

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, August 20, 2024**

The Regular Monthly meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, by President Cory Kief at 5:24 pm. The pledge was led by Rodney Foret and invocation given by Brandy Theriot. The meeting was held at the District's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. President Kief called roll. Commissioners present were Rodney Foret, Tory Hebert, Elmo Pitre, Tim Allen, Adley Peltier, Darcy Kiffe, Cory Kief, Louis Andolsek. Commissioners Robert Pitre, Percy Gasery and Monique Crochet were absent. Others present were: NLLD Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois, NLLD Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche, Program/Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer, NLLD Field Coordinator Travis Colombel, Project/Accounting Assistant Brandy Theriot, Accounting Specialist Kayla Culpepper, and various engineering professionals.

Approval of Minutes: A. Peltier motioned, seconded by D. Kiffe to approve the minutes of Tuesday, July 16, 2024, Finance & Priority Committee meeting and the Regular Board meeting. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Audit Report: Auditor Mike DeFalco with Broussard & Company, CPA's, LLC. gave a positive audit report for year ending Dec 31, 2023.

**A. Thibodaux – West Project Area:** report given

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

Drainage District 12 Prairie Levee Improvements: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer gave an updated report for this project. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by T. Allen to approve Change Order No. 4 to increase the contract time by 7 days due to adverse weather conditions in the month of July as requested by Onshore Materials, LLC and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. D. Kiffe motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve payment of Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$269,996.17 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Upper Bayou Folsom Watershed Backwater Flood Protection: Report given.

Phillip Gouaux, who resides at 1421 Hyland Dr., Lockport, LA also addressed the board on NLLD aiding in clearing Bayou Folsom.

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

Lockport to Larose Reach B Levee Project: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer gave an updated report for this project. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by T. Hebert to approve payment of Pay Request No. 15 for retainage in the amount of \$160,196.02 from Low Land Construction Company, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Lockport to Larose Reach D5 Levee Improvements: Report given.

**D. Choupic Project Area:**

West Choupic & St. James Project Area Backwater Flood Protection: Report given.

Bowie Forced Drainage System Levee Improvements: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer gave an updated report on this project. A. Peltier motioned, seconded by T. Allen to approve payment of Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$139,167.95 from Norris and Boudreux Contractors, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

**E. St. James Project Area:**

Woodland Heights Levee: Report given.

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

Zeller/Larousse Forced Drainage Area Systems Improvements: Report given.

**G. Gheens Project Area:**

Upper Barataria Risk Reduction (UBRR) Project: Report given.

Upper Barataria Risk Reduction (UBRR) Haul Road: Report given.

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

Industrial Park Road Floodwall-North American Shipyard to Bayou Lafourche: Report given.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, Reach 1 Eunice Allemand: Report given.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, reach 2 Interim Improvements: Report given.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, Reach 3 Interim Improvements: Report given.

Ludevine Pump Station Replacement: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer gave an updated report on this project. E. Pitre motioned, seconded by T. Hebert to approve payment of Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$613,908.88 from Sealevel Construction, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

T-Bois Ludevine Levee Tie In: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer gave an updated report on this project. T. Allen motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve the T-Bois Ludevine Levee Tie-In Project, NLLD Project No. 6800.66Z for advancement through the bid advertisement, through the receipt and evaluation of bids and asking the project Engineer to make a recommendation to the Board for award of a contract to complete this project; allowing the Executive Director to sign any and all relevant documents. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

**I. Maintenance and other Regional Projects:** A. Ostheimer gave an updated report on maintenance projects.

Morganza to the Gulf: Report given.

**J. Equipment:** Travis Colombel gave an update on equipment issues within the last month.

**K. General Items:**

Photo Presentation: A. Ostheimer reported and presented photos on the various projects.

NLLD Joined Lawsuit against FEMA on RR2.0: update given.

Discussion of Millage Rates after 2024 Reassessment: D. Bourgeois briefly discussed the new assessed rates for 2024.

Resolution for proposed Constitutional Amendment: D. Bourgeois stated the importance of having the constitutional amendment proposed by HB 300, introduced by Representative Joe Orgeron, passed. T. Allen motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to approve the resolution as written that the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District Board of Commissioners hereby declares that it is in support of passage of the proposed Constitutional Amendment amending Article VII, Section 10.2(E)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana to require federal revenues received by the state and generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas and alternative or renewable energy production be deposited into the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund for the above stated reasons and benefits. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Finance & Priority Committee: Committee Vice Chairman Elmo Pitre reported that the Finance and Priority Committee conducted a meeting on July 16, 2024 and there are a copy of those minutes in the 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.

Accounts Payable: L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to accept the payables report as given. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

With no other engineering reports or additional public comments, the President stated the next Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be at 5:20 PM (or immediately following the F&P Committee meeting) on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at this office located at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. NLLD will also have a Public Hearing and an immediately following Special Board Meeting on Monday, September 30th to

address the Ad Valorem Tax Re-Assessment and the adoption of Millage Rates.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:46 PM on motion by T. Allen, seconded by R. Pitre.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director