

Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, October 15, 2024

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, October 15, 2024 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 called to order by Board President Cory Kief. Commissioners present were Tim Allen, Rodney Foret, Tory Hebert, Darcy Kiffe, Elmo Pitre, Louis Andolsek, Cory Kief, Adley Peltier, and Robert Pitre. Monique Crochet and Percy Gasery were absent. Others present were NLLD Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois, NLLD Project/Program Manager Arthur Ostheimer, NLLD Accounting Specialist Kayla Culpepper, NLLD Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche, NLLD Project/Accounting Assistant Brandy Theriot, Field Coordinator Travis Colombel, NLLD Attorney Patrick Amedee, members of the public, and various engineering professionals. Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois announced this public hearing is being held to consider comments from the Public concerning a decision to be made by the board at NLLD's following meeting considering levying increased millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward millage rates not to exceed the maximum authorized by law. C. Kief called on anyone from the public to make a comment. Kevin DeZarn who resides at 103 Soaoma Ct., Houma, LA, addressed the board stating he is in favor of NLLD rolling forward because what the NLLD does is crucial for the district and uses funds wisely. Upon three calls for public comment there were no further comments from the audience or board, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:33 PM upon motion by E. Pitre, with a second by R. Pitre. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting: The Regular Monthly meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, by President Cory Kief at 5:34 pm. The pledge was led by Katie DeRoche and the invocation given by Cory Kief. The meeting was held at the District's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. President Cory Kief called roll. Commissioners present were Tim Allen, Rodney Foret, Tory Hebert, Darcy Kiffe, Elmo Pitre, Louis Andolsek, Cory Kief, Adley Peltier, and Robert Pitre. Monique Crochet and Percy Gasery were absent. Others present were NLLD Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois, NLLD Project/Program Manager Arthur Ostheimer, NLLD Accounting Specialist Kayla Culpepper, NLLD Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche, NLLD Project/Accounting Assistant Brandy Theriot, Field Coordinator Travis Colombel, NLLD Attorney Patrick Amedee, members of the public, and various engineering professionals.

Approval of Minutes: T. Hebert motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve the minutes of Tuesday, September 17, 2024, Finance & Priority Committee meeting and the Regular Board meeting. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Millage Rates: C. Kief stated as discussed in the Public Hearing just conducted for the consideration of levying increases millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward millage rates not to exceed the maximum authorized by law, the Board will vote on adopting the required resolutions. Before voting on each resolution, attorney Pat Amedee read them aloud, as required by law.

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 October 15, 2024, 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 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue: Ad Valorem: 4.650 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 2024 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. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to accept the adjusted ad valorem tax rate at 4.650 mills. After the foregoing resolution was read in full, there was discussion and no public comments, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes of: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 0; ABSTAINED: 0; ABSENT: 2. Thus passing the resolution.

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 October 15, 2024, 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 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue: Construction & Maintenance - 5.580 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 2024 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. T. Allen motioned, seconded by L. Andolsek to accept the adjusted construction & maintenance tax rate at 5.580 mills. After the foregoing resolution was read in full, there was discussion and no public comments, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 0; ABSTAINED: 0; ABSENT: 2. Thus passing the resolution.

RESOLUTION No. 3:

The Ad Valorem tax rate can be rolled forward up to 5.000 mills from the newly adjusted 4.650 mills. BE IT RESOLVED, by the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District of the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on October 15, 2024, 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 2024, 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: 4.650 mills; Ad Valorem 2024 Levy 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 2024 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.

A. Peltier motioned, seconded by L. Andolsek to roll forward with the 5.000 millage rate not exceeding the maximum authorized rate. After the foregoing resolution was read in full, there were no public comments or discussion, 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: 8; NAYS 1 (Tim Allen); ABSTAINED: 0; ABSENT: 2. No discussion or public comment. Two-thirds of the total board membership of 11 is 7.33 or 8 votes. Receiving 8 votes in favor, the resolution is passed.

RESOLUTION No. 4:

The Construction and Maintenance tax rate can be rolled forward up to 6.000 mills from the newly adjusted 5.580 mills.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District of the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on October 15, 2024, 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 2024, 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 and Maintenance Adjusted Rate: 5.580 mills; Levy 2024 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 2024 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.

T. Allen motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to roll forward with the 6.000 millage rate not exceeding the maximum authorized rate. After the foregoing resolution was read in full, there were no public comments or discussion, 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: 7; NAYS: 2 (Tim Allen and Louis Andolsek); ABSTAINED: 0; ABSENT: 2. No discussion or public comment. Two-thirds of the total board membership of 11 is 7.33 or 8 votes. Receiving 7 votes in favor, the resolution fails.

Election of Officers: C. Kief stated NLLD will hold the election of officers for the term beginning November 1, 2024 and ending October 31, 2025. He opened the floor for nominations of president, vice president and treasurer. After a brief open discussion, R. Foret nominated Cory Kief as president, Tim Allen as vice president, and Louis Andolsek as treasurer as a general consensus of the discussion for nomination. R. Foret then motioned, seconded by R. Pitre to close the nominations and accept them. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously to accept the slate of officers who were nominated as elected.

A. Thibodaux – West Project Area: Report given

B. Thibodaux - Lockport - Bayou Blue Project Area:

Drainage District 12 Prairie Levee Improvements: Report given.

Upper Bayou Folse Watershed Backwater Flood Protection: Report given.

C. Lockport - Larose Project Area:

Lockport to Larose Reach B Levee Project: Report given.

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: Report given.

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. 2 in the amount of \$249,506.29 from Sealevel Construction, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No

discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by R. Foret to approve payment of Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$295,399.23 from Sealevel Construction, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

T-Bois Ludevine Levee Tie In: Report given.

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 various projects.

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

Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana (ALBL): D. Bourgeois mentioned the ALBL will have its annual meeting on December 4-5 in New Orleans and to let Katie know if anyone of the board members would like to attend.

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 Chairman Louis Andolsek reported that the Finance and Priority Committee conducted a meeting on September 17, 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 is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2024, following the Finance and Priority Meeting at 4:30 pm that same day at this office located at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:14 PM on motion by R. Pitre, seconded by D. Kiffe.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director