

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
JULY 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, July 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 June 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
 Bob Faulk
 Monty Vegas
 Mitch Danos
 Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr.
 Mc Neely Rome
 Roland Curole

Board members absent: Keith Guidry
 Robert "Bobby" Eymard, Sr.

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 Breaux; Engineering Personnel Andre Uzee, Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, Stevie Smith, Mitch Marmande and Mike D'Angelo; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Lafourche Parish Council Daniel Lorraine; TLC D Reggie Dupre; Roland Guidry, Ethan Cheramie, HTv 10 Melissa Cloutet; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the June 13, 2016, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Bob Faulk and seconded by McNeely Rome.

The minutes of the June 29, 2016 Special Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OPEN MEETINGS SEMINAR, AUG 9TH AT 6:00 PM, CLHS AUDITORIUM

President Callais announced that an Open Meetings Seminar would be conducted on August 9th at 6 PM at the Central Lafourche High School. He added that the seminar, organized by the District Attorney's office, would cover the rules for open meetings, and he encouraged all board members to attend.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole presented slides beginning with the Larose Floodgate Area Improvements – West, which was the work in Larose on either side of the LA 1 Bridge. Engineer Joe

Picciola explained three proposals that the parish was considering for providing access over the levee. Mr. Curole then showed slides in the area of the Larose floodgate where the old hotel and buildings had recently been removed in preparations for a new levee and floodwall. Due to a Cease and Desist order from the Corps, sheet pilings for the Larose Floodwall were stacked and rusting in water. Mr. Curole stated that if we do not construct the floodwall, we would have to spend money stacking the sheet piles to get them out of the water. Other slides included continued elevation and erosion work around the levee system.

Mr. Curole showed areas where vinyl sheet pile had been installed to abate erosion from the edge of the levee, and requested the board approve purchasing an additional 1,000 ft. of sheet piles at a cost of up to \$30,000.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board authorized General Manager Windell Curole to spend up to \$30,000 on additional vinyl sheet piles for erosion prevention projects.

OPTION TO RENEW JOSEPH BRADBERRY'S HUNTING LEASE

Mr. Curole explained that Joseph Bradberry had a lease with for hunting and fishing in the Bayou L'Ours area over the past five years. Mr. Curole further explained that the Levee District had the right to renew Mr. Bradberry's lease for an additional five years at the continued annual rate that he was previously paying. Mr. Curole requested the board approve the renewal of that lease to Mr. Bradberry for an additional five years.

Moved by Clarence Marts, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board authorized the renewal of the hunting and fishing lease in the Bayou L'Ours area for an additional five years to current lessee, Joseph Bradberry, at the same rate as the previous five year lease.

RESTORE OR RETREAT – APPROVAL TO RENEW 2016 MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Curole announced that it was time to renew the SLLD membership with Restore or Retreat at the annual fee of \$500.00. He briefed the board on the positive work that was conducted by that organization and recommended the board authorize its membership renewal for the year 2016.

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved the renewal of 2016 Membership with Restore or Retreat at the annual renewal fee of \$500.00.

LAROSE FLOODWALL 408 AND EMERGENCY NEEDS

Mr. Curole stated that he and engineer Neil Angelette had met with the Corps two weeks ago to resolve the 408 permitting issue. Mr. Curole explained that the meeting was very productive and he was optimistic that they were moving closer to seeing the permit in place. He added that he and Mr. Angelette explained to the Corps the urgency and unsafe conditions of the unfinished project, and was hopeful that the Corps would also see it as an unsafe condition, thereby issuing an emergency work order or the 408 permit. Hesco baskets would be used if an emergency should occur before the project was complete.

RADIATOR REPLACEMENT AT PS NO. 7

Mr. Curole stated that Pump Station No. 7 was built in 1997. He stated that from the start there were problems with the pumps overheating during the summer months. In an effort to reduce the heat in the engines, the crew put a larger radiator on the pump which resulted in lowering the temperature by 15 degrees. LBOS Drake Baudoin added that larger radiators which held an additional 10 gallons of coolant which allows more heat transfer to cool the engines. He explained that three large radiators were needed at Pump Station No. 7, and one at Pump Station No. 4. He stated the cost would be \$8200 each for a total conversion to the larger units. Mr. Curole requested permission to replace all four radiators and fans.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously accepted, the board authorized spending up to \$32,800.00 for the conversion to three larger capacity radiators with fans at Pump Station No. 7, and one radiator with fan at Pump Station No. 4.

