



# TERREBONNE LEVEE CONSERVATION DISTRICT



## Emergency Meeting Minutes September 10, 2021

President Anthony Alford called to order the Emergency Board Meeting of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District at the Terrebonne Port Commission office located at 1116 Bayou LaCarpe, Houma, Louisiana, at **NOON** on September 10, 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, Chauvin, Davis, Henry, and Moore. Commissioners Cenac, Walker, and Williams are recorded as absent. Board Attorney Jacob Dagate attended the meeting via Zoom.

Under approval of minutes, there was a motion by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve the Regular Minutes dated August 18, 2021. The motion passed.

Under Public, Representative Mike Fesi and Parish President Gordon Dove addressed the board.

Under Executive Director's Report, Mr. Dupre provided a report on TLCD's floodgate failures and successes, along with a slide presentation. Program Manager Mitch Marmande, Laura Barnes (GIS Engineering), and Brandon Arceneaux (All South) also provided information on Hurricane Ida's impact on Terrebonne Parish.

Mr. Dupre asked the board to pass **Resolution No. 20-014**, a Declaration of Emergency for Hurricane Ida, retroactive to August 26, 2021, whereby Governor John Bel Edwards and Parish President Gordon Dove also declared emergencies. There was a motion by Commissioner Chauvin, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to pass Resolution No. 20-014. The motion passed without objection.

There was a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Henry, to authorize the payment of bills with the board president and executive director's approval, before the next scheduled board meeting of October 6, 2021. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Dupre asked the board to approve the **Final Balancing Change Order No. 4** for Dupre Brothers for work on the Temporary Water Control Structure Project at Marmande Canal, in the amount of (\$10,095.00). Motion: Henry, Second: Chauvin. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Dupre asked the board to approve **Substantial Completion** for Dupre Brothers for work on the Temporary Water Control Structure Project at Marmande Canal. Motion: Moore, Second: Henry. The motion passed without objection.

Under Management's Report, there was nothing to report, at this time. (985) 853-2318

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Under Finance Committee Matters, Chairman Moore asked the board to approve the Engagement Letter for Bourgeois Bennett, LLC for years 2021-2022-2023, as requested by Angela Hidalgo. Motion: Chauvin, Second: Henry. The motion passed without objection.

Chairman Moore asked the board to pass **Resolution No. 20-013** accepting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire FYE 30 June 2021, as requested by Angela Hidalgo. Motion: Chauvin, Second: Henry. The motion passed without objection.

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

Under Engineering Reports, APTIM did not have a report.

Laura Barnes with GIS Engineering provided a brief update 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, David Boudreaux asked the board to approve **Change Order No. 6** for Bayou Lacache Pump Station in the amount of \$328,272.00, for the addition of safety and security features for the operation and maintenance of additional pumps. Motion: Chauvin, Second: Moore. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Boudreaux asked the board to approve **Amendment No. 5** for APTIM's Professional Services Agreement for work on the Falgout Canal North Levee Tie-In in the amount of \$86,964.00. Motion: Chauvin, Second: Henry. The motion passed without objection.

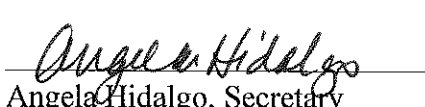
A recess was taken by the board at this time to allow U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy to address the board and those present regarding Hurricane Ida's impact on South Louisiana's infrastructure.

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 September 10, 2021 Emergency Meeting of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District at 1:30 P.M. The motion passed without objection.

  
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Anthony Alford, President

  
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Angela Hidalgo, Secretary

There was a motion by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Chauvin:

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-013**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District does hereby adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire in connection with the audit of our financial statements as of and for the year ended **30 June 2021**.

**WHEREUPON**, the Resolution was put to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** Alford, Chauvin, Davis, Henry, Moore

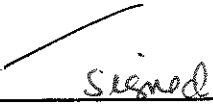
**NAYS:** None.

**ABSENT AND/OR NOT VOTING:** Cenac, Walker, Williams

And the Chairman declared the Resolution adopted on this, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

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 at the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021, at which meeting a quorum was present.

**GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE  
THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021.**

  
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**Angela Hidalgo, Secretary  
Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-014**

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**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY – IMMINENT THREAT OF FLOODING DUE TO HURRICANE IDA**

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**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service indicated that Hurricane Ida would enter the Gulf of Mexico and strengthen into a system that could be at or near major hurricane strength when it approached the Gulf coast; and

**WHEREAS**, the tropical weather system named Ida was projected to make landfall along the Louisiana coast on August 29, 2021 or August 30, 2021, bringing with it severe storm surge, hurricane force winds, and heavy rainfall; and,

**WHEREAS**, on August 26, 2021, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 165 JBE 2021 declaring a state of emergency for Louisiana due to the imminent threat of emergency conditions from life-threatening storm surge, damaging hurricane force winds, and heavy rainfall associated with Hurricane Ida, and

**WHEREAS**, on August 26, 2021, Terrebonne Parish President Gordon Dove issued an Executive Order declaring a parish-wide state of emergency due to potential flooding, rainfall and hurricane force winds upon Terrebonne Parish as a direct result of the tropical weather event named Ida, and

**WHEREAS**, on August 26, 2021, the President of the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District determined an extreme public emergency existed due to the approaching tropical weather event named Ida and the imminent threat to the lives and property of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish, and

**WHEREAS**, the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District has acknowledged the imminent threat of flooding and severe weather associated with Hurricane Ida, and has recognized that this threat required immediate action by the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District; 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**, on August 29, 2021, Hurricane Ida made landfall near Port Fourchon as a Category 4 Hurricane with winds in excess of 150 mph causing catastrophic damage to Terrebonne Parish, including major damage to the property and flood protection measures owned and operated by TLCD, and causing vast amounts of debris to be deposited on levees and flood control structures owned and operated by TLCD;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District Board of Commissioners hereby declares a state of emergency, retroactive to 6:00 p.m. on August 26, 2021, due to the imminent threat of severe weather, flooding, and emergency conditions associated with Hurricane Ida, and that TLCD employees, including the Executive Director and administrative staff, shall be eligible to receive emergency pay in accordance with the emergency pay provisions previously authorized by the TLCD Board; 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 an Emergency meeting held on **September 10, 2021**.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER,  
2021.

*Signed*

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Angela Hidalgo, Secretary  
Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District