

TERREBONNE LEVEE CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Regular Meeting Minutes August 4, 2021

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, at 6:00 P.M. on August 4, 2021. The meeting was available via Zoom.

Angela Hidalgo led the opening prayer and Commissioner Leward Henry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Upon roll call by Mrs. Hidalgo, Commissioners recorded as present: Alford, Cenac, Chauvin, Davis, Henry, Moore, and Walker. Commissioner Williams is recorded as absent.

Under approval of minutes, there was a motion by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Chauvin, to approve the Regular Minutes dated July 21, 2021. The motion passed.

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

President Alford recognized Councilman Dirk Guidry as present in the meeting.

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

Under Finance Committee Matters, Chairman Moore asked the board to approve the operating and engineering invoices as presented. Motion: Chauvin, Second: Cenac. The motion passed.

Under Executive Director's Report, Mr. Dupre asked the board for a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending or potential litigation. There was a motion by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to enter into Executive Session. There was roll call vote on the motion.

Yeas: Alford, Cenac, Chauvin, Davis, Henry, Moore, and Walker. Nays: None. Absent and/or not voting: Williams. The vote passed without objection.

There was a motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Henry, to return to the regular session. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Dupre asked the board to pass *Resolution No. 21-012* authorizing the hiring of special legal counsel for Dewey F. Aucoin and Lisa R. Aucoin, vs. State of Louisiana, et al, No. 191674, 32nd JDC, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. There was a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to pass Resolution No. 21-012, to hire Attorney Loulan Pitre as special counsel for this litigation. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Dupre and Mitch Marmande provided a report on the trip to Washington, D.C. with CPRA, MAC, and other levee officials.

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Under Engineering Reports, Nicole Cutforth with APTIM provided an update on the HNC Lock Complex Project. Kevin DeZarn with APTIM provided updates on the Falgout Canal North Levee Tie-in and Reach B Levee Alignment Projects.

Joe Chauvin with GIS Engineering provided updates on the Reach A Levee Alignment, Minor's Canal Floodgate, the Reach B Levee Lift, and the Grand Bayou Flood Control Structure Projects.

Under Program Manager's Report, Mitch Marmande asked the board to approve GIS' *Amendment No. I* for Professional Engineering Services for Reach B Levee Lift Project in the amount of \$299,115.00, pending further review and handling by Mr. Marmande. Motion: Chauvin, Second: Henry, to approve the amendment subject to final review by Mr. Marmande. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Marmande asked the board to approve the contract proposal for GIS' Professional Engineering Services for the Bayou Terrebonne Lock Pump Station & Sector Gate Improvements Project. Motion: Chauvin, Second: Henry, to approve the contract proposal pending final review and handling by program manager. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Marmande asked the board to approve *Change Order No. 9* for Reach J-2 Hurricane Barry Recovery Project with no additional cost, to add Fema requested provisions and clauses. Motion: Moore, Second: Henry, to approve the change order. The motion passed without objection.

Corbin Hebert with Delta Coast Consultants provided an update on current FEMA claims,

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 Henry, with a second by Commissioner Moore, to adjourn the August 4, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District at 7:00 P.M. The motion passed.

Anthony Alford, President

Angela Hidalgo, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 21-012

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District has been named as a defendant in the following litigation: Dewey F. Aucoin and Lisa R. Aucoin, vs. State of Louisiana, Louisiana through the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, No. 191674, 32nd JDC, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District desires to take all necessary actions to protect itself from any and all liability; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to employ special counsel to provide a defense in this litigation involving complex legal theories related to inverse condemnation and other legal issues, and it is necessary to obtain special legal representation from attorneys with expertise in handling these matters; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District has decided that it is in its best interest to obtain the legal services of the Loulan J. Pitre and the Kelly Hart Pitre Law Firm;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District, subject to the approval of the Louisiana Attorney General, that it retain the services of Loulan J. Pitre and the Kelly Hart Pitre Law Firm to represent itself in the following litigation: : Dewey F. Aucoin and Lisa R. Aucoin, vs. State of Louisiana, Louisiana through the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, No. 191674, 32nd JDC, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, Louisiana on the basis as stated in the legal services contract attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Thus done and passed on the 4th day of August, 2021.

I, Angela Hidalgo, Secretary of the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on August 4, 2021.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 4th DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

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Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District