

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, October 19, 2021 (Note: due to Hurricane Ida, there was no September regular Meeting.)

The Regular Monthly meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District Board of Commissioners was called to order on October 19, 2021, by Mr. Cory Kief, Board President, at 5:28 PM. The meeting was held at the district's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. The pledge was led by Adley Peltier, and the invocation was given by Susan Testroet-Bergeron. President Kief called roll.

Commissioners present were Cory Kief, Darcy Kiffe, Adley Peltier, Elmo Pitre, Rodney Foret, Louis Andolsek, and Susan Testroet-Bergeron. Commissioners Tim Allen, Percy Gasery, Kenney Matherne, and Robert Pitre were absent. Others present were NLLD Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois; NLLD Project/Program Manager Arthur Ostheimer; NLLD Attorney Pat Amedee; NLLD Administrative Assistant Madonna Viguerie; Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche; Office Assistant Peggy Boudwin and various engineering professionals.

The Election of Officers was on the agenda. However, due to some commissioners being absent, S. Bergeron motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to table this item to next month's meeting agenda. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by L. Andolsek, seconded by A. Peltier, to approve the minutes of the following meetings: August 17, 2021, Regular Board Meeting and August 17, 2021, Finance & Priority Committee. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution in Recognition of Service to the NLCLDD by Mr. Larry Maronge: D. Bourgeois reported NLLD and the community lost a valued member and leader, Mr. Larry Maronge, on September 16, 2021. D. Bourgeois read a Resolution honoring the life of Mr. Larry Maronge, who served as a previous board member of the NLLD. D. Bourgeois mentioned he was a wonderful member and person.

Hurricane Ida report and Opportunity for Public wishing to address the Board: D. Bourgeois reported on the events during and post Hurricane Ida. He spoke in detail of the NLLD's preparation; actions during the storm and what the storm did; the aftermath of the storm- specifically the T-Bois FDA flooding, West Larose Area Flooding, Des Allemands FDA flooding, Zeller/Larouse and BB School FDA flooding in Kraemer, and overall topping; repairs and emergency actions. He also reported that on Monday, October 11, LPG and NLLD hosted an open discussion meeting at the Larose Civic Center for the community that flooded between Hamilton St. and Industrial Park. There was a good turn out and though people were frustrated, D. Bourgeois thinks the meeting went well and was much needed to clarify the flooding that took place and why. NLLD also spoke about projects in the works and those in the near future. President Archie Chaisson spoke about Parish issues and Attorney Ray Collins was there to give information on insurance policies and claims. People left with understanding their risks and the timing they have to wait for those risks to be mitigated. The goal of the meeting was to help those in the community make a well-informed decision about rebuilding. C. Kief stated he was at the Public Outreach meeting for those in between Hamilton St. and Industrial Park and tried to help those who attended to understand the reality of the status of NLLD's projects and the risks of where they live. He also spoke about many of the NLLD's projects were already underway, but they require time and money. D. Bourgeois also commented on how the NLLD's staff came together to work hard and unselfishly for the district during the storm's recovery process. D. Bourgeois stated if there is any public wishing to address the board related to Hurricane IDA, they are welcome to now.

A. Thibodaux – West Project Area:

Acadia Woods: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported NLLD has been working with the City of Thibodaux, LPG and TPCG to try to sweep then possibly maintenance dredge the St. Louis Canal. The

objective of this project is to bring improved drainage to the Acadia Woods area of Lafourche Parish and the City of Thibodaux. It is the first step in considering an approach to appropriate back water flooding protection for this area of Lafourche Parish / City that drains directly into Terrebonne Parish. Thus far, cooperation with Terrebonne Parish has been very good. NLLD executed an agreement with TBS to run a couple of hydraulic models to determine if the new water level maintained in St. Louis Bayou at the pump station will transfer to a water level in Acadia woods if the bayou is dredged. Once this is done, NLLD will determine moving forward with a possible dredge section for the bayou.

