

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, November 16, 2021**

The Regular Monthly meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District Board of Commissioners was called to order on November 16, 2021, by Mr. Cory Kief, Board President, at 5:30 PM. The meeting was held at the district's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. The pledge was led by Robert Pitre, and the invocation was given by Susan Testroet-Bergeron. President Kief called roll. Commissioners present were Cory Kief, Adley Peltier, Elmo Pitre, Rodney Foret, Louis Andolsek, Tim Allen (arrived at 5:51 pm), and Susan Testroet-Bergeron. Commissioners Percy Gasery, Kenney Matherne, and Darcy Kiffe 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.

R. Pitre motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to deviate from the agenda to table the vote on the election of officers until later in the meeting. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by S. Bergeron, seconded by R. Foret, to approve the minutes of the following meetings: October 19, 2021, Regular Board Meeting and October 19, 2021, Finance & Priority Committee. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Hurricane Ida Recovery Report: D. Bourgeois reported on NLLD's facility repairs, such as the walls being finished and now waiting for the flooring and the roof and hopefully by the end of the year the building will be closer to being completed. NLLD is continuing with the Debris removal from the levees and contractual work. NLLD will be holding another public outreach meeting on December 6, 2021, at 6 pm in Kraemer. President Archie Chaisson with LPG has reached out to NLLD because they have received a lot of calls with questions from the Kraemer area. There will be Coastal Louisiana Levee Consortium meeting to address some of the emergency response issues during Hurricane Ida and other storms. C. Kief asked if anyone from the audience was wishing to address the board on these issues at this time. There were no public comments.

**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. TBS has been engaged to run some hydraulic modeling and once completed they will forward the results so NLLD can better determine if dredging the channel will have a positive effect for Acadia Woods.

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. The appraiser preparing the valuation report has been slowed after the storm. He should be getting back to NLLD very soon with a timeframe for delivering the report. 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 there are some possibilities of portions of this potential project being advanced along with some work on the Coastal Center and NLLD has addressed its funding needs with CPRA and the Governor's office. That is developing and will report on that later.

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. LCI responded to some additional questions/requests by CPRA, which was returned to them a two weeks ago. CPRA is currently reviewing these responses and if they are good, NLLD will advertise. NLLD is working on the IGA amendment for the 2022 funding.

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 nearing substantial completion and expect to schedule the inspection very soon. LCI has recommended a change order for contract time and two requests for payments for the Boards consideration. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve Change Order No. 7 to increase the contract time by an additional 75 days to extend the construction period to December 4, 2021, due to inclement weather, site conditions and Hurricane Ida 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 A. Peltier to approve payment of pay request #20 in the amount of \$264,723.46 from The Lemoine Company, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. S. Bergeron motioned, seconded by L. Andolsek to approve payment of pay request #21 in the amount of \$17,722.05 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: A Ostheimer reported Sealevel has a few remaining punch list items which they may not be able to complete 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. The purchase from BAC Land, LLC in the amount of \$445,005.00 was executed on November 8, 2021. The Parish is moving forward with the design of the pump station. NLLD is finalizing the site plan and will begin clearing and excavating material. NLLD also met with LPG / GIS / LCI and discussed the pump station which they currently have in design. C. Kief asked how much does the pump station cost. D. Bourgeois said about \$9.2 million.

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 had to move their equipment to help with some storm work but NLLD expects the project to be completed very soon. There is about \$3.75 million from Priority 5 capital outlay request money from the LA state. NLLD met with LCI last week to start the process of prioritizing various sections of this levee.

### **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 and about 1/3 of the way to the pump. Neil with Angelette Picciola reported Onshore has been doing a wonderful job on the levee work and has been working 7 days a week and progressing really well with hauling the material.

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 after the IGA draft from the CPRA. NLLD has budgeted funds to move forward with the project. Picciola is working to finalize the plans to include working with the pipelines. NLLD hopes to have plans and specs ready for CPRA to review as soon as the IGA is finalized. 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. NLLD has completed the clearing of the spoil bank and creation of the retainage dike. NLLD's deep-water buggy has started dredging the second section of the canal and is expected to take a few months to complete.

