

**Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, January 18, 2022**

The Regular Monthly meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District Board of Commissioners was called to order on January 18, 2022, by President Cory Kief at 5:21 pm. The meeting was held at the district's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. The pledge was led by Percy Gasery, and the invocation was given by Adley Peltier. President Kief called roll. Commissioners present were Cory Kief, Adley Peltier, Louis Andolsek, Darcy Kiffe, Tim Allen, Percy Gasery, Rodney Foret. Commissioners Robert Pitre and Elmo Pitre were absent. Others present were NLLD Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois; NLLD Administrative Assistant Madonna Viguerie; Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche; and various engineering professionals.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by D. Kiffe, seconded by T. Allen, to approve the minutes of the following meetings: December 14, 2021, Regular Board Meeting and December 14, 2021, Finance & Priority Committee. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

**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. NLLD met with TBS on January 11th to review the results of hydraulic modeling. It appears simply lowering the water level at the pump and dredging the channel to the approved template will have minimal effects in the Acadia Woods/Northern drainage basin of St. Louis Bayou. It appears the greatest benefit ends near Waterplant Road where a ridge exists. NLLD thinks there is a path forward for the Lafourche areas that drain into St. Louis Bayou which will begin with a focused drainage study. This should determine whether to transition to a small FDA or continue this area as a gravity area by improving aspects in the immediate area. D. Bourgeois stated it is not enough to only sweep the canal and the modeling recently done proves that sweeping alone does not get the benefits and prevention from flooding in the neighborhood, even with the pump-off elevation lowered. Sweeping the canal will stop the duration of a flood event but will not stop the frequency of a flood event. The NLLD will try a quick wetland delineation to see where the boundary is and frame up a project from that. D. Bourgeois will update the mayor of Thibodaux and the people in Acadia Woods neighborhood because the NLLD will begin doing more work.

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 meeting with DDG to discuss the appraisers draft report to make sure all the necessary tracts of property were captured. NLLD will request to present more information to the T-RAD Committee once it is put together.

On call for public comment in the Thibodaux-West Project Area, John Sirois who resides at 310 Plater Dr. Thibodaux, LA addressed the board on Acadia Woods. Mr. Sirois expressed his concerns in only sweeping the canal since it will ultimately have little benefit to prevent flooding. He stated he has been living in Acadia Woods since 2010 and notices the water taking longer to move through the canal to drain. In March of 2021, the discussion began with NLLD to solve the problem. Mr. Sirois understands some of the problems are beavers, beaver dams and issues with water getting to the canal. However, he also is certain that the water is sitting in the canal with no movement. He also expressed concerns with the amount of time it will take to start some of the projects in plan. He understands that something

needs to be done and it will take some deciphering on what the problem is and why the water is stagnant. He stated that although it is not a permanent solution, dredging the canal at this time might give some temporary relief. The residents are desperately wanting some instant relief and permanent projects for the future.

C. Kief addressed the board and asked a few questions to D. Bourgeois. C. Kief asked if this is a sole obligation of the NLLD or if the Lafourche Parish Government (LPG) can be involved as well. D. Bourgeois said Acadia Woods is in the City Limits and these issues can actually be a joint effort among NLLD, LPG and the City of Thibodaux. D. Bourgeois stated the city of Thibodaux is willing to participate. C. Kief also said since Acadia Woods was permitted by LPG and annexed to the City of Thibodaux, that is where the obligation should start. The NLLD has a charge of drainage; however, the NLLD is amicable to discuss a joint solution to the problem because it could be a bigger drainage issue that NLLD does need to acquire. He said this should be addressed sooner rather than later because of the persistent rain/flood events the area has been seeing. D. Bourgeois said it is a complicated issue because: 100% of the water drains into Terrebonne Parish, there could be issues with using the small house lots to build any structures since NLLD would be going into wetlands, and the water gets higher with every rain event in such an old neighborhood. D. Bourgeois thanked the Homeowner's Association and all those who approached him seeking to find a solution to this problem.

**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. The Coastal Center looks like they will be getting some additional P2 funding from last year.

