

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, November 19, 2024

Regular Meeting: The Regular Monthly meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, by Vice President Tim Allen at 5:20 pm. The pledge was led by Louis Andolsek and the invocation given by Katie DeRoche. The meeting was held at the District's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. Vice President Tim Allen called roll. Commissioners present were Tim Allen, Rodney Foret, Tory Hebert, Elmo Pitre, Louis Andolsek, and Adley Peltier. Robert Pitre, Darcy Kiffe, Cory Kief, 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: L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to approve the minutes of Tuesday, October 15, 2024, Finance & Priority Committee meeting and the Regular Board meeting. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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 on this project. T. Hebert motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve payment of Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$12,292.05 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Upper Bayou Folse Watershed Backwater Flood Protection: Report given.

C. Lockport - Larose Project Area:

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 L. Andolsek to approve payment of Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$136,405.75 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 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: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer gave an updated report on this project. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to adopt the aforementioned Process for acquiring Rights of Ways for the Morganza to the Gulf Reach 2 Drainage Channel Improvements project (NLLD Project No. 6800.63Z) as detailed by the Director and authorizing the NLLD President or the Director to sign any and all related documents. No discussion or public

comment. Motion passed unanimously. T. Hebert motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to set the Act of Sale purchase price for acquiring the temporary and permanent Rights of Ways for the Morganza to the Gulf Reach 2 Drainage Channel Improvements project (NLLD Project No. 6800.63Z) as those amounts that are described in the ARE Market Appraisal Report titled "Morganza to the Gulf Reach 2 Drainage Project" initially dated October 31, 2024. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. R. Foret motioned, seconded by T. Hebert to table the motion on the agenda to allow the immediate purchase and acquisition of servitudes and ROWs on property within the Morganza to the Gulf Reach 2 Drainage Improvements Project area, which are subject to an existing mortgage, without the necessity of acquiring a release or subordination of the mortgage prior to acquisition, where such cost of acquiring the ROW is less than \$10,000. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to approve Change Order No. 2 to increase the contract time by 3 days due to adverse weather conditions in the month of September as requested by Sealevel Construction, Inc. and 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.

State Mandated Ethics and Sexual Harassment Training: D. Bourgeois stated Katie will send dates and times for commissioners to watch the required trainings.

Request for an AG Opinion: D. Bourgeois explained his thoughts of the law requiring a 2/3 vote from the NLLD membership for the proposal to increase revenue without a vote from constituents, which NLLD had done last month. He expressed this requirement seems unfair to those voting in favor or opposed and asked the board to consider a motion to get an Attorney General opinion as to if NLLD interpreted the vote correctly; and, depending on the outcome of that AG opinion, come back to the board with a possible change to the legislation governing this particular issue with the NLLD Board. A. Peltier motioned, seconded by T. Hebert to ask the Attorney General's office for an opinion as to if the Board correctly interpreted the outcome of the votes on the motions to consider rolling forward the adjusted millages at our Regular Board meeting on October 15, 2024. Further, allowing the President or Executive Director to sign any and all relative documents in requesting this opinion. 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 Chairman Louis Andolsek reported that the Finance and Priority Committee conducted a meeting on October 15, 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 Vice President stated the next

Regular Monthly Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2024, following the Finance and Priority Meeting at 4:45 pm that same day to consider the 2024 Revised Final Budget and the 2025 Proposed Budget at this office located at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland.

E. Pitre motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to enter Executive Session, pursuant to LA R.#. 42:17A (2) to discuss the annual evaluations and salary reviews for 2025 of all NLLD employees: Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director; Travis Colombel, Field Coordinator; Katie DeRoche, Executive Assistant; Arthur Ostheimer, Project/Program Manager; Brandy Theriot, Project/Accounting Assistant; and Kayla Culpepper, Accounting Specialist. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. E. Pitre motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to return to Regular Session at 7:42 pm. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. E. Pitre motioned, seconded by L. Andolsek to take any action authorized by the board in Executive Session. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:43 PM on motion by R. Foret, seconded by T. Hebert.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director