West Choupic Storm Water Protection Project: D. Bourgeois reported NLLD is working with LCI to re-align the proposed levee in an area that avoids the worst impacts to landowners yet may still be OK with the Corps. The goal is to establish that alignment and have a Pre-App meeting with the Corps to see if they will give a nod and then continue notifying and working with the Choupic community impacted landowners until a fair proposed project is agreed upon. A. Peltier asked when NLLD will meet with the USACE? D. Bourgeois said he has had a few conversations with the USACE about the alignment. C. Kief stated that hopefully Hurricane Ida has helped the people in these communities open up to building more protection in the area.

**E. St. James Project Area:** D. Bourgeois 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 May 2021 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. NLLD has completed the clearing of the trees from the Zeller/Larousse levees and LCI is discussing with Sealevel on starting on the Zeller levee while NLLD gets the Larousse side forced drainage channel clear of fallen trees. NLLD is trying to get the clearing work approved through FEMA. C. Kief stated this project needs to be built higher than the original 5' because of the amount of water that came over the levee system during Hurricane Ida. D. Bourgeois agreed with this and said he needs modeling to back up a request for more funding to build at a higher elevation. Discussion ensued about this issue. L. Andolsek brought up how the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) with the new FEMA maps through Risk Rating 2.0 will affect where and to what extent the NLLD builds levee protection because according to the new maps, more homeowners will be added to flood zones without mitigation options. D. Bourgeois stated L. Andolsek was correct about the problems with RR 2.0, which will have major consequences for the coastal regions and will address this in detail later in the meeting.

LBW Backwater Protection Project: 308 Farmers Meeting: D. Bourgeois reported NLLD's issue with this project is that if NLLD were to proceed with a project now the levee would have to be placed too far towards the bayou in order 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. NLLD will try to form a committee with NRCS, American Sugarcane League, LA 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. NLLD held a progress meeting with Clark to discuss concerns regarding the lack of progress on the project. They are attempting to address these concerns. They have started hauling material onto the levee section for the project. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by R. Foret to approve Change Order No. 1 to increase the contract time by an additional 31 days to extend the construction period to April 11, 2022, due to rain/wet condition days, including Hurricane Ida, as requested by Clark Construction Enterprises, LLC and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by S. Bergeron to approve payment of pay request #2 in the amount of \$67,168.42 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 has submitted a Capital Outlay request to seek funding for that design element which will be supported by the LBLD and has spoken to a few legislators about this. C. Kief asked what type of damage took place in Gheens. D. Bourgeois answered that there was slight water topping and trees over the levees. There was one location where water came into the system that NLLD was not allowed to work on because of permit issues.

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

New Valentine/Ludevine FDA: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer 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. The Certificate of Substantial Completion was accepted last month and is in the clear lien period. This project came out quite well.

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. After some delays due to staffing issues, Circle has begun installing material onto the levee section. NLLD held a progress meeting for the project last week and Circle is confident they can still finish the project within the allotted contract time. A. Peltier motioned, seconded by R. Pitre to approve Change Order No. 2 to increase the contract time by an additional 86 days to extend the construction period to January 3, 2022 due to adverse weather conditions as requested by Circle, LLC and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to approve payment of pay request #3 in the amount of \$21,609.51 from Circle, LLC 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 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. This project has gotten off to a good start and NLLD is using onsite material from the land purchased earlier this year. The material is excellent and the dry

weather has allowed for the excavation and movement of a good bit of material this month. NLLD has also budgeted the funds to complete the tie in once this project and T-Bois improvements are complete. Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, reach 2 Interim Improvements: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer 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. NLLD held the preconstruction meeting for this project on October 12th and a NTP was issued for October 25th. Dynamic has started working the provided borrow pit and has excavated and begun preparing a good bit of material for processing. NLLD held a progress meeting last week and the project had a good start with the recent dry weather.

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 is continuing to work on the plans for the project and NLLD is expecting preliminary drawings from them this week for review. CPRA has forwarded the draft IGA agreement for our review also. NLLD is hoping to have plans to submit for CPRA review as soon as the IGA is executed which generally takes around 60-90 days.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, Reach 3 Interim Improvements: A. Ostheimer reported NLLD is pushing to have this project ready for construction next year as the NLLD will be pursuing funding for the project. NLLD is working through some alignment and right of way issues right now which we hope to have resolved very soon.

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

Maintenance Projects: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer reported NLLD still has to complete the Four Point Levee work. NLLD has DDG putting a proposal together for maintenance on the St. Charles levee. The NLLD also has LCI working on a prioritized list of maintenance projects in the Chackbay/Choupic areas that can be performed this winter.

