

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING  
OF  
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT  
APRIL 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, April 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 April 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.  
   Bob Faulk  
   Monty Vegas  
   Mitch Danos  
   Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr.  
   Roland Curole  
   Keith Guidry  
   J. McNeely Rome

Board members absent:        None

Also present were: Executive Secretary and General Manager Windell Curole; Administrative Assistant 6 Mary Punch; Administrative Assistant 3 Amy Gisclair; Levee Board Operations Superintendent Drake Baudoin; Attorneys Ray Collins and Tyler Breau; Engineering Personnel Andre Uzee, Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, and Mike D'Angelo; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine, Berwick Cheramie, and news media.

President Ronald Callais requested a motion to add "Election of Officers" to the agenda.

**Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Bob Faulk, a roll call vote was taken with 9 Yea's, 0 Nays, 0 Absent and 0 Abstained. With a unanimous vote, the item 'Election of Officers for 2016' was added to the agenda for discussion.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016**

**On a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Keith Guidry, the Board unanimously agreed to open the floor to nominations for the election of officers to the Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District for the year 2016.**

For the election of President of the Board of Commissioners, Ronald Callais was re-nominated.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously approved, the board accepted the re-nomination of Ronald Callais as President.**

For the election of Vice President of the Board of Commissioners, Clarence Marts was re-nominated.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Bobby Eymard and unanimously approved, the board accepted the re-nomination of Clarence Marts as Vice President.**

For the election of Executive Secretary, Windell Curole was re-nominated.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously approved, the board accepted the re-nomination of Windell Curole for Executive Secretary of the Board of Commissioners.**

President Callais announced that copies of the Committee Assignments were in the commissioner packets. He informed the members to notify him of any committee changes, and the SLLD office of any changes to their individual information.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

**The minutes of the March 7, 2016, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Bobby Eymard and seconded by Keith Guidry.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL ALBL WORKSHOP – MAY 5-6, 2016**

President Callais reminded the board of the upcoming ALBL Workshop, and stated that hotel reservations had been made and were in the meeting packets.

**14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MAYOR'S CONFERENCE**

President Callais announced that the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Conference would be held April 21<sup>st</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup> in Grand Isle. He added that anyone who wanted to attend, but had not yet registered, must do so that day.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

**DANIEL LORRAINE**

Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine addressed the board on the work at the Yankee Canal Levee project. He stated that the contractor was doing a fine job and repairs were going well. Mr. Lorraine added that there was discussion that the SLLD would repair the levee at the expense of the parish, and then the parish would turn the maintenance of the Yankee Canal levee over to SLLD. Mr. Lorraine added that talks on that matter had occurred during the previous administration. Mr. Lorraine went on to say that he had spoken with the current Parish President, Mr. Jimmy Cantrelle, and explained the agreement between the previous parish president and the SLLD. He said that Mr. Cantrelle was receptive and that the parish would pay for those repairs. Mr. Curole added that he had also had positive discussions with parish officials on that matter.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

General Manager Windell Curole presented slides of March rainfalls across Louisiana. Other slides showed the work going on at Yankee Canal and around other areas of the levee system. Mr. Curole shared information received during his recent trip to the National Hurricane Conference in Orlando, Florida. Mr. Curole explained that the contractor had removed more dirt than he should have from the borrow pit in Section D-North, so he was working to replace that material.

**NATIONAL HURRICANE CONFERENCE**

Mr. Curole covered this item during the slide presentation.

**SECTION D-SOUTH BORROW MATERIAL**

Mr. Curole covered this item during the slide presentation.

**CEASE AND DESIST, LAROSE FLOODWALL**

Mr. Curole explained that engineer Neil Angelette had studied the floodwall area and found that about 200 ft. past the Hwy 308 Bridge was unsafe. He stated that they were urging the Corps to allow SLLD to finish the project, thereby helping the Corps in the process. He added that he had also spoken with people at CPRA who had assisted others in obtaining their 408 permits. In addition, there was proposed language for the WRDA bill that would make changes to the 408 permitting process and allow it to work more efficiently. Mr. Curole explained that the purpose of the 408 was to insure no project work would negatively affect any federal project. He explained that the process to obtain 408 permitting was lengthy.

**PERMIT REFUSAL FOR LAROSE FLOODGATE IMPROVEMENT**

Mr. Curole reported that SLLD's plans for improvements to the floodgate area near Holy Rosary Church had met resistance with both Federal and State permit officials. He explained that there were mitigation issues and that he and the engineers were working with the State to resolve those issues.

**UPDATE ON YANKEE CANAL REPAIRS**

Mr. Curole covered this item during the slide presentation.