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 and the LA State has accepted final design and NLLD received concurrence from CPRA to begin advertising. The IGA amendment is being finalized for the 2022 funding which is expected to fully fund the construction of the project. There will be a pre-bid meeting here at the NLLD office on January 27th and will open bids on February 10th. A recommendation for award should be in February. C. Kief asked the budget amount and A. Ostheimer stated the construction estimate is under \$6 million.

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 and the certificate of substantial completion was accepted last month. For phase 2 of this project, The NLLD, LCI, and Lemoine reviewed the little remaining items needed to complete the project. There are some additional fence work and other landowner items remaining. NLLD expects all of this to be completed by next month when the clear lien is up.

Cyprien FDA Channel Improvements/Cyprien Discharge Channel Levee Improvements: D. Bourgeois and 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 Parish is moving forward with the design of the pump station, which D. Bourgeois does not think needs to be reported on moving forward unless there is a decision regarding the pump station or the like. The TAZ unit has been on the Sugarland property clearing trees to test it out. The Cat 330 is there and being prepared to begin clearing and excavating

material. The parish is taking the lead on the pump station and NLLD will report on this under 2 of 12 where a capital outlay project is being developed where some of this material will be used.

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 completed the project and LCI has submitted the balancing change order along with the substantial completion recommendation for the Board's considerations. NLLD is also working with LCI to develop a project in this area based on the Capital Outlay request of 3.75M (P5) in 2022. As part of the assessment with LCI and geotechnical evaluation, it was determined that this area was the next area of highest need. This project will raise the levee to 6' and actually extend into 1 of 12 to Hwy 182. A. Peltier motioned, seconded by R. Foret to approve Change Order No. 4 to balance to the actual quantities used with a net decrease of \$42,096.40 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 accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion from Low Land Construction Co., Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Raceland Prairie FDAs Subtopic: D. Bourgeois reported NLLD made a Capital Outlay Request in prior years for funding in support of the broader program of improvements to all these levees in these FDAs. Last year, NLLD did receive Capital Outlay Appropriations in HB2 for these projects. NLLD received a P2 appropriation of \$750K and a P5 Appropriation of \$3.75M of NLLD's \$6M ask. As a reminder, P2 appropriations are only converted into cash if there are enough funds after the P1 appropriations are met for the year. So, that is rarely. But, on Thursday of this week, the State Bond Commission is scheduled to meet where they will be considering converting some of those P2 appropriations into cash lines of credit. In NLLD's case, they are looking at converting \$225K into a cash line of credit for. So that is good news for NLLD because it gets the State invested in the project. P5 appropriations are typically considered next year's P1 appropriations. So, NLLD should thank Rep Orgeron and Sen Smith for getting these appropriations and encourage them to help NLLD get that P5 converted to a P1 for the full amount if possible. D. Bourgeois said he has been in touch with them and plans to continue to meet with them and Zee in moving forward.

**C. Lockport - Larose Project Area:**

Lockport – Larose Levee Project Reaches C4, C5, and D1: D. Bourgeois 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. Neil Angelette with Angelette Picciola gave a report on a change order for the project. He stated Onshore has made great progress in the area near the pipeline. The change order is to continue work from the nearby borrow pit for the Entergy Crossing and the Edgar Guidry pump station to the pipeline area. There was originally a certain volume estimated based on the settlement in the marsh. It is not a drastic increase to the project; however, it is a substantial change order for additional material. There is more material needed for other areas of the project as well, and for that work, the contractor will use their long excavator to dig material from the canal. Neil Angelette stated the reason why they are requesting a change order is because his original estimate on the amount of material needed from the borrow pit was low and now based on additional surveys, there is more volume of material needed to complete the project. Neil Angelette strongly believes this will be the last change order needed for this project. The board questioned paying for more material from the borrow pit instead of gathering extra material from the canal. The material to use for the Entergy Crossing, and the Edgar Guidry pump station to the pipeline area needs to come from the borrow canal instead of other places in the canal. D. Kiffe asked how much more yardage is needed from the borrow pit. Mr. Angelette stated there is 2,500 cubic yards need for the Entergy Crossing area and 5,900 cubic yards for the Edgar Guidry pump station