Waverly No. 2 Channel Project: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported NLLD is in the process of developing a NLLD project that will create a new major drainage channel called the Waverly No. 2 Channel Project. NLLD is working on RoW issues with the property owners before moving forward. NLLD will be touching base with the appraiser to see the status of the valuation report for the right of ways. NLLD will request to present more information to the T-RAD Committee once it is put together.

B. Thibodaux - Lockport - Bayou Blue Project Area:

NSU Drainage Study: D. Bourgeois reported in the future, updates on the project will be based on whatever the Committee wishes to report for the project each month. But there are some possibilities of portions of this being advanced along with some work on the Coastal Center.

Bayou Blue – Hollywood Backwater Flood Protection Project: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported The State’s Annual Plan includes future funding expected from GOMESA funds for engineering and construction. Leonard Chauvin P.E., Inc. has been working with the state on the final design, while working on the bid documents. There has been a tremendous amount of back and forth between CPRA and the geotechnical consultant for the project. There was final clean-up of the bidding documents and were submitted to CPRA. NLLD is hoping to have concurrence to begin advertising in the near future.

TLBB Element 2, (Lockport to Mathews Levee Improvement Project): D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported the Lemoine Company, LLC is the contractor on Phase II which is the canal relocation and berm construction. This phase is included in an IGA with CPRA for GOMESA funds reimbursement. Phase 2 of this project is looking very good as Lemoine is continuing to perform the work authorized in the change order. All NLLD projects were delayed due to Ida. However, they are close to 80% complete with the additional shaping. Hopefully they will be substantially complete or close to it by the next meeting.

Cyprien FDA Channel Improvements/Cyprien Discharge Channel Levee Improvements: A Ostheimer reported Sealevel has completed the levee work and installation of rip rap along the canal bank. They currently have a few remaining punch list items that may not be completed until they finish the modifications on the Cyprien Pump Station.

Butch Hill and Twin Oaks Pump Station and FDA Improvements: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported this project is a group of related projects that would combine the Twin Oaks and Butch Hill Pump Stations which are both in disrepair along with improving the overall FDAs and performing levee maintenance on the surrounding levees. The Board has determined the proposed approximately 100 Acre tract of land would have economic benefits to the Butch Hill / Twin Oaks FDA, would be beneficial to the Replacement / Consolidation of the Butch Hill and Twin Oaks Pump stations and would provide needed material for the Raceland Prairie Levee System Rehabilitations. NLLD is working on implementing the plans for the property to get started upon finalization of the purchase. Everything is in place for execution of the purchase, but there was a delay from the storm in finalizing the transaction.

Raceland Prairie District 2 of 12 Seepage Repairs: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Low Land Construction Company, Inc. is the contractor on this project to address seepage areas. Low Land has about a day or two left of dredging to complete the project. They have submitted a request for change and were able to place some additional material along the levee. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve Change Order No. 3 to increase the contract amount by \$25,376.00 to adjust for

actual quantities used and the contract time by 60 days to extend the construction period to November 11, 2021 as requested by Low Land Construction Co., Inc. and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. A. Peltier motioned, seconded by R. Foret to approve payment of pay request #2 in the amount of \$137,569.14 from Low Land Construction Co., Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Lockport - Larose Project Area:

Lockport – Larose Levee Project Reaches C4, C5, and D1: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Onshore Materials, LLC is the contractor on this project that is phase 1 and 2 of the improvements to the levees in these reaches. Onshore is currently hauling material from the borrow pit and installing it in the section over the pipeline toward Edgar Guidry Pump Station. NLLD has requested from Neil and all other engineers to submit a change order to account for lost time during Hurricane Ida and get the contract time up to date. L. Andolsek asked if there were any breaches to this particular levee system. D. Bourgeois said there were no breaches in this levee system or on the whole west side of the district.

Lockport to Larose Reach B Levee Project: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Picciola & Associates continues to work on acquiring a ROW for a pipeline crossing for this levee reach. A bit more money came to CPRA via local legislators (Zee) that was allocated to NLLD for this project. NLLD will be receiving \$1M available this year for this project and will be working with Picciola to finalize the plans for the project in an effort to get them ready to review by CPRA as soon as the IGA is executed. During the days after Ida, the external private levee which is outside NLLD's system along Bayou L'Bleau breeched and elevated the water level to within a few inches of the crown of the levee which highlighted the need to get this project to construction.

