

TERREBONNE LEVEE & CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Regular Meeting Minutes May 17, 2023

President Anthony Alford called to order the Board Meeting of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District at the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District Office located at 220A Clendenning Road, Houma, Louisiana, at 6:00 P.M. May 17, 2023.

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

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

Under approval of minutes, there was a motion by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Cenac, to approve the meeting minutes dated May 3, 2023. The motion passed without objection.

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

Under Management's Report, Greg Gautreaux asked the board to approve the quote from QSM for the PAC pipe and gates in the amount of \$29,909.12. Motion: Chauvin, Second: Henry. The motion passed without objection.

Under Finance Committee Matters, Chairman Jack Moore asked the board to approve the Financial Report FME 30 April 2023. Motion: Chauvin, Second: Davis. The motion passed without objection.

Chairman Chauvin asked the board to approve the operating and engineering invoices as presented. Motion: Chauvin, Second: Henry. The motion passed without objection.

There was no Executive Session held.

Under Executive Director's Report. Mr. Dupre asked the board to approve the Recommendation to Award the Reach L Drainage Improvements to Paul R. Dufrene III Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$148,840.00. Motion: Chauvin, Second: Davis. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Dupre asked the board to pass Resolution No. 23-004 declaring an emergency due to a structural failure on one of the environmental structures on the Reach G-2b levee. Motion: Chauvin, Second: Moore. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Dupre asked the board to pass Resolution No. 23-005 declaring an emergency due to the unfinished Reach A Levee south of the GIWW for the 2023 Hurricane Season. Motion: Moore, Second: Chauvin. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Dupre reminded the board of Coastal Day that will be held on June 15, 2023, at the Civic Center.

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Chairman Dan Davis conducted the Planning & Projects portion of the meeting.

Under Engineering Reports, Jay Duplantis with All South Consulting Engineers presented updates on the Reach K Rehabilitation, Reach J-1 Improvements, LDL Rehabilitation Phase 2, and LDL East Improvements Phase 3 Projects.

Philip Chauvin with T. Baker Smith presented updates on the TLCD General Services Agreement, Marmande Canal Water Control Structure, and the Reach I Levee Embankment Project.

Under Delta Coast Consultants, LLC, David Boudreaux provided updates on the HNC Lock Complex, mitigation projects, and maintenance/rehabilitation projects.

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

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Commissioner Chauvin, with a second by Commissioner Moore, to adjourn the May 17, 2023 meeting of the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District Office at 6:30 P.M. The motion passed without objection.

Anthony Alford, President

Angela Hidalgo, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 23-004

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY – REACH G2B WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE NO. 1

WHEREAS, on or about May 10, 2023, TLCD Operations Manager Greg Geautreaux discovered dirt material along the MTG Reach G-2B Levee caving in above one of the pipe culverts for Water Control Structure No. 1; and

WHEREAS, further investigation into the damage has revealed there is likely a separation of a pipe joint for one of the culverts making up the Reach G-2B Water Control Structure No. 1; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for immediate repairs to be conducted to the separated pipe joint in order to maintain the integrity of the Reach G-2B Levee and Water Control Structure No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District acknowledges the imminent threat of flooding associated with the damage to the Reach G-2B Levee at the site of Water Control Structure No.1, and TLCD recognizes that this threat requires immediate action by the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District, including necessary repairs to the structure that must be completed prior to the 2023 hurricane season; 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,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District Board of Commissioners hereby declares a state of emergency due to the imminent threat of flooding due to the damage to the Reach G-2B Levee at the site of Water Control Structure No.1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District Executive Director and administration are hereby authorized to expend 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 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.

I, Angela Hidalgo, Executive 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 <u>May 17, 2023.</u>

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2023.

Angela Hidalgo, Secretary

Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District

TLCD RESOLUTION NO. 23-005

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY – IMMINENT THREAT OF FLOODING DUE TO THE REACH A GAP IN THE MORGANZA TO THE GULF FLOOD RISK REDUCTION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish is vulnerable to future hurricane and flood events, and subsidence, sea level rise, and coastal land loss increase the risks to these communities; and

WHEREAS, because of the threat of Hurricane Season 2023, and the need to prepare for tropical storms and/or hurricanes before they occur and the effects of wind/or flooding, Terrebonne Parish is in a state of crisis and emergency that requires immediate and urgent action to prepare for and attention to avert further injury to the lives, property, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Louisiana and the nation; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect against these threats TLCD has previously constructed approximately 80 miles of levees and flood control structures as part of the interim Morganza to the Gulf Flood Risk Reduction System; however this is an ongoing project to prepare and mitigate the effects from tropical storm and/or hurricane events; and

WHEREAS, there remains approximately a four mile gap in the Morganza to the Gulf Flood Risk Reduction System known as Reach A from Marmande Ridge in Dularge to the Intracoastal Canal near Minor's Canal; and

WHEREAS, tropical storm and hurricane events are unpredictable, but emergency preparation prior to these natural events is needed to avoid and prevent imminent natural disaster, the approaching 2023 hurricane season and the gap associated with Reach A of the Morganza to the Gulf Flood Risk Reduction System presents a real and imminent threat to the residents and property of Dularge and Terrebonne Parish due to the previously mentioned vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, substantial funding is already in place at the federal level to implement Reach A of the Morganza to the Gulf Flood Risk Reduction System to directly respond to and address this crisis and emergency, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary for TLCD and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to take expedited action in order to prepare for and provide necessary flood protection to protect Terrebonne Parish, lives and property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District Board of Commissioners hereby declares a state of emergency due to the imminent threat of harm to the people and property of Terrebonne associated with the Reach A gap in the Morganza to the Gulf Flood Risk Reduction System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District Board of Commissioners hereby urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to take expedited action in order to provide necessary flood protection to Terrebonne Parish; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District Executive Director and administration are hereby authorized to take whatever action they deem necessary to provide assistance to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete the closure of the Reach A gap in the Morganza to the Gulf Flood Risk Reduction System, to prepare for 2023 Tropical Storm and/or Hurricane events and to protect and avoid natural disaster, to expend 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 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.

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