

TERREBONNE LEVEE & CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Special Meeting Minutes March 1, 2019

President Alford called to order the Special Meeting of the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District at the office located at 220 Clendenning Road, Houma, Louisiana 70363, on March 1, 2019, at 2:00 P.M.

The Opening Prayer was led by Angela Hidalgo, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Commissioner Henry.

Upon roll call by Mrs. Hidalgo, Commissioners recorded as present are Anthony Alford, Tenner Cenac, Carl Chauvin, Buddy Daisy, Leward Henry, Dr. James Butler, and Danny Walker. Lee Shaffer and Jack Moore are recorded as absent.

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

There was a brief discussion regarding the 2019 High River Threat. There was a motion by Commissioner Henry, with a second by Commissioner Daisy, to pass Resolution No. 19-003 in support of declaring an emergency for the expected high river event. The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-003

STATE OF EMERGENCY – IMMINENT THREAT OF FLOODING ALONG MISSISSIPPI RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA RIVER, AND OTHER STATE BODIES OF WATER

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish President Gordon Dove issued an Executive Order on February 26, 2019, declaring a parish-wide state of emergency due to threating high water and potential flooding from the Mississippi River and the Atchafalaya River; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a flood warning along certain portions of the Mississippi River, with predicted river crests well above flood stage in many locations, which combined with recent weather conditions across the middle of the nation, create the potential for major flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District acknowledges the severity of this flood threat from the Mississippi, Atchafalaya, and other rivers and their tributaries, and recognizes that the anticipated effect of this threat will require immediate action by the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, and other agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District desires to make available its personnel, equipment, and resources to respond to this threat and to assist, as necessary, the

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and the State of Louisiana in responding to this unforeseen threat;

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District previously issued a resolution creating an Emergency Disaster and Contingency Account to be used for unforeseen conditions for emergency and unforeseen expenses;

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 threat of imminent flooding from this high-water event and the effects of which threaten the lives and property of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish;

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, and providing any necessary assistance to the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and the State of Louisiana in responding to this threat;

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Commissioner Henry, with a second by Commissioner Daisy, to adjourn the March 1, 2019 Special Meeting of the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District at 2:15 P.M. The motion passed.

Anthony J. Alford, President

Angela Hidalgo, Secretary