

Corps Approves the Yazoo Backwater Pumps!

"Levee Board, Legislators Praise Corps for Approving Yazoo Backwater Pumps"

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Mississippi legislators and the Mississippi Levee Board commended the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) last week for signing its Record of Decision finding that the Yazoo Backwater Pumps can proceed.

"We are grateful for the work performed by the Corps to demonstrate, again, that the Pumps are needed and will not damage the environment," said Peter Nimrod, Chief Engineer with the Levee Board. "We appreciate the cooperation of the Corps with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other agencies to develop a modified Yazoo Backwater Project that does not fall within the out-of-date EPA 2008 veto."

The Corps' December 11, 2020 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS-2) provided thorough scientific proof that the Pumps – which will lessen the height and duration of flooding – will have only modest impacts on the fish and wildlife resources. The proposed mitigation plan offsets those impacts and provides broader benefits by including wells to supplement upstream tributaries during dry periods.

"Today is a monumental day for the South Delta. For too long, residents have suffered losses and damages from preventable backwater flooding. The Yazoo Backwater Pumps will bring much-needed relief and certainty," said U.S. Senator Roger Wicker. "I commend the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the EPA for listening to the voices of so many Delta residents and moving this project forward."

The Record of Decision signifies that the federal environmental review process required by the National Environmental Policy Act is complete. Upon receiving funding, the USACE can start construction. "I am pleased that the federal agencies have worked together to develop a plan that can

solve our critical flood control problems," said U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith. "We look forward to continued cooperation with the State of Mississippi and federal agencies as the project proceeds."

Hyde-Smith serves on the Senate Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee, which has funding jurisdiction over the Corps and its Mississippi Rivers and Tributaries (MR&T) program.

"I've considered this a priority project since becoming a Senator and I am fully committed to finishing the job in the years to come. We reached this point with bipartisan support and interagency cooperation. More of that will be necessary in the years ahead to secure additional funding, further educate project opponents, and overcome other challenges," Hyde-Smith said.

According to Nimrod, the Levee Board remains deeply disappointed that some out of state project opponents continue to ignore the scientific data demonstrating that removal of high flood water will not damage wetlands, wildlife or fisheries.

On January 12, 2021, certain national groups filed a lawsuit challenging the statement in EPA's November 30, 2020 letter to the Corps that this project is not subject to the 2008 veto and can proceed. "We will vigorously oppose this lawsuit or any other claims that may be brought against the project. We can only hope that, after fully reviewing the science and the facts, other organizations will agree that this project should go forward," said Nimrod.

Signing of the Record of Decision by USACE Mississippi Valley Division Commander Maj. General Diana Holland brings the project one step closer to flood damage relief for the Mississippi South



Finish The Pumps - Hwy 61 at Ballard Plantation



Backwater Tour Group photo - Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith and EPA Region IV Mary Walker (March 19, 2019)



Cong. Bennie Thompson at Valley Park Public Meeting (April 5, 2019)



YBW Project - ROD signing - Gary Young, Eddie Belk, Kent Parrish & Gen. Diana Holland (January 15, 2021)

2020 Highwater Event

We can look in the rearview mirror and say 2019 will go down in history as the longest period of time that Greenville, Mississippi remained above flood stage for any flood of record. This all began in the fall of 2018 when heavy rain over the Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee Valleys caused the lower Mississippi River to never reach low levels in October and November.

Greenville went above the 48.0ft flood stage on February 17, 2019 and finally went below flood stage on July 21, 2019 having been above flood stage for 154 consecutive days. This breaks the 1927 record of 115 days.

2020 didn't start out looking much better with the Greenville gage staying above average for the first half of the year.

The Greenville gage was above flood stage from Jan. 20th – Feb. 13th; Feb. 18th – Mar. 8th; Mar. 24th – May 1 and June



Crew Building Sandbag Ring Around Sandboil at Buck Chute (Feb. 27, 2020)



Crew & Corps placing Filter over Sandboil at Buck Chute (April 14, 2020)

4th – June 9th for a total of 78 days. This caused some minor sand boils which the Mississippi Levee Board crew monitored. The River at Greenville finally dropped to its historical average stage briefly in the first part of July 2020. The River rose again and fluctuated but generally staying above

average stage until the end of September 2020.

