

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, April 15, 2025

Regular Meeting: The Regular Monthly meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, by President Cory Kief at 5:21 pm. The meeting was held at the District's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. President Cory Kief called roll. Commissioners present were Cory Kief, Tim Allen, Rodney Foret, Adley Peltier, Darcy Kiffe, Louis Andolsek, Robert Pitre, and Elmo Pitre. Tory Hebert, 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 Project/Accounting Assistant Brandy Theriot, NLLD Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche, Field Coordinator Travis Colombel, NLLD Attorney Patrick Amedee, members of the public, and various engineering professionals.

Approval of Minutes: R. Pitre motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 18, 2025 Finance & Priority Committee meeting and the Regular Board meeting. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of Millage Rates for the 2025 Tax Roll: C. Kief stated each year NLLD has to pass a resolution adopting its millage rates and send it to the Parish Assessor's Office for submission to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office. It is proposed that NLLD's millage rates remain the same as were adopted in 2024 and as follows: Constitutional millage rate for 2025 at 5 mills and the Voter approved millage for 2025 at 5.580 mills. C. Kief asked NLLD attorney Pat Amedee to read the appropriate parts of the resolution aloud, as required by law. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to accept the motion as written. No discussion or public comment. After a roll call vote, the motion passed with eight yays, zero nays, and three absent and no abstentions.

R. Pitre motioned, seconded by D. Kiffe to deviate from the agenda to allow public comment for Robert Theriot, who resides at 414 Eagle, Raceland LA 70394. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Theriot spoke of the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) and how to get involved if anyone is interested. T. Allen motioned, seconded by R. Foret to return to the regular agenda items. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

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 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 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 L. Andolsek to approve payment of Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$145,492.50 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 E. Pitre to approve payment of Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$152,399.95 from Sealevel Construction, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. 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 (General): Report given.

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

K. General Items:

Additional Photos (Presentation): There were no additional photos to present.

ALBL Annual Workshop: D. Bourgeois reported this year's ALBL Annual Workshop will be from May 1-2 in Baton Rouge and to let Katie know if any of the board members would like to attend.

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

Meeting with Insurance Commissioner Temple on Flood Insurance: update given.

POTUS on WOTUS post SCOTUS ruling on Sacket: update given.

Louisiana Board of Ethics Reporting Requirements: A reminder was given to the board.

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 March 18, 2025 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. During the committee meeting prior to this board meeting, the committee also reviewed the completed Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as a required part of the annual audit engagement of Louisiana government agencies. E. Pitre motioned, seconded by R. Pitre to authorize the Board President and Secretary/Treasurer to sign the required Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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, May 20, 2025, following the Finance and Priority Meeting at 5:15 pm that same day at this office located at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:47 PM on motion by R. Foret, seconded by A. Peltier.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director