modified or completed so that we can improve protection while waiting for them to complete their parts. The NLLD and the LBLD had a meeting with the Corps PM for this project and we were very pleased with the outcome regarding our ability to advance our work on the project as work in kind ahead of Corps construction. That is something the State via CPRA has been pushing with us. We had a good meeting with DENR on the permitting the local are doing for the project so that we can advance work on the project with promised State Funding including the gate in Bayou Des Allemande and part of segment 4 and a haul road.

Upper Barataria Risk Reduction (UBRR) Haul Road: (NLLD 6700.60Z)

In light of the afore-mentioned meeting with Corps PM on this project, we have contracted with GIS to perform a study and report of a proposed heavy haul road following the alignment of Segment 5 of this project. The proposed project generally consists of improving and elevating Amerada Hess Road in Mathews, LA, construction of a new haul road from Raceland Oilfield to the interface of Segments 4 and 5 near Midway Canal and required canal crossings and adjustments to existing structures along the alignment. We will start reporting more info on this as things progress.

Arthur: GIS has completed surveying the area along the alignment of the "Haul Road". They are currently processing the data for the report.

H. Valentine - East Project Area (68YY.YYZ):

Industrial Park Road-North American Shipyard to Bayou Lafourche: (NLLD 6800.60Z)

We're working with Picciola and Associates on a project to enhance protection along Industrial Park Road to Bayou Lafourche by elevating it to approximately 9 feet. We've segmented the

project into four phases based on construction needs, and we're optimistic about securing funding for the initial stages. In a collaborative effort, the parish has committed to contributing funding to support both road stabilization and flood protection aspects of the project. We're also actively advocating for more substantial state-level funding and investigating various grant opportunities.

Arthur: CPRA has forwarded the IGA to the NLLD for review and execution. Picciola is continuing to work on the final design which we should have by next week. Once we receive the final design, we will forward to CPRA for review and concurrence.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, Reach 1 Eunice Allemand: (NLLD 6800.62Z)

We have been working with Delta Coast on a project to improve some existing inside flood protection levees that allowed some flooding of homes and property in this FDA during Hurricane Ida. Due to its location, we are having to look at this protection project as it might have future benefits to the adjacent alignment of future Reach 1 of the MtoG Eastern Tie In. In that regard, I am working to see if we can advance the MtoG Reach 1 with some Surplus funds we received as part of this project with a potential haul road to push the Corps in our direction and advance their ability to have meaningful protection when the Sector Gate is installed in the GIWW. The alignment in that area is nearly locked down by the Corps. Arthur, can you give a bit of an update on that.

Arthur: DCC is tweaking the MtoG Reach 1 alignment based on the pipelines shown in the hazard survey. We met with USACE's contracted engineer for Reach 1 Arcadis, and their subconsultant Eustis regarding the planned geotechnical work. Right of Entry will be sent out to the landowners for this work over the next few weeks. We have executed the right of ways along the Blackwater Canal for the interior protection levee with all the landowners where work will be performed. We have started this work under our maintenance program. The MtoG Reach 1 interim project we are working towards being ready for the first quarter of next year.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, Reach 2 Interim Improvements: (NLLD 6800.63Z) Now that we have completed the initial levee project to provide immediate protection in this area we are moving on with the next phase of the project which is the improvement to the drainage channel. All of this work is based on moving the MtoG Eastern alignment forward while giving the USACE an already improved construction path. The preliminary alignment has been relocated to our preferred route (mostly) and we met with the Corps to lock that down better and that should be done shortly. I'll ask Arthur for an update.

Arthur: GIS has submitted the preliminary right of ways necessary for the Reach 2 Channel improvements. We presented that information to ARE Real Estate appraisers and they are currently working on establishing the land valuations which we should have in July. As this information comes together, we will begin meeting with landowners to discuss the right-of-way acquisition process. We will also continue to move forward with the project design.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, Reach 3 Interim Improvements: (NLLD 6800.64Z)

Funding for this project is included in the State's Annual Plan this year. We had several meetings with the Corps on this. More recently, there have been positive movements from USACE taking into consideration the alignment we have suggested, and this project will be moving along. We may need to tweak the alignment just a bit further and are working with LA DENR on how that might play out. More on that later. Arthur, please give us an update on any progress made on design and right-of-way acquisitions and the amendment to the permit that we are doing and why.

Arthur: Intracoastal Consultants have completed the 95% milestone and will be submitting them for the USACE review this week. We are finalizing a few details with RRS for the relocation of their pump and met with Delta Land. All of this is proceeding well. DCC is still working us through the permit process. USACE requested a phase 2 archaeological review. The field work for that has been completed and they are working on the report. We will be modifying our permit application to install a crossing on Company Canal to serve as access for the project. This more than likely will require a second public notice and extend the permit process. We plan to build this in a manner consistent with the Company Canal closure structure. We also have received the letter of no objection to cross the Shell Pipeline and to remove an abandoned 12" line in conflict. DCC on behalf of Shell has applied for the permit to remove that line and we plan on moving forward with this work as soon as the permit is issued.