The larger issue was, once again, the closure of the Steele Bayou Structure gates and the second year in a row of Yazoo Backwater Area flooding. ■

2020 Backwater Flood

In 2020 the Backwater saw its 2nd highest crest at 96.9' on April 23, 2020.

At 96.9' 500,000 acres were flooded including 202,000 acres of crop land. Hwy 465 down near Eagle Lake and Hwy 16 between Rolling Fork and Holly Bluff went underwater again. Eagle Lake Residents had to travel the Mainline Mississippi River Levee (MRL), the Brunswick Extension Levee (BEL), and the Yazoo Backwater Levee (YBWL) to get to Hwy 61.

From 1978 until 2018 the Backwater had been above 94' for a total of 45 days during this 41 year period of record. In 2019 the Backwater was above 94' from March 1st until July 25, 2019 for 147 consecutive days. In 2020 the Backwater was above 94'

from February 19th until May 12, 2020 for 84 consecutive days.

In 2019 the Backwater was above 90' from February 17th until August 7, 2019 for 172 consecutive days. In 2020 the Backwater was above 90' from January 16th until June 18, 2020 for 154 consecutive days.

Finally, by mid-June, 2020 the rains had stopped, the Mississippi River started to significantly drop, the Steele Bayou Structure Gates were re-opened on June 13, 2020 and the Backwater started significantly falling.

The river stages on June 30, 2020 were approximately 20' lower than they were on June 30, 2019. ■

STEELE BAYOU DRAINAGE STRUCTURE

The Steele Bayou Drainage Structure Gates were closed 4 different times in 2020:

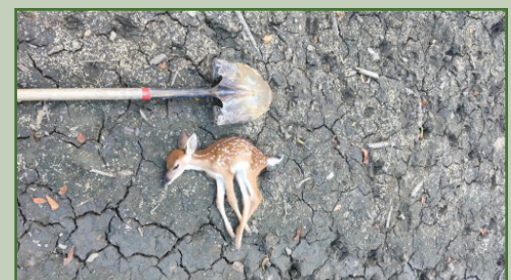
Closed	Opened	Consecutive Days	Crest
January 14th	February 2nd	20 days	93.26'
February 27th	March 3rd	5 days	96.54'
March 30th	April 20th	22 days	96.90'
June 1st	June 13th	14 days	91.80'



Highway 16 at Sunflower WMA



Flooded Church at Floweree, MS



Dead Fawn

Major General Diana M. Holland

Commanding General, Mississippi Valley Division

Maj. Gen. Diana M. Holland assumed command of the Mississippi Valley Division (MVD), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), June 30, 2020. Holland serves as the senior military officer in the division, headquartered in Vicksburg, Mississippi, responsible for water resources engineering solutions in a 370,000-square-mile area, extending from Canada to

the Gulf of Mexico and encompassing portions of 12 states. The mission of the division is to serve the Mississippi Valley region by providing vital public engineering services and stewardship of water resource infrastructure, partnering in peace and war, to strengthen our nation's security, energize the economy and reduce risks from disasters. The division's work is carried out by district offices located in St. Paul, Minnesota; Rock Island, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; Memphis, Tennessee; Vicksburg, Mississippi; and New Orleans, Louisiana.

Prior to coming to MVD, Maj. Gen. Holland served as Commander of the South Atlantic Division (SAD), USACE. During her command, Maj. Gen. Holland oversaw an annual program of \$4 to 7 billion to plan, design and construct projects to support the military, protect America's water resources, mitigate risk from disasters, and restore and enhance the environment. She also led SAD's response to Hurricanes



Maj. Gen. Holland

Irma and Maria in 2017 and Hurricanes Florence and Michael in 2018.