Comeaux Drive Drainage Project: D. Bourgeois reported the NLLD and the Town of Lockport have had studies and work done since early 2018 to get resolution for their drainage problems. LCI was engaged to advance the design and ROW requirements on this to help the Town pursue funding during the coming year. NLLD also asked the Parish and LP DD#1 to get involved in the search for funding. Additionally, NLLD has sent preliminary plans and cost estimates for the work north of Hwy 1, to the Town for their review. The mayor's office is working to coordinate a follow-up meeting.

D. Choupic Project Area:

East 80 Arpent (Dixie Canal): D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported the Linkbelt/Wilco Deep-water Marsh Buggy is being used for some long term and long overdue maintenance dredging. The deep-water buggy has completed the first phase of dredging of the Dixie. Sealevel is currently clearing the next section and installing the retaining dike. NLLD's machine is working with them to complete these tasks. This work is expected to take a couple more weeks, then will begin dredging the canal.

West Choupic Storm Water Protection Project: D. Bourgeois reported NLLD hosted a meeting at the Choupic Fairgrounds on June 29 to give the community another opportunity to form a decision to place a backwater flood protection levee in the area. NLLD believes the majority of the landowners now understand their need for a levee. This desire was enriched with the passage of IDA. To move forward, NLLD is working with LCI to re-align the proposed levee in an area that avoids the worst impacts to landowners, yet still may be OK with the Corps. The goal is to establish that alignment and have a Pre-App meeting with the Corps to get them to give us a nod. NLLD will then continue notifying and working with the Choupic community impacted landowners until agreeing on a fair proposed project in order for all in the community to receive the flood protection they deserve.

E. St. James Project Area: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported NLLD is developing items in the PA via this drainage study by Duplantis Design Group. NLLD has the findings from DDG and it is pending the review of the T-RADS Project Committee when scheduled. NLLD will also be working with the Parish and

the Lafourche Parish School Board along with local property owners to review some drainage concerns that were made evident during the recent high-water events.

F. Lake Bouef Watershed Project Area:

Zeller/Larousse Forced Drainage Area Systems Improvements: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Phase 2 of this project is designed to provide structural stability to the system and improve the levee to a 5' elevation. CPRA has included \$1M for this project available this year (FY2021) in its Annual Plan coming from GOMESA. The Zeller/Larousse system suffered significant overtopping during Ida. NLLD has been working since the dewatering was completed and pumps were removed to clear the levee of trees and other vegetation to move forward with the previously awarded construction contract. LCI is performing a survey to quantify the amount of material that was loss due to scouring when the levee was overtopped. We are also in the process of clearing the fallen trees from Hurricane Ida on the levee and need to remove trees from the reservoir canals as well. As soon as this work is finished, Sealevel can start the project.

LBW Backwater Protection Project: 308 Farmers Meeting: D. Bourgeois reported NLLD, along with R. Pitre and R. Foret had a meeting with a collection of farmers, landowners, concerned citizens and others from Hwy 308 above Raceland, along with Archie Chaisson, Brian Fontenot, Craig with the Mill and Brian with Louisiana Farm Bureau to discuss how far the CORPS will or will not allow a levee on their properties. The meeting went well and ultimately, all of them accepted what the next steps would have to be. If NLLD were to proceed with a project now it would be too far towards the bayou to avoid impacts to lands that currently would be considered wetlands by the Corps. However, there is at least a possibility that approaching the area from an agriculture agency point of view may yield an opportunity to get the land re-classified, potentially allowing NLLD to build a levee further back. There was an IGA signed last year that would make that ag determination easier; but it is getting some environmental pushback. Simultaneously, the Administration is looking to consider changes to the definition of the WOTUS that may open the door for a bit of revision to consider the definition against "Environmental Justice and Climate Implications" which might be justifiable in this situation. NLLD is asking for the State (CPRA and AG) to weigh in on this once again. NLLD will be trying to form a committee with NRCS, American Sugarcane League, Louisiana Farm Bureau, Senator Brett Allain, Representative Brian Fontenot, the Hwy 308 Farmers, and landowners.

