

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, March 19, 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, March 19, 2024, by President Cory Kief at 5:24 pm. The pledge was led by Darcy Kiffe and invocation given by Robert Pitre. 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 (arrived at 5:33 pm), and Darcy Kiffe. Commissioners Adley Peltier, Percy Gasery and Monique Crochet were absent. Others present were: NLLD Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois, NLLD Executive Assistant Katie DeRoche, Program/Project Manager Arthur Ostheimer, NLLD Field Coordinator Travis Colombel, Project/Accounting Assistant Brandy Theriot, Accounting Specialist Kayla Culpepper, and various engineering professionals.

Approval of Minutes: R. Pitre motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to approve the minutes of Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 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: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer gave an updated report for this project. D. Kiffe motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to approve payment of Pay Request No. 18 in the amount of \$46,281.25 from Sealevel Construction, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. T. Hebert motioned, seconded by R. Foret to approve payment of Pay Request No. 19 in the amount of \$14,950.01 for the retainage balance from Sealevel Construction, Inc. as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Drainage District 12 Prairie Levee Improvements: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer gave an updated report for this project. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by T. Allen, to approve Change Order No. 1 to increase the contract time by 7 days due to adverse weather conditions in the months of January and February as requested by Onshore Materials, LLC and recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously. R. Foret motioned, seconded by D. Kiffe, to approve payment of Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$474,673.46 from Onshore Materials, LLC as recommended by the project engineer. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Upper Bayou Folsé 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. T. Hebert motioned, seconded by R. Pitre, to approve payment of Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$9,642.50 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: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer gave an updated report on this project. E. Pitre motioned, seconded by T. Allen authorizing the Executive Director to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement upon concurrence from legal counsel, along with any and all related documents, between the NLLD and the CPRA for the Surplus funds for the CPRA Project BA-0275 Construction of the Industrial Park Avenue Flood Protection Improvements Project, 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 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: D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer gave an updated report on this project. E. Pitre motioned, seconded by T. Hebert, that NLLD awards the construction contract to Sealevel Construction, Inc., thus committing \$7,079,031.00 of NLLD's net assets towards NLLD Project No. 6800.65Z and authorizing the NLLD President to sign, execute, and administer a contract and any and all relevant documents. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

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:

Louisiana Board of Ethics Reporting Requirements: D. Bourgeois reminded the commissioners of their Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement due before May 15.

ALBL Springtime Workshop: D. Bourgeois reminded the commissioners of the Annual ALBL Springtime Workshop if they would like to attend.

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

NLLD Joined Lawsuit against FEMA on RR2.0: D. Bourgeois gave an update.

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 Vice Chairman Elmo Pitre reported that the Finance and Priority Committee conducted a meeting on February 20, 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.

Accounts Payable: E. Pitre motioned, seconded by R. Foret 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 Monthly Board Meeting will be at 5:20 PM (or immediately following the F&P Committee meeting) on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at this office located at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:34 PM on motion by R. Foret, seconded by R. Pitre.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director