Other previous assignments include Commandant of Cadets at the United States Military Academy, West Point; Deputy Commanding General for Support, 10th Mountain Division (LI) at Fort Drum, New York, and Operation Freedom's Sentinel in Afghanistan;

executive officer to the Director of the Army Staff at the Pentagon; commander of the 130th Engineer Brigade at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and Joint Task Force Sapper in Afghanistan; United States Army War College Fellow at Georgetown University; commander of the 92nd Engineer Battalion (Black Diamonds) and Task Force Diamond in Afghanistan; plans officer in the Operations Directorate, United States Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida; operations officer in the 92nd Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy); division plans officer for the 3rd Infantry Division, and Operation Iraqi Freedom 3; battalion logistics officer and then commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 30th Engineer Battalion (Topographic), 20th Engineer Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; company executive officer and battalion assistant operations officer in the 94th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) in Germany; and vertical construction



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platoon leader in the 79th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), in Germany.

Maj. Gen. Holland is a native of Santa Barbara, California. She graduated from the United States Military Academy and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers in 1990. She earned a Master of Arts degree at Duke University and a Master of Military Arts and Sciences degree from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the School of Advanced Military Studies.

Maj. Gen. Holland's military awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal (NATO) medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge, the German Parachutist Badge and the Silver Order of the de Fleury Medal. She was also recently honored as a 2018 Women Making a Mark Honoree by Atlanta Magazine. ■

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Delta.

The Record of Decision (ROD) marks full Corps support for the Proposed Plan, which include:

- (1) A new location for the pump station, approximately eight miles northeast of the 2007 proposed location.
- (2) System operated by natural gas rather than diesel to reduce the carbon footprint.
- (3) The installation of 34 groundwater wells to re-establish flows for fish species in approximately 9,321 acres of streams during dry periods.
- (4) The acquisition and reforestation of 5,105 acres of agricultural lands for the purposes of enhancing wetlands,

terrestrial, aquatic, and waterfowl resources.

The ROD concludes, "All practicable means to avoid or minimize adverse environmental effects have been incorporated into the Proposed Plan. All applicable laws, executive orders, regulations and local government plans were considered in the evaluation of the Proposed Plan. The public will be best served by implementing the Proposed Plan. This Record of Decision completes the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act process."

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 enacted in December provides \$380 million for MR&T flood control, navigation, and dredging projects. The legislation also



Flooded Home on Hwy 61

included language allowing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to use these funds to conduct work on remaining unconstructed features of authorized projects affected by recent natural disasters, such as the Yazoo Backwater Area Pump. ■

Mississippi Levee Board Meeting Recaps

JANUARY 2020

The Board took the following action at the January 13, 2020 regular board meeting: agreed to purchase two 2007 Mack Dump Trucks from YMD Levee Board; authorized advertisement for package insurance policy, chemicals for 2020 application; authorized issuing right-of-way to Corps of Engineers for Items 452L and 458L; and received report from the Chief Engineer on all ongoing projects in the Mississippi Levee District.

MAY 2020

The Board took the following action at the May 11, 2020 board meeting, having postponed the April 6, 2020 regular board meeting due to Coronavirus restrictions: seating of Bolivar County Commissioner Katherine Crump appointed to fill seat of Frank Brown until July General Election; accepted low bid on package insurance policy from Home Insurance

Agency, Leland, MS; accepted low bids on chemical purchases for the next 12 months; authorized advertisement for helicopter herbicide application on interior streams; approved a Permit for Facilities for a buried fiber optic cable under Steele Bayou at Low-Water Bridge Road by Franklin Telephone Company; and received report from the Chief Engineer on all ongoing projects in the Mississippi Levee District.