G. Gheens Project Area:

Natural Gas FDA Levee Improvements: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Clark Construction Enterprises, LLC is the contractor for this project that is designed to improve the levee elevation to 7'. The construction is being reimbursed with GOMESA funding through CPRA. NTP was issued back on June 14th but this project is off to a slow start even before Hurricane Ida. Clark has excavated some material to begin hauling and installed culverts to access the levee. NLLD is hoping for significant progress over the next couple of months. R. Foret motioned, seconded by L. Andolsek to approve payment of pay request #1 in the amount of \$53,247.50 from Clark Construction Enterprises, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Upper Barataria Risk Reduction (UBRRP) Project: D. Bourgeois reported this project is included in the State's Master Plan for 2017. The NLLD and the LBLD have been working cooperatively to get this design further down the road. Field and Design work has been progressing well on this project. Following the closure in Bayou Des Allemands, design work would be concentrated on levees to the west in the District. D. Bourgeois said he is putting in a Capital Outlay request to seek funding for that design element which will be supported by the LBLD.

H. Valentine - East Project Area:

New Valentine/Ludevine FDA: D. Bourgeois reported Onshore Materials, LLC is the contractor for this

project to stabilize about 5,500 feet of the levee running from Hamilton St. in Larose towards the Ludevine Pump Station along the Blackwater Canal. A substantial completion inspection and the required surveys were submitted prior to the storm. Picciola has reviewed the surveys and recommended substantial completion for the Board's approval. Based on the final survey and greater than expected settlement, a request for change was submitted for the additional borrow installed on the levee. D. Kiffe asked how much overtopping was there from Hurricane Ida for this levee. It was reported that some water came around from the road end but no overtopping. A. Ostheimer stated the major overtopping was over the adjacent T-Bois Levee and building it up to 8 ft would have prevented water in the Valentine-East Project Area. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve Change Order No. 6 to increase the contract price by \$144,934.00 to compensate for additional borrow and five double swing gates as requested by Onshore Materials, LLC and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. S. Bergeron motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve payment of pay request #16 in the amount of \$124,168.80 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. R. Foret motioned, seconded by S. Bergeron to approve payment of pay request #17 in the amount of \$158,064.80 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by S. Bergeron to accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. D. Bourgeois publicly thanked Onshore Materials, LLC for being an excellent corporate partner to the District by allowing the district to borrow equipment that was in the area for emergency use and storing fuel in their tanks during Hurricane Ida recovery.

T-Bois Levee FDA: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Circle LLC is the contractor on this project that includes maintenance work on the area of the levee from Hamilton St. to North American Shipyard. Prior to the storm, Circle had cleared the levee and was working on the first 3500 LF of the project which is roughly half the length of the overall project. Although they had worked on the levee, they had not been able to elevate the levee very much prior to the storm. This levee was inundated across the whole of the levee. With the intent to get work started back onto this levee, NLLD requested Circle to remove the debris and vegetation from the levee so construction can resume immediately. The storm related work is being handled as a separate change order to pursue reimbursement from FEMA. A. Ostheimer presented the pictures of the water overtopping on the T-Bois Levee to the board. D. Kiffe asked if NLLD will address the low spot around North American Shipyards. D. Bourgeois stated NLLD will ask North American if they want to raise its level of protection as the NLLD is continuing to do or be left out of the levee protection if they do not decide to increase the height. C. Kief also mentioned a completed Morganza to the Gulf system will prevent more future flooding in this project area. D. Bourgeois said the district will still need to address multiple and internal lines of defense within the system even with the Morganza to the Gulf being completed. C. Kief said Hurricane Ida helped the region understand its weaknesses, where it stands and what needs to be fixed moving forward. D. Kiffe motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve payment of pay request #2 in the amount of \$47,829.65 from Circle, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. D. Kiffe motioned, seconded by S. Bergeron to approve Change Order No. 1 to increase the contract price by \$48,792.78 to compensate for debris removal and material loss and for an additional 33 days to extend the construction period to October 9, 2021 due to Hurricane Ida as requested by Circle, LLC and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

