

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, June 15, 2021**

The Regular Monthly meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District Board of Commissioners was called to order on June 15, 2021 by Mr. Tim Allen, Board Vice President, at 5:22 PM. The meeting was held at the District's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. The pledge was led by Louis Andolsek, and the invocation was given by Susan Testroet-Bergeron. Vice President Allen called roll. Commissioners present were Timothy Allen, Louis Andolsek, Rodney Foret, Darcy Kiffe, Adley Peltier, Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Elmo Pitre, and Robert Pitre. Commissioners Kenney Matherne, Cory Kief, and Percy Gasery were absent. Others present were NLLD Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois; NLLD Project/Program Manager Arthur Ostheimer; NLLD Field Coordinator Glenn Bourgeois; Attorney Pat Amedee; NLLD Administrative Assistant Madonna Viguerie; Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche and various engineering professionals.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by R. Pitre, seconded by E. Pitre, to approve the minutes of the following meetings: May 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, May 18, 2021 Finance & Priority Committee. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. A. Peltier motioned, seconded by R. Pitre to deviate from the agenda by moving agenda item 5D forward in order to accommodate members of the public in tonight's audience. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

**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 NLLD deep-water buggy is continuing to dredge the canal and has approximately 3,500 LF of the 12,000 LF left to dredge. With close to completing this first phase, NLLD will contract the clearing of the next section to continue dredging without delay.

West Choupic Storm Water Protection Project: D. Bourgeois re-introduced this previously tabled project from the November 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. At that time, NLLD had done quite a bit of work and public outreach in an effort to frame up a backwater protection project for West Choupic between Bayou Onion and the Caldwell Road on the North side of Highway 304. This area was then and remains the only part of the Parish's 6th Ward that does not have any backwater flood protection. NLLD's efforts included meeting with the Corps to determine the nature of an acceptable (permissible) alignment, preliminary design, performing a wetland delineation, flagging the approximate location of the levee based on that delineation and numerous public outreach meetings both at the District and in the Community. NLLD indicated in these meetings that the alignment marked was approximate and NLLD would not ultimately propose a final alignment that forced the removal of any immovable improvements on any property. Further, that all who wished to cross the proposed levee and reservoir canal in order to access property to the rear of the levee would be allowed to do so. It was and remains challenging for property owners in that community to understand why NLLD had to propose the levee alignment in an area that is within the most useable part of their property and not further to the rear in the swamps. Although the District sympathizes with that issue, NLLD knows clearly what EPA Environmental Law under section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Corps enforcement policy dictates. Based on the proposed alignment, NLLD received considerable push-back from the community on the proposed project. To better gauge the community's desire for the project, NLLD solicited responses from the landowners in this project area to determine the interest for the proposed alignment to help make a final decision on advancement of the proposed alignment or help NLLD determine if there would be a smaller segment of levee that could be built with independent utility. Each request for a response included a letter that indicated that the approximate alignment marked in the field was literally the only option allowed. In the end the NLLD sent out 110 questionnaires and received back 56 responses. 64% of the responses were negative (not in favor of the project) and 36% was positive. Further, there

were not a plurality of favorable response in any given area to even propose a smaller project for part of the proposed alignment. While we believed the Choupic Community had a sufficient and growing threat of flooding to warrant the project as proposed, NLLD appreciated the right of each landowner to evaluate their perceived threat of flooding Vs their value for the property they would have to contribute to the protection. As such, and without objection from the board, NLLD suspended pursuit of this project until an undetermined future date. That date has arrived. Recent rain events caused unprecedented flood threats in the West Choupic area especially between Bayou Onion and just west of the Sawmill Canal Road. A few homes took on some water in addition to numerous flooded sheds, garages, and gardens and yards. Extraordinary efforts by the local citizens, the LPG and volunteers from the local Fire Departments and others prevented the situation from being worse than it was. Among other things that will be addressed later in the agenda, NLLD has re-engaged LCI to look at the proposed alignment between Bayou Onion and the Sawmill Canal Road. The District's objective is to completely frame up a permissible back water project for that particular portion of Choupic creating or bringing this area into a Forced Drainage Area. This effort would be followed up by additional community engagement, project permitting, acquisition of Rights of Ways, permits for crossing, etc. all the while NLLD looks for funding to complete the project. NLLD has been made aware that there were several people who planned to attend this evening to address the Board; so, D. Bourgeois asked that they be given the opportunity to speak now on the agenda after any immediate questions or comments from the Board. D. Bourgeois said A. Peltier and P. Gasery helped tremendously throughout the recent rain events. D. Bourgeois stated there is some water that has not yet subsided, but the District is still monitoring the water. Vice President T. Allen stated it was not only D. Bourgeois, but a collective decision by the NLLD Board not to go through with the project in respect of majority of the community's disapproval. D. Bourgeois displayed a digital map of the Choupic area on the screen for those members of the community to view as he explained why the area is flooding and needs backwater levee protection. D. Bourgeois stated all of the Upper Barataria Basin water flows into a relatively small channel in Bayou Des Allemands from a basin over 400,000 acres, which is in the back yards of the Choupic community. The Basin was already high with water when this rain event happened and water was coming up through the Bayou Des Allemands channel from a southeast wind. This acted as a plug and could not drain the water from the basin. The land is also sinking, which means the water levels are naturally higher as well. He stated there needs to be a levee in the Choupic community to prevent flooding in the future. He also mentioned how building a gate in Bayou Des Allemands would have improved the water flow and lowered the levels. A pump would be ideal in the channel. However, the pump station would be unrealistically too large and too expensive to build. He will work with A. Peltier to set up a meeting at the Choupic Fairgrounds on June 29 at 6:30 pm for the community members to discuss and give input on the proposed levee project because with the recent weather, some landowners might have changed their minds. Kelly B. Percle, who lives at 890 Hwy 304, Thibodaux, LA 70301 is concerned about the flooding and stated to the Board that she had to place sandbags near her home. She expressed the need of building a backwater levee in the area and asked for help. Kip Kraemer, who lives at 882 Hwy 304, Thibodaux, LA 70301 also commented to the board about flooding concerns. He asked if the Dixie Canal is being dredged to help with drainage until a levee might be built. D. Bourgeois stated the NLLD is dredging and can help with the duration of the water flow. However, D. Bourgeois also said this project is not an alternative to a backwater levee system because clearing the canal will speed drainage out of the district but also speed water coming into the district; only a levee will prevent flooding. Mr. Kraemer volunteered himself to help educate the community. Stacey Weimer, who lives at 724 Hwy 304, Thibodaux, LA 70301 publicly stated she is deeply concerned about the flooding and appreciates any help from the NLLD.

S. Bergeron commended those in the audience from Choupic for taking action to re-engage the process of building the much-needed levee project and encouraged them to stay involved. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by S. Bergeron to return to the agenda as originally scheduled. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

**A. Thibodaux – West Project Area:**

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 functionally parallel to and complimentary to the existing Waverly Ditch NLLD is calling the Waverly No. 2 Channel Project; however, NLLD is working on RoW issues with the property owners before moving forward. NLLD currently has an appraiser working on a valuation for the necessary right of ways for the project. NLLD expects that to be completed in the next two to three weeks at which time NLLD will present all the information to the TRAD committee. R. Pitre stated the LPG needs to do better at approving permits for some home developers in the area. D. Bourgeois said he will continue discussing with the LPG to place stricter ordinances on building subdivisions.

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

NSU Drainage Study: D. Bourgeois stated in the future, updates on the project will be based on whatever the Committee wishes to report for the project each month.

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. (LCI) completed the design and is working on the bid documents. LCI has finalized the revisions to the drawings and submitted them to the NLLD for review and comment. Once the in-house review is completed, drawings will be submitted to CPRA for comment and concurrence to begin advertising. With the annual plan approved and the rest of construction funding approved, the IGA with CPRA will be amended. NLLD will try for a meeting with the councilman in the area who gathered a petition to dredge the canal since he was not aware of this project.

