

**Minutes of the Public Hearing a to consider the 2024 revised budget and the Regular Monthly Board meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District, April 16, 2024**

**Public Hearing:** a public hearing of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District Board of Commissioners was held to consider the 2024 revised budget on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, by President Cory Kief at 5:30 pm. The pledge was led by Rodney Foret and the invocation given by Tory Hebert. The public hearing 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, Project/Accounting Assistant Brandy Theriot, Accounting Specialist Kayla Culpepper, and various engineering professionals. C. Kief opened the public hearing. Upon three calls for public comment, there were no public comments or discussion. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to close the public hearing. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

**Regular Meeting:** The Regular Monthly meeting of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, by President Cory Kief at 5:33 pm. The pledge was led by Robert Pitre and invocation given by Darcy Kiffe. 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, Project/Accounting Assistant Brandy Theriot, Accounting Specialist Kayla Culpepper, and various engineering professionals.

**Approval of Minutes:** T. Hebert motioned, seconded by D. Kiffe to approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Finance & Priority Committee meeting and the Regular Board meeting, and the minutes of Wednesday, March 27, 2024, Pump Station Assessment Committee meeting. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adoption of the Revised 2024 Budget:** L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by R. Foret to approve the Finance and Committee's recommendation for the full board to adopt the 2024 Revised Budget as was provided. There was no discussion by the board and upon three calls for public comment, there were no public comments. 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.

**Drainage District 12 Prairie Levee Improvements:** D. Bourgeois and A. Ostheimer gave an updated report for this project. R. Pitre motioned, seconded by D. Kiffe to approve payment of Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$419,276.11 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. Hebert to approve Change Order No. 7 to increase the contract time by 4 days due to adverse weather conditions in the month of March as requested by

Low Land Construction Company, Inc. 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. 11 in the amount of \$12,348.81 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.

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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:**

Coastal Master Plan 2029 Community Conversations: D. Bourgeois reminded the commissioners of the public comment for the 2029 Coastal Master Plan, Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 5 pm-7 pm at the Warren J. Harang Jr. Municipal Auditorium.

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

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.

Retirement of Madonna Viguerie: There was a presentation for the retirement from the North Lafourche Levee District of Madonna Viguerie.

Finance & Priority Committee: Committee Chairman Louis Andolsek reported that the Finance and Priority Committee conducted a meeting on March 19, 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. The board reviewed the 2024 Revised Budget at the committee meeting prior to this one and recommended it for adoption by the board earlier in the regular board meeting. The committee also reviewed the completed Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as a required part of the annual audit

engagement of Louisiana government agencies. L. Andolsek motioned, seconded by E. Pitre to authorize the Board President and Secretary/Treasurer to sign the required Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. No discussion or public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Pump Station Assessment (PSA) Committee: Committee Chairman Tory Hebert reported that there is a copy of the minutes from the PSA Committee meeting on March 27, 2024. During that meeting, the committee reviewed a binder report of the pump stations in the Lockport-Larose and Valentine East project areas. The NLLD staff gathered this information and will gather more information on the other pumps in all project areas. The Pump Station Assessment Committee's goal will be to collect a consistent report of maintenance/operation updates on all pumps moving forward. For the future, the committee would like to work with engineering firms to collect this information for NLLD.

Accounts Payable: 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 Monthly Board Meeting will be at 5:20 PM (or immediately following the F&P Committee meeting) on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at this office located at 3862 Highway 1 in Raceland.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:45 PM on motion by R. Pitre, seconded by E. Pitre.

/s/Cory Kief, President

/s/Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director