T-Bois Ludevine Levee Tie In: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported this project will connect the T-Bois Levee on the eastern side of Hamilton Street to the Ludevine Levee on the Western side of Hamilton

Street. It will provide some interconnectivity to the two FDAs. NLLD will take advantage of the property off of Hamilton Street that will be purchased to provide the material for this project and will hopefully be able to perform the earthen work as a proposal. Work has started on the earthen portion. This project will tie the Ludevine side to the T-Bois side up to Hamilton Street. Work on the tie in for Hamilton Street will continue to include it in the budget for the Board consideration for next year. This project will also tie in the two force drainage areas in preparation for construction of the new Ludevine Pump Station.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, reach 2 Interim Improvements: D. Bourgeois reported the NLLD awarded the construction contract to Dynamic Group, LLC at its June meeting thus committing \$1,989,758.00 of NLLD's net assets towards NLLD Project No. 6800.63Z and authorizing the NLLD President to sign, execute, and administer a contract and any and all relevant documents. This project is designed to enhance nearly 20,000 LF of levee improvements to an approximate 7.5' elevation and modify the Ludevine Pump Station to account for the modified levee section. The CPRA will provide \$3M for this project available through Capital Outlay / State Surplus funds. While it was awarded in June, the execution of the contract was delayed due to an injunction filed by the lowest bidder (Rigid) contesting the award. The injunction was dismissed by Rigid without going to court, allowing the contract to be executed; however, with the conditions after Hurricane Ida, D. Bourgeois said he, as the Executive Director, signed the contracts to avoid further delays. Legal counsel suggested that considering the extenuating conditions, the execution of the contract could take place, followed by ratification by the Board of his signature, thus allowing his signature to bind the Board under contract. S. Bergeron motioned, seconded by D. Kiffe to ratify the signature of the Executive Director, thus allowing the Executive Director to bind and obligate the NLLD under the contract executed with Dynamic Group, LLC, regarding Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, Reach 2 Interim Improvements: (NLLD 6800.63Z), said contract in the amount of \$1,989,758.00. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. A. Ostheimer reported NLLD held the preconstruction meeting for this project on October 12th and a NTP will be issued for October 25th. This levee also had large sections that were overtopped during Ida, so this will be an important project to get completed ahead of next hurricane season.

Ludevine Pump Station Replacement: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported 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 provided \$2.8M in the annual plan for construction of this project. NLLD has been working with GIS Engineering on the development of this project. NLLD has engaged GIS for the design of the pump station. They are working on their preliminary design. NLLD plans to have them work on completing the design by the end of fall with hopes of beginning advertising at the end of this year or early next year.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, Reach 3 Interim Improvements: A. Ostheimer reported NLLD met with TBS on October 7th to discuss the project and are currently scheduling a meeting to discuss a right of way with one of the key landowners on the alignment. NLLD is also expecting to file a permit with the USACE for impacts ASAP and pushing to have this project ready for construction next year.

I. Maintenance and other Regional Projects:

Maintenance Projects: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Outer Limit is continuing maintenance on the Four Point Levee to stop some leaks and restore the elevation. They are close to completing this work. NLLD plans to move to the St. Charles Bypass levee to perform maintenance as soon as Four Point is completed. The NLLD also has LCI working on a prioritized list of maintenance projects in the Chackbay/Choupic areas that NLLD can perform this fall.

Morganza to the Gulf (MTG), Larose to Lockport Feasibility Report: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Delta Coast (DCC) is working on the design of the actual alignment of the levee within the

District and to file the permit application. Now that there is a new start funding for the project, the goal is to closely integrate efforts with the Corps, especially pertaining to permitting. DCC has modified the Reach 1 permit and submitted the information and DNR has inspected the project. To move passed some of the issues, DCC and Dwayne will be planning a meeting with USACE to discuss the project.