Ludevine Pump Station Replacement: (NLLD 6800.65Z)

This project was developed out of the poor condition of the existing station and a conflict with the Reach 2 levee alignment. Recognizing this conflict and need, CPRA through GOMESA funding committed an initial \$2.8M and an additional \$1.62M in its annual plan for construction of this project. I'll ask Arthur for the details.

Arthur: The contracts have been executed and we held the preconstruction meeting on May 8th. NTP was issued for June 17th. Sealevel is currently working on submittals for the project and expect the concrete piles to be delivered next week. We expect them to have more activity going by the end of the month.

T-Bois Ludevine Levee Tie In: (NLLD 6800.66Z)

This project will connect the T-Bois Levee to the Ludevine Levee and build a new bridge across the Blackwater Canal funded by LPG for Eunice Allemand residents. Our board approved a CEA for NLLD to construct both projects, with LPG reimbursing us for their share of the work. This arrangement benefits both parties and provides controlled interconnectivity between the two FDAs.

Arthur: We have the permit, CEA, and funding completed for the project. Picciola is working on the final design, and we hope to receive the plans for review by the end of the month.

I. Maintenance and other Regional Projects (69YY.YYZ):

Maintenance Projects:

Although we discuss some of the major maintenance projects under the capital projects, we wanted to keep you informed on other maintenance projects that we are working on. So, I've asked Arthur to report on other relevant maintenance projects we are working on or that are upcoming.

Arthur:

1. The Linkbelt 350 has been moved to the 80 Arpent Canal to complete clearing the canals that were unable to be completed through the spray dredging project.
2. The TAZ unit has cleared along Ludevine/Reach 2 levee and will clear and improve drainage channels in the Banana Grove/Bayou Portuguese area. We plan on mobilizing the NLLD's Cat 330 land track machine to assist in improving the drainage channel.
3. We will be repairing the levee around the Remy Pump Station in Choupic.

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4. We are finishing the installation of the remaining material from the Humble Canal excavation along MtoG Reach 3A where there were washouts from culverts or generally low area.
5. We are also working on getting material hauled to the Ludevine levee off of Hamilton Street.

Morganza to the Gulf (General): We are pursuing additional ongoing funding from the Federal Government and are generally encouraged by what we are hearing. The Corps has previously indicated they will be able to express capability for the additional \$93M in funding this next budget cycle. We received word last month that now both our Senators (Kennedy joining Cassidy) have supported the Corps capability joining Congressman Scalise and Graves who have submitted a \$93 million request to advance the Morganza to the Gulf project. That of course, while 3X more than previous funding, is not enough. Everything is slowly falling into place; but we have to keep pushing for ongoing funding and to match our efforts and needs with the Corps.

We are looking for legislation or policy opportunities to allow us to do more of the work in parallel with the Corps to be in a position to complete this vital flood protection as rapidly as possible. I have a few specific initiatives that I have spoken to MVD about along with CPRA and Congress and we are expecting some action on that. We are working closely with CPRA on these items.

J. Equipment:

I'll ask Travis to give us an update on equipment issues we had during the last month.

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

Photo Presentation: We have some photos of a few of our projects going on in the District for your review.

NLLD Joined Lawsuit against FEMA on RR2.0: Update....

Other Meetings this Month:

Coastal Center Advisory Board Meeting: 6/19/24

RoR Luncheon: 6/19/24

MAC Board Meeting: 6/20/24

Risk Rating 2.0 Discussion CPRA/Corps: 6/21/24

CPRA Board Meeting: 6/26/24

Reggie's last meeting/dinner (Cory and Dwayne): 7/1/24

MAC Meeting: 7/11/24

FEMA Policy Advocate Proposal Discussion: 7/16/24

6. Committee Reports:

- A) Finance & Priority Committee: [Louis Andolsek](#) Chair
Elmo Pitre (Vice Chair)
Adley Peltier
Rodney Foret
Cory Kief (Ad hoc, non-voting)

(Suggested report for Andy)

You have a copy of the minutes from the F&P Committee meeting on June 18, 2024. 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.

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7. Office Report/Accounts Payable:

Each of you is provided with a financial report detailing the year-to-date figures, as well as the current month's Accounts Payable listing. I'll ask the Finance & Priority Chairman for their committee recommendation for the payables report.

(Andy: [Motion to Accept the Payables Report as given](#)). (Or modified _____)

Motion By: Andy Andolsek, Second By _____ Discussion? Public? Motion: Passed ____ Failed ____

8. Other Engineering Reports: Call for any other Engineering Reports.

9. Additional Public Comments: Call for any other Public Comments.

10. Our next Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be at 5:20 PM (or immediately following the F&P Committee meeting) on August 20, 2024, at this office located at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland.

11. Adjournment: Motion By: _____ Second By: _____ Time: _____