

OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
JANUARY 11, 2016

The Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District met in a regular session at its regular meeting place, 17904 Highway 3235, Galliano, Louisiana, on Monday, January 11, 2016, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m., pursuant to the provisions of a notice of regular session duly promulgated and posted in accordance with the law.

The regular meeting for the month of January was called to order by President Ronald Callais. Commissioner Clarence Marts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Callais directed the secretary to call roll.

Board members present: Ronald Callais
 Robert "Bobby" Eymard, Sr.
 Monty Vegas
 Mitch Danos
 Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr.
 Keith Guidry

Board members absent: Bob Faulk
 Brent Duet

Also present were: Executive Secretary and General Manager Windell Curole; Administrative Assistant 5 Mary Punch; Administrative Assistant 2 Amy Gisclair; Levee Board Operations Superintendent Drake Baudoin; Engineering Personnel André Uzee, John Plaisance, Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, Stevie Smith, Mitch Marmande, and Mike D'Angelo; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; LA 1 Coalition Henri Boulet; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the December 14, 2016, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Keith Guidry.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Callais informed the board of the passing of Commissioner Bob Faulk's son, Scott Faulk. He shared the funeral arrangements and asked everyone to keep the Faulk family in their prayers.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

LA 1 COALITION – APPROVAL OF CEA FOR 2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

General Manager Windell Curole recognized Mr. Henri Boulet, Director of LA 1 Coalition, who was on the agenda to speak. He requested the board allow Mr. Boulet to give his report at that time since he would need to leave afterwards.

Mr. Boulet addressed the board and gave a quick update on the construction of the LA 1 elevated highway project. Mr. Boulet thanked the board for their continued support to the LA 1 Coalition. Mr. Curole recommended the board authorize him to sign the 2016 CEA \$1,000 for the year 2016.

Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board authorized General Manager Windell Curole to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the membership donation of \$1,000 to LA 1 Coalition.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole started his presentation with the Larose Floodwall Phase 2 project. He announced that the Corps had recently issued a "Cease and Desists" order on the project and that the Levee District had responded to the order. Other slides included flooding from recent rainfalls.

Mr. Curole showed slides on the erosion of the Yankee Canal Levee where sand bags had been placed in critical areas for temporary protection. Mr. Curole recommended the board pass an emergency resolution to expedite repairs to the levee explaining that if the levee was to rupture it could flood over 1,000 acres of property.

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Bobby Eymard, the board declared an emergency and authorized emergency repairs to be made to the Yankee Canal Levee.

Mr. Curole showed slides from contraflow in Houston, TX during Hurricane Rita, along with storm surge maps showing the flooding from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. He finished his presentation with a sketched slide of a trapper in his boat and reminded the board of the reason to protect and restore the coastal areas in order to preserve their way of life.

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER BY THE CORPS ON LAROSE FLOODWALL

Mr. Curole discussed the Cease and Desist order during the slide presentation.

LEVEE DISTRICT ACTIONS ON TIDE AND RAINFALL

Mr. Curole questioned Levee Board Operations Superintendent Drake Baudoin as to who had worked over the holidays due to heavy rainfall. Mr. Baudoin named the employees who had worked Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. He stated that they had burned lots of fuel at the pump stations in just a short amount of time. Mr. Curole added that the SLLD employees were to be commended for working over the holidays and throughout the year whenever they were needed.

REVIEW OF ACTIONS WHICH HAVE EFFECTS ON FLOOD PROTECTION

Mr. Curole stated that the SLLD had been able to build levees relatively quickly and efficiently over the past ten year, but had recently faced some opposition over the past year that had slowed things down. We've had some court cases, lawsuits and a Cease and Desist Order which had affected our work. We also received fewer sales taxes and other revenues in 2015. Mr. Curole stated that with all the setbacks, the Levee District would continue to build and improve our flood protection, and was hopeful that we would soon be back on track and moving quickly.