Morganza to the Gulf: D. Bourgeois reported the Morganza to the Gulf project has received its federal “new start” funding of \$12.46 million to begin construction of the replacement of the Humble Canal flood control structure. There is now an additional \$19.3 million in MR&T for Morganza to the Gulf, which is more than initially asked to design the GIWW closure in the Congressionally Directed Spending has been agreed upon on the House side. This came as a joint appropriation request from Congressman Scalise and Graves who have put in tremendous work at making this ask possible. Most recently, through the passage of the Disaster Supplemental in the Continuing Resolution, the Corp of Engineers has been given within MR&T, “\$500M to construct authorized flood and storm damage reduction projects in states with a major disaster declared due to Hurricane Ida.” It would appear that only the MtoG system can check that box. So, there will be follow-ups with the Corps to be sure they reach the same conclusion. NLLD, the State and TLCD have an established priorities list based on the largest vulnerabilities along the MtoG alignment for any funding received. It includes. 1)Humble (~\$44.25 Million, finishing the work from the new start) 2) GIWW-East Closure (~\$121 Milion, closure and tie in near North American) 3) GIWW-West Engineering and Design (~\$13.25 Million,) 4)Reach A south – Minors Canal to Marmande Ridge (~\$119.5 Million) 5) Eastern Tie-In (~\$93.75 Million) 6) Minors Canal Flood Gate (~\$29.5 Million) 7) GIWW-West Construction (~\$112 Million) 8) F/L/I/H Levee Lifts (~\$82.75 Million) 9) Required Mitigation (~\$60 Million). Note that the highest priority after finishing what has been started at Humble is the Eastern GIWW closure. For economy, it made sense to work on the design of the GIWW western closure structure but its construction would come after the work on the western and eastern tie in (4 & 5) which are to be worked simultaneously. The Eastern tie in are projects known as Reach 1 from the GIWW to where starting Reach 2 is. It also includes what is called Reach 3 and 4 on the East side of Bayou Lafourche; \$500M would get the project far down this list. NLLD will continue to work closely with the State to continue to push on this and other funding opportunities that are within that Disaster Supplemental; but all in all, this is very good news for the MtoG project.

Morganza to the Gulf (MTG), Reaches K & L and Structures: D. Bourgeois reported the CPRA will be providing \$18.2M in funding for the Grand Bayou Flood gate between Reaches K & L in Lafourche Parish. This gate, along with the levees being constructed along Reaches K & L will have a very positive impact on the levees and gravity drainage on the west side of Bayou Lafourche as Grand Bayou is a big source of storm water for those areas. SLLD has contracted with Sealevel Construction for this work and is progressing on schedule with the barge being recently installed.

K. General Items:

Equipment: There were no equipment issues for the month.

TAZ machine: D. Bourgeois reported this new machine was delivered with an issue with the power unit causing it to not properly operate and that is still being addressed by MBI. D. Bourgeois stated his opinion is that MBI is suffering from a nonavailability of key parts that have an exceptional long lead time these days. Between this and some past COVID issues that struck their organization, and now IDA, much of this was beyond their control. They are waiting on one last component at this time. NLLD will be following up with them next week.

Recent Excessive Rainfall: D. Bourgeois reported NLLD has been working to frame up some levee rehabilitation projects in the 6th Ward of the Parish, Forced Drainage Areas north of Thibodaux, Chackbay, Choupic, Choctaw and Kraemer as a result of the rain. NLLD has engaged LCI to do the following: 1) Get the centerline elevations of all these levees in the area and document all locations

where overtopping occurred. 2) From 1) above, develop a prioritized list of maintenance projects to consider addressing the biggest concerns. 3) Advance levee rehabilitation projects for all of these levees to the study and report phase to run these projects through NOPET and pursue funding. The Zeller / Larousse project, that is currently working on the 2nd of three planned phases is a good example of what ultimately needs to be done for these levees. This will all take a considerable amount of time and NLLD will be reporting back to the Board on all of this as things develop. NLLD should have the initial surveys in a few more weeks. But the continued wet weather has made this challenging.