to the pipeline area. Mr. Angelette said the project is close to being complete because their estimates are being fine-tuned and now more accurate. C. Kief stated the board is not pleased with the amount of change orders and amount of time this project has had. He stated the board is frustrated with empty promises of being close to completion. T. Allen asked the over budget price and Mr. Angelette stated with this recent change order the project is estimated at \$4.9 million; however, he is anticipating a deduct change order at the end of the project around \$600,000 - \$700,000. The retainage for this project is \$186,000. T. Allen motioned, seconded by L. Andolsek to approve Change Order No. 8 to increase the contract price by \$121,990.00 for additional work as requested by Onshore Materials, LLC and recommended by the project engineer. No further discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Lockport to Larose Reach B Levee Project: D. Bourgeois reported Picciola & Associates continues to work on acquiring a ROW for a pipeline crossing for this levee reach. NLLD will be receiving CPRA reimbursement of \$1M available this year for this project and working with CPRA to finalize the documents. 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. C. Kief motioned, seconded by D. Kiffe authorizing the Executive Director to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement upon concurrence from legal counsel, along with any and all related documents, between the NLCLDD and the CPRA for the State Surplus funds for the Lockport to Larose Reach B Levee Project, NLD # 6300.60Z, thus advancing the project to final design, bid preparation and advertising, bid evaluation and recommendation for award. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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 reported the Linkbelt/Wilco Deep-water Marsh Buggy is being used for some long term and long overdue maintenance dredging and is continuing to dredge the second section of the canal. NLLD expects this 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.

**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 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. Sealevel has mobilized to begin the project and will be starting on the Zeller side. NLLD is also

working with LCI to define different alternatives for providing protection along the bayou.

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. However, it looks like there are some additional shenanigans being contemplated to the definition of the WOTUS and the NWPR which was vacated by a Federal Court with the support of EPA. So, everyone may have to wait a bit to see how this all shakes out.

**G. Gheens Project Area:**

Natural Gas FDA Levee Improvements: D. Bourgeois 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. The contractor is hauling material and placing it into the levee section along the Gayosa Ridge. At this time, they are still a good bit behind schedule. E. Pitre motioned, seconded by C. Kief to approve payment of pay request #3 in the amount of \$178,635.34 from Clark Construction Enterprises, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. L. Andolsek expressed his concern about this project being behind. No further 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.

**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. The Certificate of Substantial Completion was accepted in October and is in the clear lien period. NLLD expects to have the request for retainage in January. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by A. Peltier. D. Bourgeois stated this project performed admirably through Hurricane Ida. No further discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve payment of pay request #18 in the amount of \$11,461.75 from Onshore Materials, LLC as 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 #19 in the amount of \$7,353.00 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

T-Bois Levee FDA: D. Bourgeois 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 continued to haul the offsite material onto the project and place into section. They have installed and almost reached elevation on the first 1000' of the project. There were some calls from residents on Hamilton St. with complaints about trucks moving too fast and mud on the roadway. NLLD did address this with the project engineer and the Sheriff's Office will give tickets to trucks going too fast. C. Kief motioned, seconded by D. Kiffe to approve payment of pay request #4 in the amount of \$65,921.45 from Circle, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. L. Andolsek asked where the material is

coming from and questioned if material from our adjacent property could be used to avoid Hamilton St. D. Bourgeois said the material is coming from a borrow pit in Larose and the material from the pit on our property will be used for the levees going the other way and the levee tie-in. No further discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

T-Bois Ludevine Levee Tie In: D. Bourgeois 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. Outer Limit has continued to make good progress on the project. They have based in the entire tie-in section and is currently processing material for the levee installation.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, reach 2 Interim Improvements: D. Bourgeois reported Dynamic Group, LLC that is the contractor for this project 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 Notice To Proceed for the project was October 25th. They have made good progress for the first six weeks and are continuing to excavate from the provided borrow pit and haul the material into the levee section. E. Pitre motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve payment of pay request #1 in the amount of \$106,297.46 from Dynamic Group, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Ludevine Pump Station Replacement: D. Bourgeois 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 is working with CPRA to finalize the documents and with GIS Engineering on the development of this project. NLLD has reviewed the draft of the IGA and CPRA is now finalizing to circulate for signature and NLLD is hoping to have a preliminary set of plans to review for the pump station in January. A. Peltier motioned, seconded by C. Kief authorizing the Executive Director to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement upon concurrence from legal counsel, along with any and all related documents, between the NLCLDD and the CPRA for the GOMESA funds for the Ludevine Pump Station Replacement Project, NLLD # 6800.65Z, thus advancing the project to final design, bid preparation and advertising, bid evaluation and recommendation for award. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, Reach 3 Interim Improvements: D. Bourgeois 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 NLLD hopes to have resolved very soon.

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

Maintenance Projects: D. Bourgeois 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. LCI is also requesting proposals for maintenance work along the Legendre Canal.

Morganza to the Gulf (MTG), Larose to Lockport Feasibility Report: D. Bourgeois reported Delta Coast Consultants (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 past some of the

issues, DCC and Dwayne met with USACE to discuss the project permitting and it is moving along.

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 Congress passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework. This bill also includes significant funding in the MR&T, which 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 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. 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. Everyone wants to make sure to stay engaged with the funding opportunities from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework Bill.

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. GIS will create an updated video of the whole project to show the board. NLLD will need to sort through the recent IGA between SLLD on Reach L work because of issues with the FEMA reimbursement and SLLD’s issues with legislative auditors since SLLD is not doing the work but paying for it.

#### **K. General Items:**

Equipment: D. Bourgeois gave an update on equipment for this month.

TAZ machine: D. Bourgeois reported this new machine was delivered with an issue with an issue with the power unit causing it to not properly operate and that is still being addressed by MBI. MBI then re-delivered the machine and was brought to a project site for testing. There were still some issues that needed to be adjusted with the cutter and NLLD is waiting on one final part which will be here sometime this week and it is believed the machine will be operable very soon.

6th Ward Rehabilitation Projects: 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: D. Bourgeois presented photos and gave explanations on the following projects:

C4, C5, D1; Edgar Guidry Pump Station & Tie-in; Natural Gas; MtoG Reach 2; T-Bois Levee Tie-In

NLLD Insurance Renewal: D. Bourgeois reported he is pleased to report that NLLD received the Insurance Proposal from AJG for the 2022 renewal and considering the situation with Hurricane Ida, the total premium has increased only approximately 6% from this expiring year. Keep in mind that the expiring cost listed is more than the amount actually paid in 2021 due to changes and additions of the vacant land made during the year, so the premium summary shows an annualized amount for comparison to the proposed 2022 amount. A copy of the proposal summary is in the board's meeting packets and it is his recommendation for the board to authorize the renewal of the policies as listed. A. Peltier motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to renew the insurance the same as the expiring coverage, at a total cost of \$136,698.06 and to authorize the Executive Director to sign any and all documents and to pay the invoices as presented for payment.

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 and C. Kief will meet with the AG's office this month to discuss the approach on filing suit. D. Bourgeois said he and C. Kief are currently trying to educate the AG's office on the details of RR 2.0. The next step in the process will be to gather examples of homeowners' rates increasing, which will give the supporting argument needed in fighting this. D. Bourgeois mentioned Congressman Scalise's office wrote a contentious letter to FEMA about RR 2.0 because some within FEMA has refused to meet with Congressman Scalise upon his request to meet with them for questioning. Congressman Scalise's office also asked D. Bourgeois to give a quote for the letter. Discussion ensued amongst the board on NFIP and RR 2.0.

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; SCIA Banquet: 11/17/21

Going Public: 11/23/21

Joint Insurance Hearing: 12/1/21

Meeting with Senator Gary Smith: 12/2/21

Bayou Bouef/Kraemer Town Hall: 12/6/21

SCIA Luncheon: 12/7/21

Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana Annual Meeting: 12/7/21-12/9/21

MS Valley Flood Control Association Annual Meeting: 12/9/21-12/11/21



Coastal Louisiana Levee Consortium Meeting: 12/13/21

Finance & Priority Committee: Committee Chair Louis Andolsek reported that the Finance and Priority Committee conducted a meeting on November 16, 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. The committee also reviewed the Proposed Budget for 2022.

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 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, January 18, 2022, at the District's office located at 3862 Highway 1, Raceland, LA. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:00 PM on motion by E. Pitre, seconded by L. Andolsek.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director