



TERREBONNE LEVEE & CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Emergency Meeting Minutes May 26, 2023

Board President Anthony Alford called to order the Emergency Meeting of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District at the TLCD office located at 220 Clendenning Road, Houma, Louisiana, at NOON on May 26, 2023.

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, Daisy, Davis, Henry and Moore. Commissioners Walker and Williams are recorded as absent.

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

David Boudreaux with Delta Coast Consultants recommended that the TLCD board pass Resolution No. 23-006 declaring an emergency for Lower Dularge Flood Control Project. This will expedite the raising of several thousand feet of levee to a +12 foot elevation as quickly as possible. Motion: Daisy, Second: Davis. The motion passed without objection.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Moore, motion carried, to adjourn the May 26, 2023 Special Meeting of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District at 12:06 P.M.



Anthony Alford, President



Angela Hidalgo, Secretary

Motion of Commissioner Daisy, seconded by Commissioner Davis:

TLCD RESOLUTION NO. 23-006

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

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 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 height and width of the Lower Dularge East Levee through a rehabilitation project with All South Consulting Engineers (All South) as the Project Engineer; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2023, All South sent a letter to TLCD Executive Director Reggie Dupre, Jr. alerting TLCD to a significant weak point located in the lower 2.5 miles of the Lower Dularge East Levee; and

WHEREAS, recent survey data from All South concluded that significant portions of the Lower Dularge East Levee are below +9 feet in elevation creating a weak point in the levee that is being exacerbated by recent work on the adjacent levee sections being raised to +12 feet in elevation; and

WHEREAS, due to the difference in crown elevations in adjacent levee sections, the lower 2.5 miles of the Lower Dularge East Levee will see additional wave runup and significantly greater pressure during a tropical weather event; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated increased pressure at this vulnerable location, along with stability concerns arising from a narrower levee footprint and greater slope in this area, creates a high risk of a levee failure occurring during tropical weather events expected during the imminent 2023 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 East Levee because of the dangerous situation created by the factors described above; and

WHEREAS, the previously mentioned vulnerabilities located in the lower 2.5 miles of the Lower Dularge East Levee, together with the imminent start of the 2023 Hurricane Season, 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 2023 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 2.5 miles of the Lower Dularge East Levee and the imminent start of the 2023 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 East Levee and the imminent start of the 2023 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 2.5 miles of the Lower Dularge East 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 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 special meeting held on May 26, 2023.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 26th DAY OF May, 2023.

_____/s/Angela Hidalgo_____
Angela Hidalgo, Secretary
Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District