Photo Presentation: A. Ostheimer presented photos and gave explanations on the following projects: flooding in Kraemer; flooding in T-Bois FDA; C4,C5,D1; the overtopping at New Valentine/Ludevine FDA/T-Bois Levee; Coastal to Twin Oaks

NFIP: D. Bourgeois reported FEMA has released RR 2.0 and it is now here. Finally, it is gaining more pushback since people are beginning to recognize its consequences. Groups in LA are beginning to take action to fight RR 2.0. But, LA is a bit of an outlier in this pushback. Slowly, as others see the problems this system is causing, D. Bourgeois said he is hoping to gain allies to join LA legislators who are pushing back against this new rating system at every turn. C. Kief stated ALBL will request the LA AG to file an injunction against FEMA.

Capital Outlay Request: D. Bourgeois reported that although not exactly through the Capital Outlay process, NLLD was able to drop request for the Ludevine Pump Replacement, Basically, NLLD will be resubmitting all of previous projects (MtoG, Eastern Tie In Reach 3, interim improvements, the Raceland Prairie Levee Improvements, and Phase II of both the Jesse Dufrene and Natural Gas levee projects) NLLD did receive Appropriations of P2 \$750K and P5 \$3.75M money for the Raceland Prairie Levee Improvements and NLLD has submitted appropriate Cooperative Endeavor and Request for Line of Credit Forms but NLLD needs to resubmit this year because they have not been funded. NLLD will also be including the request for the design work on the UBRR System in the District.

Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana (ALBL) Annual Meeting: D. Bourgeois reported ALBL will host its annual meeting on December 8-9, 2021 and to let Katie know if interested in attending. Please keep in mind, there will be some Covid-19 restrictions in place for this event.

State Mandated Ethics Training and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training: D. Bourgeois reported just a reminder NLLD needs each board member to complete the annual mandated training. Peggy will be communicating with everyone to coordinate a schedule for those interested in viewing the training videos in person at the NLLD office. There is still the option to complete the ethics training at the state's website <https://laethics.net/EthicsTraining/login.aspx>. And there is also an online option for the sexual harassment prevention training through the district's insurance. Also, there will be Civil Law Trainings available on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 9 am-12:15 pm and the same time on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. The Louisiana Governmental Ethics is presented at these trainings and attendees will receive credit for attending. Katie has sent everyone the detailed notice from the LA AG's office.

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

General Spellmon MtoG Tour: 8/18/21

Congressman Scalise visit and tour: 8/20/21

BIG Zoom call with Senator Cassidy: 8/24/21

Call with Senator Cassidy: 8/25/21

Call with Senator Cassidy on Emergency Supplemental: 9/9/21

Lafourche and Terrebonne Levee Districts & Parish Recovery Discussion: 9/30/21

Congressman Scalise EOC Visit: 10/5/21

Congressman Scalise NFIP Roundtable: 10/8/21

NLLD & LPG Outreach Meeting: 10/11/21

ALBL Executive Meeting: 10/14/21

CPRA Terrebonne Regional Workgroup Meeting #5: 10/18/21

MAC Meeting: 10/19/21

Finance & Priority Committee: Committee Vicechair Louis Andolsek reported that the Finance and Priority Committee conducted a meeting on August 17, 2021. The NLLD Board has a copy of those minutes in tonight's meeting packet. During that meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the Payables Report that was accepted by the full board in the Regular meeting that followed.

Accounts Payable: A motion was made by L. Andolsek, seconded by A. Peltier to accept the Payables Report as given. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

The President called for other engineering reports; there were none.

The President called for additional public comments; there were none.

The President announced the next Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be at 5:30 PM (or immediately following the 5:15 PM F&P Committee meeting) on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at the District's office located at 3862 Highway 1, Raceland, LA. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:00 PM on motion by R. Foret, seconded by L. Andolsek.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director