JULY 2020

The Board took the following action at the July 13, 2020 regular board meeting: seating of Issaquena County Commissioner Roy Nichols, Bolivar County Commissioner Katherine Crump and Washington County Commissioner David Cochran; elected Kenny Rodgers, Humphreys County Commissioner, as Board President and Nott Wheeler, Bolivar County Commissioner, as Board Vice-President; set ad valorem tax rate

of 2.90 mils and \$0.05/acre (no changes in tax rates since 2012); received Chief Engineer's Report for 2020 fiscal year; awarded helicopter application bid to Provine Helicopters, Greenwood, MS; approved a Permit for Facilities for a fence at Sta. 3892+50 to 3895 for W.L. Burle, Engineers; and received report from the Chief Engineer on all ongoing projects in the Mississippi Levee District.

OCTOBER 2020

The Board took the following action at the October 5, 2020 regular board meeting: authorized advertisement for worker's compensation insurance; approved a Permit for Facilities for an aerial electrical crossing at Sta. 401+20 BEL for Twin County Electric; cancelled the 2020 Annual Levee Inspection due to COVID-19; and received report from the Chief Engineer on all ongoing projects in the Mississippi Levee District. ■



David Cochran, Katherine Crump & Roy Nichols taking their Oaths (7-13-20)

2020 MISSISSIPPI LEVEE BOARD



STAFF PROFILE

Willie Farris

Levee Board Maintenance Crew Operator



Farris

Mississippi Levee Board Maintenance Crew Operator Willie Farris has been with the Levee Board since April 2014.

Willie was engaged in farming for 20 years prior to starting with the Levee Board. He enjoys all aspects of his work but particularly mowing the levee.

Willie is a native of Benoit, Mississippi and attended Nugent Center. He enjoys fishing and barbecuing in his down-time.

He and his wife are the parents of one daughter. ■

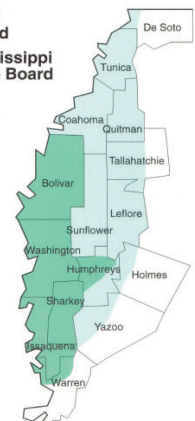
COMMISSIONERS:

- Kenneth Rodgers, President**, Humphreys County
- Nott Wheeler, Jr., Vice-President**, Bolivar County
- Roy Nichols**, Issaquena County
- Hank Burdine**, Washington County
- Paul Hollis**, Sharkey County
- Katherine Crump**, Bolivar County
- David Cochran, Jr.**, Washington County

STAFF:

- Peter Nimrod**, Chief Engineer
- Robert M. Thompson**, Assistant Engineer
- Dustin Herman**, Assistant Engineer
- Heath Douglas**, Attorney
- Rachel McIntire**, Treasurer
- Ginger Morlino**, Secretary
- Steve Poole**, Maintenance Superintendent

Mississippi Levee Board
Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee Board



Commissioner Katherine Crump

First female Levee Commissioner

Katherine Crump, Mississippi Levee Board Commissioner for Bolivar County, was sworn in at the May 11, 2020 regular Board meeting. She had been appointed by the Bolivar County Board of Supervisors in March 2020 to fill the seat of Frank J. Brown who passed away on March 3, 2020. Katherine then ran unopposed in the general election of June 2020 to take the seat for a full 4 year term.



Crump

Crump, a native of Rosedale, is engaged in her family's agriculture land management business. A Mississippi State University graduate with BS and MS degrees, Crump, a former pecan producer, has worked at the USDA Sedimentation Lab; as the catfish inspector in charge for the U.S. Department of Commerce and with the Mississippi Department of Agriculture in the Grain Division.

During the harvest season she works for Farmer's Grain Terminal at the Port of Rosedale as a soybean grader.

She is actively involved in community service with her church, the Bolivar County Library and the Kings Daughters and Sons Foundation.

Katherine and her husband Robert, an attorney, live in Rosedale and are the parents of two children, Rob and Florie. ■

Commissioner David Cochran, Jr.

David Cochran, Jr. was elected in June 2020 as Mississippi Levee Board Commissioner for Washington County to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Fred Ballard.

David was sworn in at the July 13, 2020 regular Board meeting.

Cochran was born in Greenville, MS and grew up in Longwood, MS.

He graduated from Washington School and from Mississippi State University with a BS in Agricultural Economics. Cochran is a partner in CoCo Planting Company which grows soybeans, wheat and cotton. He is vice-president of the Avon Gin. He is currently serving as a delegate of the National Cotton Council. He is a board member of the Planters Cotton Oil Mill in Pine Bluff, AR.

Cochran just finished serving as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Memphis Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank. He is the Chairman of the Washington County FSA.

David and his family are members of the St. James Episcopal Church in Greenville, MS and he currently serves on the vestry.

David and his wife Ginny are the proud parents of two daughters Catherine & Virginia. Ginny is the Director of the St. James Episcopal Day School, Catherine works at a public relations firm in Washington DC, and Virginia is an occupational therapist in Greenville, MS. David just became a grandfather as his grandson, Charles Turner Tarr, was born in mid-March. ■



Cochran

Levee Board Attends Meetings in DC

Annual meeting with the Mississippi Congressional Delegation seeks appropriations for flood control projects and provides ongoing project updates

The Mississippi Levee Board traveled to Washington, D. C. and met with the Mississippi Congressional Delegation during March 9-11, 2020. This annual trip, under the auspices of the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association (MVFCA), provides the delegation with a status update of ongoing flood control projects in the Mississippi Delta and it is an opportunity for the Levee Board to discuss funding requirements for U. S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control projects in the Mississippi Delta as well as Federal legislation which affects Levee Board projects.

Joining the Levee Board this year were representatives from the Greenville Port. The Port discussed the need for annual dredging money to help keep the ports operating at full capacity during the low-water season which coincides with the farm harvest season.

On Feb. 10, 2020, President Trump released his FY '21 Appropriations budget which included only \$210 million for the Mississippi River & Tributaries (MR&T) Project.

Through our joint lobbying efforts with the MVFCA on Dec. 21, 2020 Congress passed an Omnibus Bill which included **\$380 million for the MR&T Project.**

The MVFCA was established in 1922 and it includes members from 16 states. The Mississippi Levee Board was one of the founding members of the MVFCA and its Board President sits on the Executive Committee of the Association. The MVFCA hosted a reception the evening of March 10th which gave an opportunity to informally meet with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters personnel and with Congressional staff. ■



Mississippi Levee Board in front of U.S. Capitol (3-10-20)



Senators Roger Wicker & Cindy Hyde-Smith with the Levee Boards and Ports (3-10-20)

President Fred Ballard Steps Down

Longest Serving President in the 156-Year History of the Mississippi Levee Board

Fred A. Ballard, Jr., longtime President of the Mississippi Levee Board, decided not to seek re-election in 2020.

Elected in July 1988, for the first of his eight terms, Fred served as one of two Washington County Commissioners for 32 years. He was chosen by his fellow board members to serve as President and he held this position for 22 consecutive years thereby setting the record for the longest serving Board President of the Mississippi Levee Board in its 156 year history.

During President Ballard's tenure the Board initiated the Levee Enlargement Project which has been raising 69 miles of levee, constructing seepage berms and installing relief wells in the lower



Fred Ballard with Corps Award (5-11-20)

part of the District. This Project has completed 44 miles and currently has 12.1 miles under construction. During Fred's time as President the Mississippi Levee Board successfully fought the Epic 2011 Flood and implemented measures after the flood at 11 different sites which included the installation of additional seepage berms and relief wells.

A persistent proponent of the Yazoo Backwater Pump Project, Ballard remains hopeful that the Pump Project will soon begin construction. During the July 13, 2020 Board Meeting the Levee Board gave Fred Ballard a Resolution honoring him for his service to the Levee Board and bestowed him the title of President Emeritus. ■



Fred Ballard Family - (left to right) Bo, Baby Doll, Fred, Sammy, and Leah.

IN MEMORIAM

Frank Brown

Mississippi Levee Board Commissioner for Bolivar County Frank J. Brown passed away on March 3, 2020. Brown had been appointed by the Bolivar County Board of Supervisors to fill the seat of Commissioner Jimmy House who died in March 2019. Mr. Brown was sworn in at the July 8, 2019 regularly scheduled Mississippi Levee Board Meeting.