**PERMIT FOR REACHES K & L, MORGANZA TO THE GULF**

Mr. Curole informed the board that the permit for Morganza to the Gulf Reaches K & L had been received. Mr. Curole gave a review on what areas would soon see construction and which parts the State would be funding. He added that while SLLD would receive some benefit from the project, it would mostly benefit North Lafourche and Terrebonne.

**CLOSURE OF LA 24 HWY**

Mr. Curole stated that they had met with the parish on the closure of LA 24 and the construction going on in that area. Once construction was complete, the parish would come in with a plan for an access road for those living in that area.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

**OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**

Mr. Daniel Dearmond reported the following:

The state plans to go out for bid on the Morganza project in June and award the contract in either June or July.

Mr. Drake Baudoin added that he had assisted CPRA Rick Dugas with the quarterly levee inspections and that everything went well.

**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. The contractor is pretty much done with hauling of material out of the borrow pits. They are grading and shaping the final levee sections now. They are approximately 95% complete with the projects.

There is no pay application this month.

- **A-East Dredging**

We received bids on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co., Inc. was the low bidder in the amount of \$89,224.48. We are currently processing contracts and it is anticipated that the work will start after the completion of the Yankee Canal Levee Dredging.

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

Sealevel Construction, Inc. is the contractor. The roadway is currently barricaded and it is anticipated that they will mobilize to begin construction on site this week.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 and Change Order No. 1. The pay application includes embankment completed March 2016. The Change Order is for deleting removal of the asphalt roadway and drainage modifications.

- Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$ 20,426.90
- Change Order No. 1, (\$1,217.00)

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$20,426.90.**

**Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 1 for a credit of \$1,217.00.**

- **Yankee Canal Levee Repairs**

Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co., Inc. is the contractor. They began dredging on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 2. The pay application includes dredging completed in March 2016 (24,114 cubic yards).

- Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$ 47,807.78.

**Moved by Bobby Eymard, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$47,807.48.**

**J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.**

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**

We have been in touch with Keith Lavelle with permitting, and he is trying to set up a meeting in Baton Rouge. They have reviewed the drawings, but we have not heard anything back.

- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**

Due to clearance issues, we had to go to a structural engineer who was looking at the inside of the building to see what we must do to retrofit the crane. We have not heard back from him yet.

**LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC**

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

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

Plans for this project are complete and ready to submit to Facility Planning and Control for approval.

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

Construction has stopped due to the Cease and Desist Order issued by the Corps of Engineers. We have submitted a design report to the Corps and are working with the Levee District to resolve this as quickly as possible.

- **Bason Pump Station Area Seepage Analysis**

The contractor, Sealevel Construction, Inc., has delivered the sheet piles to the project site and will begin installation next week.

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

The surveying and geotech field work are complete and we are working on the preliminary levee design.

**MORGANZA TO THE GULF**

**ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS**

In the absence of Engineer Stevie Smith, Mr. Windell Curole reported the following:

- **Reach K and L Permit**

The SLLD has received the LA DNR Coastal Use Permit, and the COE permit for this project. The COE permit was received March 3rd.

- **Reach K Haul In Section**

A 95% design deliverable was submitted to the SLLD, the TLCD, and the State the week of Feb 22, 2016. All South has received comments from the State, and is addressing those comments.

- **Reach K On Site Excavation Section**

All South is working on preliminary design section with the geotechnical contractor. An interim design deliverable will be submitted in the next 45 days.

**CB & I ENGINEERS**

- **Grand Bayou Structure**

We received the Geotech report on Good Friday and should have the preliminary report complete in next 45 days.

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

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

**On a motion of Mitch Danos, seconded by McNeely Rome, the following permits were approved:**

**1. SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT**

**CUP NO: P20160023**

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Yankee Canal Levee @ Lat. 29° 23' 27.60"N, Long. -90° 15' 05.30"W; Section 21, 22, & 23 T19S – R22E

**DESCRIPTION:** Repairs and re-elevating of the Yankee Canal Levee (6,500'). Approx. 95,042 cy. of native material dredged from Yankee Canal and used as fill for levee repairs. An Emergency Use Authorization was issued for this work on January 14, 2016 (EUA 16-003). Approx. 11.66 acres of non-vegetated waterbottoms and/or uplands may be impacted by the proposed activity.

**2. EXXONMOBIL PIPELINE COMPANY**

**CUP NO: P20140184 (REVISED)**

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Proposed Repair Site 1 @ Lat. 29-35-03.41N, Long. 90-21-32.71W; Sections 31, 32, 33, 34 & 35, T17S-R22E; Sections 34, 35, 45, 46, 49, 50, 54 & 58, T17S-R21E; approx. 1.3 miles northeasterly of Larose, LA. See plats for additional coordinates.

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed (8) HCA site repairs on existing 16" crude oil pipeline. Approx. 865 cy. native material will be temporarily displaced and used as backfill upon project completion. Approx. 2.19 acres of wetlands may be impacted by this proposed activity.

**REVISION 1:** Enlargement of Repair Site 3 workspace (100' x 200') and relocation of the access route of Repair Site 1.

**3. BOLLINGER FOURCHON LLC**

**CUP NO: P20160029**

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-7-53N, Long. -90-11-38W; 236 Adam (Ted) Gisclair Road in Golden Meadow.

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed dredging to deepen Slip C to allow installation of a drydock facility. Approx. 71,580 c.y. of material will be displaced by operations. Approx. 5.7 acres of non-vegetated waterbottoms and 168 acres of upland habitat may be impacted by the proposed activities.

**4. CASTEX ENERGY INC**

**CUP NO: P20131051 (Amended, Extended)**

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Approximately 5.0 miles southeasterly of Golden Meadow, LA; Bayou Ferblanc Field. Sections 14 & 23, T20A-R22E. POB Dredging: Lat. 29-20-48N, Long. 90-12-17W; POE Dredging: Lat. 29-20-00N, Long. 90-11-46W; Location: Lat 29-20-02N, Long. 90-11-47W; X = 2,362,293.97', Y = 244,341.38' (NAD 27).

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed location, dredging, pilings and structures for Castex Lafourche LP 23 No. 002 Well. Eight temporary 3-pile clusters will be installed to assist with barge location. Upon successful completion of the well, a wellhead protection structure measuring 7' x 16' will be installed. Approximately 96,271 cubic yards of material will be displaced through dredging. Approximately 14.4 acres open water and 7.9 acres brackish marsh habitats may be impacted as a result of this project.

**5. SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT**

**CUP NO: P20110563 (AMENDED & MODIFIED)**

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Near Cut Off, LA T19A-R20E, Sections 17, 16, 9, 8, 5, 4; T18S-R20E, Sections 33, 28, 27, 22, 15, 14, 13; T18S-R21E, Sections 54 and 53; P. O. B. Point-Aux

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Chien Tie-In Levee – Lat 29° 25' 12.6"N / Long -90° 26' 52.6" W, P.O.E. existing South Lafourche Protection Levee – Lat 29° 30' 55.9"N / Long -90° 21' 19.0"W.

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed construction of approximately 55,450 linear feet of earthen protection levee along the alignment of Reach K and L of the Morganza to the Gulf Levee System. This proposed levee system will have a base width of approximately 90', and it will be constructed to a height of approximately 9.0'. Existing water control structures along Grand Bayou Canal shall remain unmodified; however, one sector gate and one tainter gate will be installed. In addition, one pump station will be removed and replaced. Approximately 30,000 cubic yards of topsoil/dirt will be hauled in and 2,009,000 cubic yards of material will be excavated onsite and used as fill to construct this levee system.

**BOARD ATTORNEY**

Attorney Tyler Breaux and Ray Collins announced that the board would go into Executive Session later in the meeting.

**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, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the Personnel Committee had met earlier and discussed amending the Policies and Procedures manual to give a slight increase to the cost uniform allowance. The second item discussed was a promotion for Administrative Assistant Mary Punch from level 5 to Administrative Assistant 6 which would match the responsibilities and duties she already performs.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board agreed to the promotion of Administrative Assistant 5, Mary Punch, to Administrative Assistant 6.**

Mr. Curole announced that TLCD, NLLD and SLLD, with the help of local sponsors, put together a Crawfish Boil in appreciation to their employees. Mr. Curole stated that our guys had worked a lot of weekends and holidays giving up family time and festivities for the well-being of the community.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Callais announced that the board would go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters concerning South Lafourche Levee District vs. Chad Jarreau.

**Under the direction of President Ronald Callais, a motion was made by Clarence Marts to enter into Executive Session with a second by Bobby Eymard. The Secretary was asked to call the roll. With 9 Yea's, 0 Absent, 0 Nay's and 0 Abstained, the board entered into Executive Session to discuss legal matters concerning South Lafourche Levee District versus Chad Jarreau.**

**Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously approved, the board exited Executive Session and re-entered Regular Session.**

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**On a motion by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously carried, the board gave its approval to file a writ application with the Louisiana Supreme Court to appeal the judgment rendered by the First Circuit Court of Appeal in the Chad Jarreau case.**

**With no further business to discuss, the board unanimously adjourned the meeting on a motion of McNeely Rome and seconded by Roland Curole.**

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary