

TERREBONNE LEVEE & CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Regular Meeting Minutes March 7, 2018

Board President Anthony Alford called to order the Regular Meeting of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District at the TLCD office located at 220 Clendenning Road, Houma, Louisiana, 6:00 P.M. on March 7, 2018.

Angela Rains led the opening prayer, and Commissioner Henry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Upon roll call by Ms. Rains, Commissioners recorded as present were: Alford, Cenac, Chauvin, Daisy, Henry, Moore, Shaffer, and Walker.

Under Executive Director's Report, President Alford recognized Earl Eues with TPCG as present in the meeting. Mr. Eues gave a status report relative to the 2018 High River event.

Ms. Rains asked the board to pass Resolution No. 18-003, declaring a State of Emergency due to a anticipated high water event. The resolution was read into the minutes as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. <u>18-003</u> STATE OF EMERGENCY – IMMINENT THREAT OF FLOODING FROM SPRING HIGH WATER EVENT

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a flood warning along the lengths of the Mississippi River, with predicted river crests above flood stage in several locations, which combined with anticipated weather conditions across the Mississippi River Valley, create the potential for flooding; and

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish President Gordon Dove issued an Executive Order on February 28, 2018, declaring a parish-wide state of emergency due to the threat of flooding from this high water event; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District acknowledges the severity of this flood threat from the rising waters of the Mississippi, Atchafalaya, and other rivers and their tributaries, along with potential rainfall in Terrebonne Parish, and recognizes that the anticipated effect of this threat will require immediate action by the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District and other agencies; and

WHEREAS, the ability of the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District to act in an expeditious and efficient manner is necessary for the protection of the people and property of Terrebonne Parish from this flood threat; and,

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District desires to make available its personnel, equipment, and resources to assist, as necessary, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and other public agencies in responding to this threat;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District Board of Commissioners hereby declares a state of emergency due to the threat of imminent flooding from this high water event and the effects of which threaten the lives and property of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District's Executive Director and administration are hereby authorized to expend up to \$500,000.00 in funds from the Emergency Disaster and Contingency Account and to undertake any activity authorized by law which the Executive Director deems appropriate in response to this declaration, including but not limited to assisting the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, St. Mary Levee District, or other public agencies in responding to this threat, implementing necessary flood protection measures, preparing for additional flooding, and any remediation measures necessary for the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$5,000.00 discretionary authority of the Executive Director for District related expenditures made without Board approval shall be temporarily increased during this emergency state to a maximum discretionary authority of \$50,000.00, provided said expenditures are related to this emergency and do not cause total expenditures to exceed the \$500,000.00 emergency fund limit, and further, the discretionary authority of the Executive Director for District related expenditures made without full Board approval but with prior approval of the President, or in the President's absence, the Vice President, or the Chairman of the Finance Committee, shall also be temporarily increased during this emergency state to include expenditures over \$50,000.00 but less than \$500,000.00, provided said expenditures are related to this emergency and do not cause total expenditures to exceed the \$500,000.00 emergency fund limit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the threat of flooding reaches a point to make it necessary for St. Mary Levee District to erect a temporary closure of Bayou Chene, as previously performed during the 2011 and 2016 high water events, the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District's Executive Director and administration, in an effort to protect the people and property of Terrebonne Parish from backwater flooding, are authorized to contribute up to an additional \$400,000.00 in funds from the Emergency Disaster and Contingency Account to assist with the temporary closure of Bayou Chene, with said funding not counting towards the \$500,000.00 emergency fund limit described hereinabove.

Motion: Henry, Second: Shaffer. The motion passed.

Under approval of minutes: Motion: Daisy, seconded by Henry, to accept and ratify the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated February 21, 2018. Motion passed.

Under Public Comments, there was no one wishing to address the board.

Under Management's Report, Greg Gautreaux asked the board for permission to purchase culverts and sluce gates in the amount of \$6,394.00. Motion: Henry, Second: Daisy. The motion passed.

Mr. Gautreaux asked the board for authorization to seek quotes for labor for the excavation of dirt. Motion: Moore, Second: Chauvin. The motion passed.

Mr. Gautreaux asked the board to authorize the quote in the amount of \$12,447.00 from Sealevel Construction, to change out fuel lines and engine skid mounts at Bayou Lacache Pump Station. Motion: Chauvin, Second: Walker. The motion passed.

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Mr. Gautreaux gave a brief update of in-house projects.

Continuing under Executive Director's Report, Ms. Rains asked the board to approve payment to the Louisiana Flood Risk Coalition in the amount of \$5,000.00, for year 2018. Motion: Moore, Second: Cenac. The motion passed.

Ms. Rains reported that the new TLCD app will be available to the Public within the next few weeks.

Under Finance Committee matters, Chairman Moore asked the board to approve the warrants for payment, as presented. Motion: Chauvin, Second: Henry. The motion passed.

Under Planning & Project Committee Matters, Jeff Pena with Aptim presented updates on the HNC Lock Complex Project.

Ms. Laura Barnes with APTIM presented updates on the following projects: HNC Winch Upgrades, PAC Structure, Reach B Levee Alignment, Falgout Canal North and South Levee Tieins, and Bayou Lacache Pump Station Projects.

Dustin Malbrough with GIS Engineering provided a slide presentation on the updates on the Falgout Canal Floodgate Structure. Mr. Malbrough asked the board to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$26,566.67, for work on this project. Motion: Shaffer, Second: Henry. The motion passed.

Clark Capone with All South Consultants provided the board with updates on the Reach K & L, Lower Bayou Dularge Levee East, and Grand Bayou Interim Structure Projects.

Under Program Manager's Report, there was nothing to report.

Under Other Engineering matters, there was nothing to report.

Under President's Report, there was nothing to report.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Commissioner Daisy, seconded by Commissioner Moore, motion carried, to adjourn the March 7, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District at 6:45 o'clock P.M.

Anthony Alford, President

Angela Rains, Secretary