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# Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, February 20, 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, February 20, 2024, by President Cory Kief at 5:26 pm. The pledge was led by Darcy Kiffe and invocation given by Tory Hebert. The meeting was held at the District's office at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. President Kief called roll. Commissioners present were Cory Kief, Rodney Foret, Robert Pitre, Tory Hebert, Elmo Pitre, Tim Allen, Louis Andolsek, and Darcy Kiffe. Commissioners Adley Peltier, Percy Gasery and Monique Crochet 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, and various engineering professionals. Approval of Minutes: R. Pitre motioned, seconded by A. Peltier to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 16, 2024 Finance & Priority Committee meeting and the Regular Board meeting. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Public Comment:</u> R. Pitre motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to deviate from the agenda to take a public comment. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. Jarod Folse, who resides at 137 Folse Rd., Raceland, LA 70394, had some questions about the work being done on Bayou Folse. D. Bourgeois said he and Arthur will contact him to give more details on the project.

#### 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.

<u>Drainage District 12 Prairie Levee Improvements</u>: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer gave an updated report for this project. T. Hebert motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to approve payment of Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$62,937.50 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Upper Bayou Folse 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. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by T. Allen to approve Change Order No. 6 to increase the contract time by 20 days due to adverse weather conditions in the month of January 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. 9 in the amount of \$8,550.00 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: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer gave an updated report for this project. D. Kiffe motioned, seconded by L. Andolsek to approve Change Order No. 2 to decrease the contract amount by \$91,853.34 to reflect the balancing of the contract quantities as requested by Sealevel Construction, Inc. and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. E. Pitre motioned, seconded by D. Kiffe to approve payment of Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$4,636.00 from Sealevel Construction, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by T. Hebert to approve payment of Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$66,594.78 from Sealevel Construction, Inc. pending receipt of the clear lien certificate as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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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: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer gave an updated report on this project. T. Allen motioned, seconded by E. Pitre 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 Surplus funds for the CPRA Project BA-0261 Construction of the Eastern Tie-In Improvements Projects, advancing relevant projects to final design. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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:

<u>CEA with Lafourche Parish Government for Transfer pf Pump/Pump Stations</u>: L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by R. Foret to allow the NLCLDD to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lafourche Parish Government to transfer ownership of the 2017 Parr Pump Improvements, 2020 Edna Consolidated Pump Improvements, Ramona Pump Station and the Des Allemands Pump Station and allowing the President to execute any and all related documentation. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Photo Presentation</u>: A. Ostheimer reported and presented photos on the various projects.

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

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

<u>Finance & Priority Committee</u>: Committee Chairman Louis Andolsek reported that the Finance and Priority Committee conducted a meeting on January 16, 2024 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.

<u>Accounts Payable</u>: L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to accept the payables report as given. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

With no other engineering reports or additional public comments, the President stated the next Regular

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Monthly Board Meeting will be at 5:20 PM (or immediately following the F&P Committee meeting) on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at this office located at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:34 PM on motion by R. Pitre, seconded by D. Kiffe.

/s/Cory Kief, President /s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director