APPROPRIATION OF APACHE PROPERTY FOR MITIGATION OF REACHES K & L

Mr. Curole explained that we had been working for some time to get the construction of the Morganza project going between Point-aux-Chene and Cut Off. He stated that we had several agreements that were almost ready for signing, but that we still had to mitigate some of the property. One of the landowners spoke with Mr. Curole and indicated that he was willing to work with us, but felt the Corps' agreement for mitigation was too complicated and controlling. The landowner, Apache, suggested we appropriate their property rather than sign an agreement. Mr. Curole stated that if the Corps agreed, we would consider the appropriation. He requested the board grant a Conditional Appropriation Resolution contingent upon the Corps' agreement that an appropriation would take care of the mitigation need.

On a motion by Clarence Marts, Jr., seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board agreed to a Conditional Appropriation for property owned by Apache, upon the Corps' agreement that the appropriation would settle the need for mitigation.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Daniel Dearmond announced that a meeting to discuss the 2016 Annual Plan would be held in Thibodaux on Thursday, Jan. 14th.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS (JOEY WAGNER)

There was no one in attendance from the Corps.

PROJECT ENGINEERS

PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES

Engineer Joe Picciola gave the following report:

- **D-North Levee Improvements**

Apeck Construction is the contractor. Borrow Pit #2 flooded during December. The contractor has been pumping Pit. #2. They have also been working on pumping out Borrow Pit #1.

There is no pay application for this month.

- **A-East Dredging**

Weeks Marine, Inc. is the contractor. The contractor is 100% complete with the project.

There is no pay application for this month. The Lien Period will be complete on February 6, 2016.

- **Larose Floodgate Improvement and Protection, Ph 2 Interim Project – Floodwall below LA Hwy 1, Intracoastal Bridge**

We received bids on November 18th. Sealevel Construction, Inc. was the low bidder in the amount of \$772,356.00. We held a meeting with LA DOTD to discuss the project. We are currently to schedule a meeting with the new Lafourche Parish Administration to discuss the project. Once that is complete, we will schedule a pre-construction meeting and issue a Notice to Proceed for the project.

- **Yankee Canal Levee Dredging**

We pulled bids scheduled for January 6, 2016. We have applied for Corps, State and local permits.

J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.

Program Manager André Uzee reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**

We are continuing to work on obtaining the permit for the retention project in Golden Meadow.

LEEVE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **B-South, B-North & C-South, Apache Farm to Golden Meadow Park**

Plans and specifications are being finalized this week to submit to Facility Planning and Control for approval.

- **Larose Floodwall Elevation, Ph 1 & 2**

Sealevel Construction has stopped work due to the Cease and Desist issued by the Corps of Engineers. We are preparing a design report to submit to the Corps this week to begin the discussions with them on hopefully continuing with the project. We are recommending approval of Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$23,989.00. We are also recommending approval of Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$237,095.49.

Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Keith Guidry, with one abstained, the board approved Change Order No.1 in the amount of \$23,989.00, and Pay Request No. 6, which includes the price of Change Order No 1 for a total amount of \$237,095.49.

- **Bason Pump Station Area Seepage Analysis**

The project has been awarded to the low bidder, Sealevel Construction, Inc. for \$1,294,285.00. Contract documents have been signed and the notice to proceed is being issued today.

- **Morganza to the Gulf, Reach L**

We are continuing with the design for the project. The preliminary field surveying is complete and the geotechnical field work will be complete next week.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF – ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Stevie Smith reported the following:

- **Reach K & L Permit**

The SLLD has received the LA DNR Coastal Use Permit for this project.

Regarding the Corps of Engineers permit, All South continues to work on a solution to this problem. The SLLD has suggested to the COE that an appropriation of the necessary property will negate the need for the Conservation Servitude. If the property is in public ownership, there is no need for the conservation servitude.

The COE has not yet approved this method. We will meet with the COE on Thursday, Jan. 14th.

- **Reach K Haul In Section**

All South is now finalizing the design for this reach. All South should have a design deliverable by COB Friday.