Mr. Brown, of Beulah, was born in Inverness, MS. He was a graduate of West Bolivar High School and Coahoma Junior College.

Mr. Brown had a long career in public service including law enforcement and an 8 year stint as Mayor of the Town of Beulah.



Brown

Commissioner Brown had 27 years of service in the Mississippi National Guard.

He was the Pastor of New Gospel Temple Church in Beulah, MS for the past 8 years.

He is survived by his wife Samuel L. Brown, one daughter and three sons. ■

Corps of Engineers Presents Award to Levee Board

Levee Board has received Corps Award for 61 straight years



(left to right) Peter Nimrod, Bobby Thompson, Roy Nichols, Katherine Crump, Col. Robert Hilliard, Fred Ballard, Kenny Rodgers, Nott Wheeler, Paul Hollis, Steve Poole, Dustin Herman, Heath Douglas and Hank Burdine.

On May 11, 2020 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers presented the Mississippi Levee Board the 2019 Certificate of Merit for the Operation and Maintenance of Flood Control Projects. Colonel Robert A. Hilliard, District Engineer of the Vicksburg District, commended the Board on achieving this award which recognizes the Levee Board's "superior management of resources in the operation and maintenance" of the levee system. The plaque states that the Mississippi Levee Board "organization fully exemplifies the Corps values of Safety, Integrity, and Respect by continuing to actively support the flood damage reduction mission and sustain the public's trust." ■

Helicopter Application

151.2 Miles Sprayed in 2020 in the Northern Half of the Mississippi Levee District

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began work on the Big Sunflower River & Tributaries Project in 1947. This project included channel improvements to over 700 miles of interior streams located within the Mississippi Delta. These streams provide the outlet for flood water in the Delta. In 1950, the Mississippi Legislature authorized the two Mississippi Delta levee boards to participate as local sponsors of Corps of Engineers projects within the Yazoo Basin. The Mississippi Levee Board is responsible for minor maintenance for 350 miles of interior streams within the Mississippi Levee District.

To perform this much needed maintenance, the Mississippi Levee Board contracts with a helicopter applicator to spray a portion of the interior streams each year. A mixture of aquatic herbicides is sprayed on the underbrush and privet that is encroaching into the required clear width of the channel. This required clear width must be maintained to ensure the



Spraying the Big Sunflower River

streams have adequate flood storage and passage capacity. All our interior streams are being sprayed once every two years.

In the fall of 2020 the Mississippi Levee Board treated 151.2 miles of its interior streams. This included 1,407 acres of interior streams located primarily in the

northern half of the Mississippi Levee District. Provine Helicopters sprayed on October 6, 8, 17 and 19-21, 2020. Streams treated this year included the Hushpuckena River, Big Sunflower River, Snake Creek, Clear Creek, Bogue Phalia, Bogue Hasty and Dowling Bayou. ■

Levee Enlargement Projects

Work is progressing on the levee enlargement and berm projects in the Mississippi Levee District. The Corps has completed 44 miles of levee and currently has another 12.1 miles under contract of the original 69 miles of deficient levee. Item 463L, a 2.7 mile levee enlargement project, is currently 96% complete. This item goes from just above Chotard Resort to just below Laney's Camp on MS Hwy 465. Item 511L, a 3.4 mile levee enlargement project, is currently 95% complete. This item goes from Leota to Lake Jackson. Item 465L, a 2.7 mile levee enlargement and berms project, is currently 81% complete. This item ties Items 468L and 463L together between Goose Lake Road and Chotard Resort.

Item 462L, a 2.7 mile levee enlargement and berms project, was awarded to Phylway Construction, LLC on August 30, 2019 and is currently 47% complete. This item goes from Laney's Camp to Eagle Lake and is the final project including Hwy 465 on the levee.

Item 524L, a 0.6 mile levee berm project, was awarded to Circle, LLC on August 30,

2019 and is currently 78% complete. This berm project is located between Wayside and Avon, MS.

The Vicksburg District is advertising for Item 526L, 452L and 458L. These items will be awarded in mid-2021. The Vicksburg District has asked for right-of-way (r.o.w.) for Item 460L, a 2.4 mile levee enlargement & berm project at Eagle Lake, MS. This item will be awarded in late 2021. ■

LEVEE ENLARGEMENT PROJECT UPDATE:

Completed Work (44 miles):
Items 468L, 474L, 477L, 488L, 496L, 502L & 509L

On-going Construction (12.1 miles):
Item 524L – 0.6 miles – 78% Complete
Item 511L – 3.4 miles - 95% Complete
Item 465L – 2.7 miles - 81% Complete
Item 463L – 2.7 miles – 96% Complete
Item 462L – 2.7 miles – 47% Complete

Future work remaining (12.9 miles)



Item 465L – Placing Material on Riverside Embankment



Item 462L – Aerial view of Berm and Levee Construction



Item 462L – Hauling Borrow Material



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BACK IN TIME: Mississippi Levee Board's Delta Council Presidents

Since its inception Delta Council has been a proponent of flood control and continues to support flood control through the activities of its Flood Control Committee and behind the scenes efforts and public statements of Delta Council Presidents and Executive Vice-Presidents. The Mississippi Levee Board (MLB) has long benefitted from the advice and support of Delta Council.

The Commissioners of the Mississippi Levee Board are members and supporters

of Delta Council and we are honored that the President for 2020-2021 is our very own Sharkey County Commissioner Paul Hollis.

Paul, elected to the Levee Board in 2010, is the fourth Levee Board Commissioner to serve as Delta Council President and is the only one to serve concurrently as Delta Council President while seated on the Levee Board.

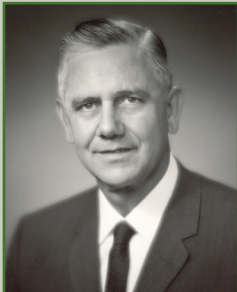
The other Commissioners all served as Delta Council President prior to being elected to the Levee Board and include

James Hand, Jr. from Rolling Fork (MLB 1947-1977), President 1940-1941; LeRoy P. Percy from Greenville (MLB 1961-1968), President 1956-1957; F.H. Nance from Cleveland (MLB 1966-1994), President 1963-1964.

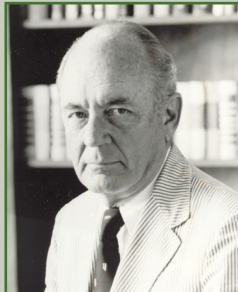
Two Mississippi Levee Board Attorneys, W.T. Wynn from Greenville (MLB 1936-1938) and Walter Sillers, Jr. from Rosedale (MLB 1926-1930), were past Delta Council Presidents in 1937-1938 and 1942-1943 respectively. ■



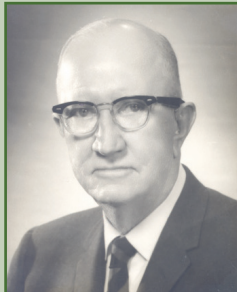
PAUL HOLLIS
Delta Council President
2020-21



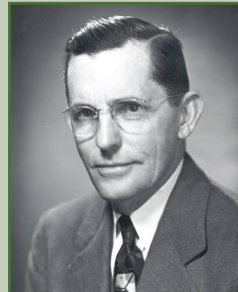
F.H. NANCE
Delta Council President
1963-64



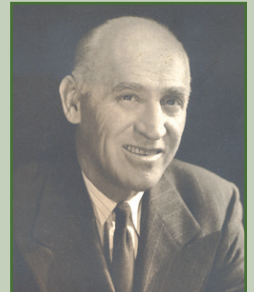
LEROY PERCY
Delta Council President
1956-57



WALTER SILLERS, JR.
Delta Council President
1942-43



JAMES HAND, JR.
Delta Council President
1940-41



W.T. WYNN
Delta Council President
1937-38

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