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. Lemoine is finalizing the removal of the remaining section where the original plugs were left and should be done with this sometime in the next week. Based on where NLLD currently stands with the funding of the project, there is an opportunity to continue shaping the dredged material. LCI’s office has put together some sections to place the material along the levee in an area that will be close to final section. The material is still somewhat wet; therefore, NLLD will have to go back in the future with a dozer to perform additional shaping but will be minimized with the placement of the current material. This work will increase the contract value by \$179,789.18 and add 180 days to the contract time. The allocated funding is available to perform this work, so CPRA had no objection. This change order will be funded by GOMESA via CPRA. A. Peltier motioned, seconded by D. Kiffe to approve Change Order No. 6 to increase the contract amount by \$179,789.18 and for an additional 180 days to extend the construction period to September 20, 2021, due to the performance of additional shaping of the material, as requested by The Lemoine Company, LLC and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by R. Pitre to approve payment of pay request #18 in the amount of \$51,956.98 from The Lemoine Company, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Cyprien FDA Channel Improvements/Cyprien Discharge Channel Levee Improvements: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Sealevel has completed the levee work and was cleaning up the site last week. We had originally planned on installing a bulkhead towards the road but based on field conditions we believe that this area can be stabilized with rip rap which allows us to complete this work this year and

decrease the overall cost of the project.

Butch Hill and Twin Oaks Pump Station and FDA Improvements: D. Bourgeois reported this project as discussed when considering the purchase of the property owned by the Sugarland Country Club at LPSO Sheriff's Sale is a large project 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. NLLD is finalizing the NOPET evaluation for the pump station and FDA improvements for this area and reviewing funding opportunities in coordination with LPG. It was sorted through at the T-RADS April 27 meeting and determined by the board at last month's Regular meeting that 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. The board agreed to the purchase of the property if acquired at the lesser of \$452,000.00 or the actual fair market value of the tract. The appraiser is still working on the appraisal for the property. There were some slight adjustments to the layout of the tract needed to make for the planned use of the property which delayed his work but NLLD does expect this information very soon.

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 that will address seepage areas. NLLD held the preconstruction meeting with Low Land at the NLLD office on June 8th and the NTP is set for June 14th. Low Land is currently mobilizing equipment to begin work on the project.

**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. NLLD had a meeting with A/P and Onshore on May 20th where NLLD clearly expressed the sentiments of the Board to both. Topics discussed were the project timeline, issues, and plan moving forward. A/P and the NLLD stressed the need to have significant progress on the project. Onshore stated they believed with good weather they could put a majority of the southern end of the project into section in a matter of three to four weeks. Also discussed was work at the borrow pit and ability to perform that work concurrently with the other work. There has been good progress on the project considering the weather at the end of May and they have worked quite a bit of the material into section. As hurricane season is beginning, NLLD asked Neil to give an assessment of the levee status currently as it relates to stability, height and overall protection compared to the original condition, to frame up what activities, within the current scope of the contract that could be done to put the area in a better position pre-storm season and to better gather how much work is remaining on the project. Neil with A/P gave an update and stated that although the project is not yet complete, it is currently better than it was entering into this hurricane season. The NLLD Board is still displeased with the lack of work from Onshore. There will be another meeting scheduled by Neil with NLLD and Onshore.

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. The permit mitigation requirements are complete. At this time, everything is ready for construction and NLLD will need to budget approximately \$1M of the total project cost of \$1.38M to move the project forward. NLLD will be presenting some options to the Board later this year for funding the project as the year progresses. They will also start working on Phase 2 which will have right of way issues.

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. NLLD engaged LCI to advance the design and ROW requirements to help the Town pursue funding during the coming year. NLLD has also asked the Parish and LP DD#1 to get involved in the search for funding. The Town has submitted a Capital Outlay request for funding which NLLD will support. NLLD has sent preliminary plans

and cost estimates for the work north of Hwy 1, to the Town for their review.

**E. St. James Project Area:** D. Bourgeois reported NLLD is developing items in the PA via this drainage study by Duplantis Design Group. The plan here is to allow Thibodaux to develop this area in a proactive, forward looking way and to avoid trying to correct for unplanned difficult drainage issues in the future. NLLD has DDG's findings from the study and is pending the review of the T-RADS Project Committee.

**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 and the IGA is fully executed. NLLD received bids yesterday for the project. A. Peltier motioned, seconded by R. Foret that NLLD awards the construction contract to Sealevel Construction, Inc. thus committing \$1,015,703.00 of NLLD's net assets towards NLLD Project No. 6600.64Z and authorizing the NLLD President to sign, execute, and administer a contract and any and all relevant documents. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

**G. Gheens Project Area:**

Des Allemands Bulkhead Project: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported ASCE is monitoring the small sloughing area. There has been no change and so, this will probably be the last time reporting on it.

Jesse Dufrene FDA Levee Improvements: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported Onshore Materials, LLC is the contractor for this project which is being partially reimbursed with GOMESA funding through CPRA and designed to raise four miles of levee height from +4' to +7'. The substantial completion was approved in March and the contractor has submitted the Clear Lien Certificate for final payment. NLLD commends Onshore Materials and All South for a project that turned out really good and will deliver much improved backwater flood protection for the Gheens Community. Onshore has addressed the punch list items for the project completing the project. R. Foret motioned, seconded by D. Kiffe to approve payment of pay request #20 in the amount of \$5,306.13 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. E. Pitre motioned, seconded by S. Bergeron to approve payment of pay request #21 for retainage in the amount of \$85,319.11 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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. NLLD held the preconstruction meeting with ASCE and Clark Construction at the NLLD office on June 2nd at which time NTP was issued for June 14th. Clark is currently mobilizing to the project.

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.

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

New Valentine/Ludevine FDA: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer 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. Onshore is continuing to install material in the levee template. At this time, the overall level of protection and stability for this levee has been improved and they are continuing to make good progress. E. Pitre motioned, seconded by S. Bergeron to approve Change Order No. 4 for an additional 29 days to extend the construction period to September 20, 2021 due to adverse weather conditions as requested by Onshore Materials, LLC and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve payment of pay request #13 in the amount of \$113,695.05 from

Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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. Circle has mobilized to the project and begun the clearing and hauling the levee material.

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. The NLLD has Picciola and Associate working on this project. NLLD plans on performing the work in two phases with the first being the levee portion on the westside of Hamilton. Once this is completed the next phase will be to raise a section of Hamilton and install a box culvert to connect the two FDAs for improved functionality. With a lot in this area, completion of this project will be more about logistics than anything else.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, reach 2 Interim Improvements: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported 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. The bid opening was conducted earlier today. E. Pitre motioned, seconded by R. Pitre that NLLD awards the construction contract to Dynamic Group, LLC, 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. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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. GIS has completed a review of the FDA and has recommended replacement of the pump station on the property the NLLD is purchasing off of Hamilton Street. NLLD worked with LPG and they are excited, not only for the new station but also to significantly improve access to the station. The NLLD currently has GIS continuing with the preliminary design of the station with plans to have a final design completed this fall. Once things are finalized by the state, NLLD will also begin working on the IGA. On the Ludevine property purchase that the Board approved last month, NLLD had to get a title opinion which has been completed and performed raw land division for the tract the NLLD is purchasing which Picciola and Associates prepared and submitted to LPG for administrative approval. T. Allen asked if a retention pond is included in this. D. Bourgeois answered yes. T. Allen would also like to conduct a meeting within a separate committee to discuss NLLD's ownership of land with Attorney Pat Amedee present.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, Reach 3 Interim Improvements: A. Ostheimer reported Outer Limit Contractor has completed the clearing along the Gayosa Ridge and the NLLD has requested TBS to perform a wetland delineation to finalize an alignment. NLLD has a meeting with Valentine Chemical to discuss the alignment and project on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and will request a RoW at that time in order to continue clearing the alignment back to the Old Valentine Pump Station.

#### **I. Maintenance and other Regional Projects:**

Maintenance Projects: A. Ostheimer reported Outer Limit is performing maintenance on the Four Point Levee to stop some leaks and restore the elevation. Next plan is to move to the St. Charles Bypass levee to perform maintenance as soon as Four Point is completed.

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. DCC has modified the Reach 1 permit and submitted the information. They are going to set up a site visit for DNR to come out and look at 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. The Construction Kick-off meeting was done on this and is progressing well. The next steps for the project in the future will be to secure funding on an annual basis. MAC is proposing different funding options and must be aware of all legislative actions needed to take to stay ahead. One such potential partial funding option may occur, and Congressmen Scalise and Graves are working together to make a joint appropriations request. D. Bourgeois had a roundtable breakfast with Congressman Scalise on Friday, June 11, and while they are still hopeful this can become a part of an infrastructure package, the actual process that gets an infrastructure bill to the President’s desk is anybody’s guess. Everyone is working to being in the best position to receive additional federal funding for this project from several directions in addition to the expected Corps / Congressional Appropriations process now that there is a new start designation for the 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.

Equipment: G. Bourgeois reported the following equipment updates for the month. There were no issues with equipment. NLLD demonstrated the MBI CAT 330 buggy today to MBI because they are accepting the buy-back request as was in the contract. This will be \$206,000.00 coming back into the NLLD budget for purchasing new equipment. L. Andolsek asked if the Taz buggy is functioning and D. Bourgeois said like everything else, the parts are slowly coming in, and so, the receiving time of the Taz buggy will be postponed. L. Andolsek suggested possibly keeping the MBI CAT 330 buggy since ordering a new machine would not be available as quick as usual. D. Bourgeois said NLLD is able to rent a machine in the time being. T. Allen stated owning a certain machine is beneficial for emergencies but NLLD should not own numerous equipment. D. Bourgeois mentioned there is a state agreement between all LA levee districts to borrow other levee districts’ equipment in the state of emergencies.

Recent Excessive Rainfall: D. Bourgeois reported it started raining on Monday May 17th and did not really stop until sometime on Friday the 21st. Then, very strong SE winds started for the next two days. Most parts of the District fared well through this event. Things were not so OK for the communities in the 6th Ward of the Parish where the upper Barataria Basin was already swollen from several rain events in the prior weeks. Forced Drainage Areas north of Thibodaux, Chackbay, Choupic, Choctaw and Kraemer all had issue with high backwater elevations topping the levees in likely 40 places. During these events NLLD used its contractors to support the LPG DPW in taking emergency actions to prevent these over toppings from damaging the levees and potentially overwhelming the pump stations. At its peak, four excavators and operators were working with the Parish to get things under control. While NLLD did not build any of these levees, they are within our jurisdiction. It is time to consider some levee rehabilitation projects in these areas. But first, 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. R. Pitre was approached by many farmers to facilitate a meeting between NLLD, LPG and the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Drainage to relieve some backwater issues. D. Bourgeois said he is definitely willing to work with R. Pitre and these citizens because a lot of these issues are caused by subsidence.

Photo Presentation: A. Ostheimer presented photos and gave explanations on the following projects: New Ludevine/Valentine Levee; C4,C5,D1; Dixie Canal; T-Bois; TLBB Element II

2021 Regular Session: D. Bourgeois gave an update on funding the NLLD will receive from session.

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:

**CPRA Board Meeting: 5/19**

**House Transportation SCR 9 & SB 87 Hearings: 5/24**

**HTV Bayou Time and Going Public: 5/25**

**Nicholls/Local Ports Meeting: 5/27**

**Phone call w/ Kevin Pitts of NSU Incubator: 6/3**

**Roundtable Breakfast with Rep. Steve Scalise: 6/11**

**BIG Luncheon/three levee district hurricane presentations: 6/14**

Finance & Priority Committee: Committee Vice Chairman L. Andolsek reported that the Finance and Priority Committee conducted a meeting on May 18, 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. In that same meeting the committee reviewed information and a benefit analysis on the potential acquisition of property at the end of Hamilton Street in Larose as a source of material for a few projects. That item was taken up by the board later that evening, where it was approved for purchase.

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

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

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

The Vice 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, July 20, 2021 at the District's office located at 3862 Highway 1, Raceland, LA. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:57 PM on motion by R. Pitre, seconded by R. Foret.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director