

## TERREBONNE LEVEE & CONSERVATION DISTRICT



### Regular Meeting Minutes June 18, 2024

Board 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. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

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, Cenac, Chauvin, Davis, Daisy, Henry, Walker and Williams. Commissioner Moore is recorded as absent.

Under approval of minutes, there was a motion by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Chauvin, to approve the meeting minutes dated June 5, 2024. The motion passed without objection.

Under Public, there was no one wishing to address the Board. President Alford recognized Councilman Danny Babin as present in the meeting.

Under Management's Report, Greg Gautreaux provided updates on in-house projects.

Under Finance Committee Matters, Commissioner Cenac asked that Item 7(a) be deferred until a later date.

Commissioner Cenac asked the board to pass Resolution No. 24-009 in support of amended budget FYE 30 June 2024. Motion: Henry, Second: Davis. The motion passed without objection.

There was a call for Public comments regarding the proposed budget FYE 30 June 2025. There was no one from Public wishing to address the board.

There was a motion by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Daisy, to pass Resolution No. 24-010 in support of the proposed budget FYE 30 June 2024. The motion passed without objection.

Mrs. Hidalgo presented the Financial Report FME 31 May 2024. There was a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Daisy, to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion passed without objection.

Commissioner Cenac asked the board to approve the operating and engineering invoices, as presented. Motion: Daisy, Second: Henry, to approve the warrants as presented. The motion passed without objection.

There was no Executive Session held.

Under Executive Director's Report, Mr. Dupre asked the board to approve the purchase of a mitigation servitude on immovable property from Burt Theriot near Reach E in the amount of \$91,516.62 (220.303 acres) with a \$5,000.00 option to purchase additional acreage. There was a motion by Commissioner Chauvin, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve the purchase as presented. The motion passed without objection.

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Chauvin, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve the purchase as presented. The motion passed without objection.

Mrs. Hidalgo asked the board to approve advertisement for TLCD office/EOC site improvements (Phase 1). Motion: Henry, Second: Chauvin. The motion passed without objection.

Stevie Smith with All South Consultants, LLC discussed declaring an emergency on Lower Dularge Levee West.

Mrs. Hidalgo asked the board to pass Resolution No. 24-011 declaring an emergency on Lower Dularge Levee West. There was a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Daisy, to pass Resolution No. 24-011. The motion passed without objection.

Jay Duplantis with All South Consultants, LLC provided updates on Reach K Rehabilitation, Lower Dualrge Levee East Rehabilitation, and Lower Dularge Levee East Improvements Projects.

Philip Chauvin with T. Baker Smith presented updates on the TLCD General Services Agreement and the Reach I Levee Embankment Project.

Corbin Hebert with Delta Coast Consultants asked the board to award the emergency services contracts for land and marine for the 2024 hurricane season to Onshore Materials, Low Land Construction Sealevel Construction, Dupre Brothers, and Chet Morrison. There was a motion by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Chauvin, to award the emergency services contracts as requested. The motion passed without objection.

David Boudreaux with Delta Coast Consultants asked the board to award the Lower Dularge Levee West engineering contract to All South Consultants, LLC. There was a motion by Commissioner Daisy, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to award the engineering contract as requested. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Boudreaux asked the board to approve Change Oder No. 1 for Lirette Dirt Services for work on the Knight Borrow pit to Lower Dularge in the amount of \$28,643.75. Motion: Chauvin, Second: Henry. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Boudreaux asked the board to approve Change Order No. 1 for Lirette Dirt Services for work on the Aragon Road Borrow site in the amount of \$416,000.00. Motion: Walker, Second: Chauvin. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Boudreaux provided updates on the HNC Lock Complex Phase 2 Project, and other mitigation projects.

Under President's Report, Mr. Alford had nothing to report.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Commissioner Chauvin, with a second by Commissioner Henry, to adjourn the June 18, 2024 meeting of the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation Board of Commissioners at 6:30 P.M. The motion passed without objection.

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Angela Hidalgo, Secretary

The following resolution was presented by Commissioner Henry, who moved its adoption, and was seconded by Commissioner Davis:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 24-009**

#### A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A BUDGET AMENDMENT FYE 30 JUNE 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District (the District), acting in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1309, declare the Budget FYE 30 June 2024 be hereby amended;

WHEREAS, that upon adoption of said amendment certified copies of the budget and this resolution be retained by the Accountant for the District and that said copies be available for public inspection upon request;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, as governing authority, is empowered with sole authority to make any and all budget amendments within all budget classifications; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, having submitted said resolution in writing and adopted at a public meeting of the Board of Commissioners on this <u>18th</u> day of <u>June 2024</u>, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

YEAS:

Cenac, Chauvin, Daisy, Davis, Henry, Walker, Williams.

NAYS:

None.

ABSENT AND/OR ABSTAINING:

Alford.

The President declared the resolution adopted on this, the 18th day of June 2024.

**I, Angela Hidalgo**, Secretary of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District on the <u>18th</u> day of <u>June</u>, <u>2024</u>, at which meeting a quorum was present and voted and that said Resolution is now in full force and effect.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 18th DAY OF JUNE 2024.

Angela Hidalgo, Secretary

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Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District

The following resolution was presented by Commissioner Henry, who moved its adoption, and was seconded by Commissioner Daisy:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 24-010**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PROPOSED BUDGET FYE 30 JUNE 2025 FOR THE TERREBONNE LEVEE AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND TO ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District (the District), acting in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1304 – 39:1314, declare the Proposed Budget FYE 30 June 2025 be hereby adopted;

WHEREAS, that upon adoption certified copies of the budget and this resolution be retained by the Accountant for the District and that said copies be available for public inspection upon request;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, as governing authority, is empowered with sole authority to make any and all budget amendments within all budget classifications; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, having submitted said resolution in writing, said resolution having been read aloud, and adopted at a public meeting of the Board of Commissioners on this <u>18th</u> day of <u>June 2024</u>, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

YEAS:

Cenac, Chauvin, Daisy, Davis, Henry, Walker, Williams.

NAYS:

None.

ABSENT AND/OR ABSTAINING:

Alford.

The President declared the resolution adopted on this, the 18th day of June 2024.

**I, Angela Hidalgo**, Secretary of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District meeting in Regular Session on the <u>18th</u> day of <u>June 2024</u>, at which meeting a quorum was present and voted and that said Resolution is now in full force and effect.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 18th day

of June 2024.

Angela Hidalgo, Secretary

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#### **TLCD RESOLUTION NO. 24-011**

# DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY – THREAT OF IMMINENT HARM OF FLOODING DUE TO SIGNIFICANT VULNERABILITIES IN THE LOWER DULARGE WEST LEVEE

WHEREAS, because of the threat of Hurricane Season 2024 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 Terrebonne Parish; and

WHEREAS, the lower Dularge community in Terrebonne Parish is located outside of the federally authorized alignment of the Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Risk Reduction System and is particularly vulnerable to hurricane and flood events; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect against these threats TLCD has been improving the Lower Dularge West Levee through various projects with All South Consulting Engineers (All South) as the Project Engineer; and

WHEREAS, All South recently sent a letter to TLCD Executive Director Reggie Dupre, Jr. alerting TLCD to significant vulnerabilities in the Lower Dularge West Levee; and

WHEREAS, recent survey data from All South concluded that significant portions of the Lower Dularge West Levee are below +8 feet in elevation with significant erosion along the levee berm; and

WHEREAS, due to the substantial and unforeseen amount of settling of the levee to below +8 feet in elevation, along with stability concerns arising from erosion of the levee berm, there is a high risk of a levee failure and/or overtopping occurring during tropical weather events expected during the imminent 2024 Hurricane Season; and

WHEREAS, All South has recommended that immediate action should be taken by TLCD to improve and stabilize the lower section of the Lower Dularge West Levee because of the dangerous situation created by the factors described above; and

WHEREAS, the previously mentioned vulnerabilities presents a real and imminent threat to the residents and property of lower Dularge and Terrebonne Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary for TLCD to take expedited action in order to prepare for and provide necessary flood protection to protect lives and property in lower Dularge during the 2024 Hurricane Season; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District (TLCD) declares an emergency relating to the imminent threat of harm to the people and property of lower Dularge associated with the significant vulnerabilities located in the Lower Dularge West Levee and the imminent start of the 2024 Hurricane Season; 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 harm to the people and property of lower Dularge associated with the significant vulnerabilities of the Lower Dularge West Levee and the imminent start of the 2024 Hurricane Season; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District Executive Director and administration are hereby authorized and directed to take expedited action in order to immediately address the significant vulnerabilities in the Lower Dularge West Levee, to provide the flood protection necessary to protect the lives and property of lower Dularge, to expend funds from the Emergency Disaster and Contingency Account, and to undertake any activity authorized

by law which the Executive Director and/or Assistant Executive Director deem 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 special meeting held on <u>June 18, 2024</u>.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS <u>18th</u> DAY OF <u>June</u>, <u>2024</u>.

Angela Hidalgo, Secretary

**Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District** 

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