

**Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, January 16, 2024**

**Regular Meeting:** The Regular Monthly meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, by President Cory Kief at 5:25 pm. The meeting was held at the District's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. President Kief called roll. Commissioners present were Cory Kief, Adley Peltier, Rodney Foret, Robert Pitre, Tory Hebert, and Darcy Kiffe. Commissioners Percy Gasery, Monique Crochet, Tim Allen, Elmo Pitre and Louis Andolsek were absent. Others present were: NLLD Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois, NLLD Administrative Assistant Madonna Viguerie, NLLD Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche, Program/Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer, NLLD Field Coordinator Travis Colombel, Project/Accounting Assistant Brandy Theriot, and various engineering professionals.

**Approval of Minutes:** R. Pitre motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve the minutes of Tuesday, December 19, 2023 Finance & Priority Committee meeting and the Regular Board meeting. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

**A. Thibodaux – West Project Area:** report given

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

NSU Drainage study: Report given.

Bayou Blue – Hollywood Backwater Flood Protection Project: Report given.

Raceland Prairie District 1 of 12 and 2 of 12 Levee Improvements: Report given.

Upper Bayou Folsom Watershed Backwater Flood Protection: Report given.

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

Lockport to Larose Reach B Levee Project: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer gave an updated report for this project. D. Kiffe motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve Change Order No. 5 to increase the contract amount by \$70,500.00 to add 5,000 cubic yards of borrow material and increase the contract time by 10 days to complete the additional borrow work as requested by Low Land Construction Company, Inc. and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by R. Foret to approve payment of Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$45,684.89 from Low Land Construction Company, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Lockport to Larose Reach D2 & D3 Levee Improvements: Report given.

Lockport to Larose Reach D5 Levee Improvements: Report given.

**D. Choupic Project Area:**

West Choupic & St. James Project Area Backwater Flood Protection: Report given.

Bowie Forced Drainage System Levee Improvements: Report given.

**E. St. James Project Area:**

Woodland Heights Levee: Report given.

**F. Lake Bouef Watershed Project Area:**

Zeller/Larousse Forced Drainage Area Systems Improvements: Report given.

LBW Backwater Protection Project: Report given.

**G. Gheens Project Area:**

Upper Barataria Risk Reduction (UBRRP) Project: Report given.

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

Industrial Ave Floodwall-North American Shipyard to Bayou Lafourche: Report given.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, Reach 1 Eunice Allemand: Report given.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, reach 2 Interim Improvements: Report given.

Morganza to the Gulf Eastern Tie-in, Reach 3 Interim Improvements: Report given.

Ludevine Pump Station Replacement: Report given.

T-Bois Ludevine Levee Tie In: Report given.

**I. Maintenance and other Regional Projects**: A. Ostheimer gave an updated report on maintenance projects.

Morganza to the Gulf: Report given.

**J. Equipment**: Travis Colombel gave an update on equipment issues within the last month.

**K. General Items**:

Morganza Action Coalition (MAC), continued funding: D. Bourgeois gave a report on the NLLD's involvement as part of Morganza Action Coalition. T. Hebert motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve payments up to the amount of \$110,000.00 to the Morganza Action Coalition for continued financial support in the interest of the NLLD for the efforts during this calendar year (2024). No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

CEA with Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District for work on MtoG Reach K: D. Bourgeois reported on a CEA with TLCD, the LPG, SLLD, and likely TPCG to contribute \$250K to increase protection of Reach K of Morganza to the Gulf. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District and North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District and to authorize the President to sign any and all documents. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Photo Presentation: A. Ostheimer reported and presented photos on the various projects.

NLLD Joined Lawsuit against FEMA on RR2.0: D. Bourgeois reported there is no feedback from the judge on this case yet.

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

Finance & Priority Committee: Committee member D.Kiffe reported that the Finance and Priority Committee conducted a meeting on December 19, 2023 and there are a copy of those minutes in the meeting packet. During that meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the Payables report that was recommended and accepted for approval by the full board during the Regular Board meeting that followed. The committee also reviewed the final revised 2023 budget and the proposed 2024 budget that were both recommended to the board for adoption in the meeting that followed.

Accounts Payable: D. Kiffe motioned, seconded by T. Hebert to accept the payables report as given. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Robert Theriot, who resides at 414 Eagle Dr., Raceland, LA 70394, gave a public comment. He stated he will be more involved in the community and wanted to introduce himself to the board.

With no other engineering reports or additional public comments, the President stated the next Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be at 5:20 PM (or immediately following the F&P Committee meeting) on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at this office located at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:37 PM on motion by R. Pitre, seconded by R. Foret.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director