Protection in Terrebonne, Lafourche Is Aim

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PORT ALLEN, La. — The Atchafalaya Levee District board of commissioners Wednesday voted to contribute $387,500 to Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes for hurricane and flood protection, with $300,000 of the amount going to Lafourche for hurricane protection in the Larose - Golden Meadow area.

The contribution to Terrebonne Parish amounted to $87,500, of which $37,500 is in matching funds for a pumping facility and $50,000 for flood protection survey by Civil Engineer William Clifford Smith.

The contribution action for Lafourche, introduced by Commissioner Valcin Gisclair of Lafourche Parish, followed recent similar action by the Lafourche Basin Levee District which contributed $300,000 also to the Larose - Golden Meadow project.

BOND ISSUE ELECTION

T. M. Barker, Lafourche Parish police jury president, told C. O. Watts, Atchafalaya Levee Board president and member of the board, that the Lafourche police jury Wednesday called a $600,000 bond issue election to raise local funds for the project.

Estimated cost of the entire project which was made by the U. S. government is $5.5 million, Barker said.

The responsibility of raising the $1 million in cash or equivalent work should be divided between the state and the police jury on a 60-40 basis, he said. This makes the state's contribution $600,000 and the levee boards and the police jury have the responsibility of providing the remaining $400,000 of the local participation funds.

Barker said the assurance of federal funds from State Sen. Allen Ellender and Rep. Edwin Willis if the local funds should be available.

The resolution to give $30,000 for the Terrebonne survey was introduced by commissioner George J. Saadi of Terrebonne Parish.

The $37,500 had been authorized at an earlier meeting hanging on legal approval. With legal approval obtained, the board finalized the authorization Wednesday.

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A meeting was set for Monday at 9 a.m. in the office of Attorney General Jack P. F. Gremillion with District Attorney Sam Cashio, Lafourche and Terrebonne representatives and the Atchafalaya Levee board to discuss legal aspects of the contributions.

Barker told the levee board that all water from Donaldsonville down falls into the Lafourche valley on its way to the Gulf.

Appeal of Solon

We need local help from your board,” Rep. Talbot said concerning Terrebonne Parish and added that “Terrebonne contributes more of your revenues than any other parish in the levee district.”

He said that Lafourche and Terrebonne “give you 50 per cent of your revenues.”

Talbot told the levee district in asking for the Terrebonne funds that “if we are in your district then you should help us, and if we are not let us have our millage back so that we can help ourselves.”

He said if he could not get cooperation out of the levee district “we want out of it and that I think that Lafourche would too.”

Talbot said it was a question of obtaining legal approval.

State Sen. H. M. Kimball said “I am disturbed about our friends from below wanting to withdraw from the district. They are just joking,” he said.

Talbot said Terrebonne needed the $37,000 for the flood pump at Montegut and a survey in the parish.

The levee board voted in favor of contributing the funds.