- **Reach K On Site Excavation Section**

Survey work and geotechnical field work for this section is complete. The final geotechnical report is due in February. All South is working on preliminary design in the interim with the geotechnical contractor.

- **Reach K ROW**

The necessary ROW has been acquired from LA DWF.

Conoco Phillips has provided an amended ROW document for approval by the SLLD.

Apache ROW map is currently been prepared.

Mr. Curole added that he had spoken with Board Attorney Ray Collins and was informed that the agreements were in order and ready to sign.

CB & I ENGINEERS

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**

Eutis Engineering has completed two of the three borings required for the project, and was working on the third which should be complete in the next few days.

LEGAL, PERMITS, AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that three permit requests were received for review and that none interfered with the levees.

On a motion of Mitch Danos, seconded by Monty Vegas, the following permits were approved:

1. LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT

CUP NO: P20150687

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-23-25.62N / Long -90-16-39.78W; Section 78 T19 R21; Oakridge Drive, Golden Meadow; 70357; Lafourche Parish.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed installation of three 25' x 3' aluminum wharves, two 44' x 6' aluminum wharves, two 6' x 4' hinged ramps, a 116' x 5' concrete sidewalk, and a 232' vinyl sheet pile bulkhead. Approximately 11 cy of sand and 7cy of concrete will be hauled in to be used as fill. Approximately 0.03 acres of vegetated marsh, 0.10 acres of upland habitat, and 0.04 acres of non-vegetated water bottoms may be impacted by the proposed activities.

2. TEXAS PETROLEUM INVESTMENT COMPANY

CUP NO: P20150962

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Existing LA Delta Farms No. 44 Well @ Lat. 29-38-03N / Long. -90-10-39W; Section 6, T17S-R23E; approximately 5.4 miles southwesterly from Lafitte, LA.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed plug and abandonment of an out service well and removal of appurtenant structures. The appurtenant structures will be cut a capped below the mudline. Approximately 1.29 acres of vegetated wetlands may be impacted as a result of this proposed activity.

3. SIGMA CONSULTING GROUP INC

STATE PROJECT NO: H.008145

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29° 21' 51.870" / Long. -90° 15' 48.430"; All work for the T-Wall will take place at the Larose to Golden Meadow Hurricane Protection Levee in Section "A-West" near levee station 118+00; Approximately 2-miles north of the Leon Theriot Floodgate, Golden Meadow.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed seventeen mile long elevated four lane controlled access highway with Proposed T-Wall Construction – Larose to Golden Meadow Hurricane Protection Levee, LA Hwy 1 Improvements Golden Meadow-Fourchon. A segment of this project includes construction of a 400 foot long T-Wall floodwall in the Larose to Golden Meadow Hurricane Protection Levee.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorneys Tyler Breaux and Ray Collins were not in attendance.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

INVOICES

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the Finance Committee had reviewed the invoices and recommended they be paid.

On a motion of Monty Vegas, seconded by Clarence Marts, Jr., and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

President Callais informed the board that the Building Committee meeting had been postponed until the following month due to the unfortunate death of Chairman Bob Faulk's son.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Curole announced that we had received a repair quote from Philadelphia Gear on the damaged gearhead at PS #4. He stated the quoted price and requested the board approve the repairs. Mr. Baudoin stated that it would take 12 weeks to complete the repairs.

Moved by Clarence Marts, Jr. and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously approved the quote for repairs to the damaged gearhead at Pump Station No. 4 at the Philadelphia Gear quote of \$54,877.00.

Mr. Curole added that the pumps were around 30 years old so they were trying to do maintenance during the winter so the pumps would not be down during hurricane season. Mr. Curole and Mr. Baudoin also informed the board that some of the pumps were De'Ran and some were Philadelphia Gear. They explained that the SLLD could repair the De'Ran gears, but that the Philadelphia Gear pumps were more complicated, and information on how to rebuild them was not available to our crew so those pumps had to be repaired by Philadelphia Gear.

With no further business to discuss, the board unanimously adjourned the meeting on a motion of Bobby Eymard and seconded by Clarence Marts.

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary