

**Minutes** of the meeting of the **North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District Special Board Meeting**, Date: Thursday, June 29, 2023

A meeting was conducted on June 29, 2023 as a Special Board Meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District. The meeting was called to order by President Cory Kief. The pledge was led by Darcy Kief and the invocation given by Adley Peltier. The Board President called roll. Commissioners present were: Louis Andolsek, Cory Kief, Adley Peltier, Tory Hebert, Robert Pitre, and Darcy Kiffe. Commissioners absent were: Monique Crochet, Tim Allen, Percy Gasery, Rodney Foret, and Elmo Pitre. Others present were: Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois; Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer; NLLD Project/Accounting Assistant Brandy Theriot, and Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche, and Attorney Pat Amedee.

NLCLDD State of Emergency Declaration: Board President C. Kief opened the meeting to review and discuss the NLCLDD State of Emergency Declaration in order to approve it. D. Bourgeois started by stating there are a few amendments made to the resolution to better explain that this state of emergency declaration does not change the typical NLLD process or existing policy regarding any actions that would typically be brought before the Board. Under this declaration, every decision that is normally brought before the board would still have to be brought before the board for approval before any action is taken. But, the declaration gives NLLD certain flexibility with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regarding projects. He expressed to the board that the idea of this declaration was first discussed with the USACE before being presented to the board for consideration. The USACE had explained to Dwayne that this emergency declaration could not only help the NLLD in certain cases but could help the USACE as well. The emergency declaration will help with the permitting process on projects the NLLD already has money funded for. It will also help with potential delays caused by the new definition of the Waters of the U.S. that has just been changed. This will speed up the permitting process by allowing the NLLD to receive an after-the-fact permit on these emergency situations that will also have already been approved by the NLLD board. L. Andolsek said he appreciates D. Bourgeois adding the change to the resolution stating that this state of emergency would be for approved and budget projects. C. Kief said that there is more to be done and this emergency declaration is an opportunity to do more in a swift manner because once hurricane season starts, this area is in imminent danger and has a high level of urgency. Upon a roll call vote, all six commissioners present voted yay to approve the Resolution of the NLCLDD State of Emergency Declaration as written. There were no nays and there were five commissioners absent. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. The president called for public comments; there being none, motion for adjournment was made by R. Pitre, seconded by D. Kiffe and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:39 PM.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director