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 this week 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. The House also just passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework (HR 3684) by a vote of 228 to 206. 13 republicans voted for and 6 democrats voted against it. Having already passed the Senate, the measure moved to the White House for a signature yesterday. This will also include significant funding in the MR&T. This is more good news for the Morganza to the Gulf project. Previously, 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 Million, 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. There has been a lot of positive news and movement when it comes to the funding of the MtoG. NLLD will continue to work with the State and federal delegation to continue to push on this and other funding opportunities that are within that Disaster Supplemental and MR&T.

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. Regarding Reach L, before the storm hit, SLLD had put out a bid for the western portion of Reach L which ties the eastern portion of reach L ultimately to the new gate in Grand Bayou. However, all bids came in over budget, so the project was to be re-advertised, this time with a deal for a very local source of material thanks to Apache. However, hurricane IDA caused a breach in a portion of the Apache levee that flooded the area where the dirt pit was to be located. While the SLLD was generously prepared to administer the reach L project which primarily benefits the NLLD and TLCD, they found that post IDA they simply could not afford to do so. So, the TLCD, LPG and TPCG worked with Apache and the land’s tenet to find a mutually beneficial agreement in order for TLCD to repair the breach and then have the property de-watered thus once again allowing the use of the dirt pit for the reach L project. While the NLLD has a direct benefit in this agreement and would have been involved in the cost, there was a conflict of interest that everyone wanted to completely avoid. As a suggested alternative, the NLLD would be taking the responsibility of removing the flood side debris from the eastern reach of the Reach L levee. The storm placed a good bit of debris on this levee that needs to be removed. As with other vegetation and debris removal, NLLD would be going to FEMA for reimbursement, this time at 90% of the cost. NLLD believes this is a very good deal for its contribution to this effort. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to instruct the Executive Director to enter contracts and agreements to remove Hurricane Ida vegetation and debris from the eastern portion of the Morganza to the Gulf Reach L Levee in the SLLD area as the NLLD contribution to this project and allowing the NLLD Executive Director to sign any and all related documents. L. Andolsek asked why SLLD or TLCD could not move the debris since it is not in the NLLD’s district. D. Bourgeois said it benefits the NLLD and TLCD and therefore, it makes sense for SLLD not to do this work. L. Andolsek also asked about the cost of mitigation. Neil Angelette with Angelette Picciola stated the mitigation work has already been permitted and funded by TLCD; NLLD will be reimbursed for

90% of the debris work. No further discussion or public comment. Motion passed with 1 abstention from T. Allen.

**K. General Items:**

Equipment: A. Ostheimer gave an update on equipment for this month. The Linkbelt needed some maintenance work.

CAT 330D Upper Unit: A. Ostheimer reported this excavator had been declared surplus by the board on 12/17/2019 and it was removed from the Wilco pontoons, as the pontoons were refurbished and now in use with the LinkBelt. As mentioned during a previous 2021 Budget Revision, it was NLLD's desire to purchase a bottom unit to return the CAT 330D back to use. An opportunity came up with Wilco to purchase a land undercarriage for \$35,000. NLLD will have the machine serviced after delivery to NLLD and NLLD will use it to harvest material from the old Sugarland property the NLLD recently finalized the purchase on. So, NLLD will wrangle a bit more use out of this machine. T. Allen motioned, seconded by R. Pitre to remove the CAT 330D Excavator from surplus and return to use with a land undercarriage. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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. In recent weeks, a representative from MBI was in communication with NLLD on updates for the TAZ. There were issues with the selector valve that have now been addressed, and the machine is ready for inspection before NLLD receives it. NLLD has a meeting set with MBI this Thursday for a visual and quick operational inspection. Then, NLLD will expect MBI to deliver the TAZ to NLLD for more thorough testing. NLLD needs them to demonstrate that the machine is fully operational by using both implements to their design capacity. NLLD hopes that their Hydraulics designer could attend as well to give the operations and functionality a final blessing.

May 17-21, 2021 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.

Photo Presentation: A. Ostheimer presented photos and gave explanations on the following projects: C4,C5,D1; Dixie Canal; Reach 2; T-Bois Levee/Tie-In;

NFIP: D. Bourgeois reported FEMA has released RR 2.0 and it is now going into effect. As such, it is finally 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 and there have been groups working with him who have been paying attention to this issue and working very hard. For example, ALBL has requested the AG's office file an injunction against FEMA. D. Bourgeois said he is currently trying to educate the AG's office on the details of RR 2.0 because they did not seem to know much about it and also drafted a letter that the Governor recently sent to the FEMA Administrator regarding the severe

impacts RR 2.0 will have on LA state. The letter should have been sent before Ida but was lost in the mix of the storm's recovery. D. Bourgeois is also trying to nudge the State to host another NFIP subcommittee meeting to take some sort of unified action against RR 2.0, because this cannot get behind us. D. Bourgeois said he has heavily relied on the help and excellent work of Mr. Dan Delich of the Levee Alliance and the Floodplain Alliance for Insurance Reform (FAIR) to do a bunch of the lifting that need to be done in the pushback against RR2.0 and the reauthorization of the NFIP as bills are being drafted for that purpose when he simply could not get involved as much as he needed to because of hurricane Ida. Dan is a one man show but has been an ally for so many of this region's causes for so long. (NFIP, FFRMS, WOTUS, USACE Levee Standards and LSP and more.) While he is directly engaged by the Yazoo Mississippi Levee District and the Mississippi Levee Board, he has never been engaged directly for any services. During the last 18 months, and especially during the last 2 months, he has literally made multiple trips to DC representing NLLD's position on these issues with the agencies where NLLD simply could not. In speaking with a few other folks within the MVFCA, who have also benefited from the uncompensated but very coordinated services of Mr. Delich, there is an agreement to ask the levee district boards individually to provide some financial assistance to help cover some of his travel and businesses expenses he has incurred on behalf of flood control policy interest of the NLLD. Dan is not a lobbyist and has not provided the NLLD any such service nor is any such service contemplated. His help to NLLD has been in technical assistance and strategy formulation and the analysis and development of legislative language. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by R. Pitre for a one-time engagement of Mr. Dan Delich of the Levee Alliance and the Floodplain Alliance for Insurance Reform (FAIR) in the amount of \$5,000 for technical and strategy services in support of the NLLD Director on National Flood Insurance Program and other issues of interest to the district. T. Allen asked who does the check exactly go to. D. Bourgeois said the payment will go to the Levee Alliance or FAIR that is managed only by him. No further discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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, December 7, 2021 at 9 am-12:15 pm. 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.

Going Public: D. Bourgeois reported that if anyone from the NLLD Board is interested in joining Going Public next Tuesday, November 23 at 6:45 pm, please let Katie know.

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:

**MAC Meeting: 10/19/21**

**CPRA Board Meeting: 10/20/21**

**BTEF Meeting: 11/2/21**

**BTNEP Meeting: 11/4/21**

**HNC Lock Groundbreaking and Dedication of the Grand Bayou Lock to the late Representative Reggie Bagala: 11/8/21**

**BIG Luncheon: 11/8/21**

**MAC Annual Meeting: 11/15/21**

Finance & Priority Committee: Committee Vice Chair Louis Andolsek reported that the Finance and Priority Committee conducted a meeting on October 19, 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 E. Pitre 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.

Election of Officers: S. Bergeron motioned, seconded by R. Pitre to return to the previously tabled election of officers from the beginning of the agenda. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. L. Andolsek nominated Cory Kief as President and Tim Allen as Vice President. C. Kief nominated Louis Andolsek as the Secretary/Treasurer. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to close nominations. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. R. Foret motioned, seconded by R. Pitre to vote on the slate nominated. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously to accept the slate. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by R. Foret to move back to the agenda. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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, December 14, 2021, at the District's office located at 3862 Highway 1, Raceland, LA.

E. Pitre motioned, seconded by R. Pitre to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to LA R.S. 42:17A (1) - discuss the annual evaluations and salary reviews for 2022 of all NLLD employees: Peggy Boudwin, Office Assistant; Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director; Glenn Bourgeois, Field Coordinator; Katie DeRoche, Executive Assistant; Arthur Ostheimer, Project/Program Manager; and Madonna Viguerie, Administrative Assistant. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. S. Bergeron motioned, seconded by R. Foret to return to regular session. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. E. Pitre motioned, seconded by T. Allen 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 8:15 PM on motion by R. Foret, seconded by S. Bergeron.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director