UPGRADE ON PILING INSTALLATION AT PS NO. 1

Mr. Curole reminded the board that boats had been mooring at various places around Pump Station No. 1 which could cause unsafe conditions. He added that he had received a permit to install pilings across the opening to resolve the boating issues. He estimated the cost to be \$28,000 for materials and labor to drive the pilings five feet apart so boats would be unable to go in between. He added that the Levee District would work with the Town of Golden Meadow to get the word out to everyone prior to the start of that project. Mr. Baudoin stated that four quotes had been received.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously accepted, the board authorized Mr. Curole to spend up to \$28,000 for material and labor to install pilings five feet apart across the opening at Pump Station No. 1 in Golden Meadow.

LAROSE FLOODGATE AREA IMPROVEMENT

Mr. Curole stated that slides of the Larose Floodgate area had been shown earlier. He explained that the area was inside the SLLD's permitted right-of-way and, according to the State, was supposed to be mitigated. He added that we hired Coastal Environmental to write a report of what they interpreted the mitigation to be that was agreed upon in 1986. At that time we mitigated all the right-of-way for the levee itself and everything inside the levee system. Mr. Curole went on to say that the only needed mitigation should be in Bayou Lafourche itself. Once we have the report we will use it to explain to the permitting agencies what the agreement said in 1986 and what was agreed in respect to mitigation.

RESOLUTION 16-02; DESIGNATED FUNDING FOR PROJECTS

Mr. Curole explained that SLLD was using its own tax money to construct projects. He added that because there was cost-sharing with the State, even though the projects were not cost-shared, Facility Planning & Control was approving the projects with the intent that SLLD would pay 100% of the construction costs for now. The resolution would assure that any future cost-share funding through the State would allow the approved cost as part of our cost share.

Resolution 16-02

On a motion by Bob Faulk, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District hereby dedicates funding for Levee District projects as follows:

| Project | CPRA Funds | SLLD Funds |
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| Larose Floodwall Improvements (Material only) | \$2,856,600 | \$0.00 |
| Larose Floodwall Improvements (Installation only) | \$0.00 | \$1,633,091.00 |
| A-East Interim Levee Dredging – Phase 1 | \$0.00 | \$1,010,110.55 |
| Larose Floodgate Protection Interim Improvements – Phase 2 | \$0.00 | \$771,139.00 (includes Change Order #1) |
| Sections C-South, B-North and B-South | \$0.00 | \$2,083,657.00 |

GASOLINE TANK FOR AGENCY VEHICLE USAGE

Mr. Curole explained that the vendor that we purchase most of our gasoline for the company vehicles and equipment was no longer offering credit to the SLLD, but stated that they were converting to gasoline credit cards. Mr. Curole stated that there could be issues when handing out multiple credit cards to employees. Instead, Mr. Curole recommended the board, upon the review and justification of the Board President, approve the purchase and installation of a 5,000 gallon fuel storage tank to be used by SLLD employees in agency vehicles and equipment.

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the Board, upon the review and justification of the Board President, approve the purchase and installation of a 5,000 gallon fuel storage tank to be used for South Lafourche Levee District vehicles and equipment.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond announced that the Reach L portion of the Morganza to the Gulf project would be advertised for bid in September. Mr. Curole added that we were waiting on the agreement from the State and that, to his knowledge, there was an issue with a pipeline crossing the canal. Mr. Dearmond replied that he would check on the status of the agreement.

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 complete with the project and the repairs to the borrow pit embankment. We are currently in the Lien Period and it will expire on July 15th.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 22. The pay application includes embankment and concrete work completed May and June 2016.

- Pay Request No. 22 in the amount of \$183,675.58

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 22 in the amount of \$183,675.58.

- **A-East Dredging**

Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co., Inc. is the contractor. They performed some dredging last month while they were down on the Yankee Canal Levee Dredging Project. They will begin work again once the dredging on Yankee Canal Project is complete.

There is no pay application this month.

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

Sealevel Construction, Inc. is the contractor. The project is nearing completion and it is expected that all work will be complete sometime next week.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 4. The pay application includes embankment and concrete work completed June 2016.

- Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$ 284,032.40

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$ 284,032.40.

- **Yankee Canal Levee Repairs**

Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co., Inc. is the contractor. Their equipment has been broken down so no work was done this month. They are nearing completion with the projects.

President Callais questioned Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine on any updates for payments from the parish. Mr. Lorraine stated that he was still working with both parties.

J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**

We are working on the mitigation portion of the project.

- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**

A lot of equipment has to be moved at Pump Station No. 4. We are working with structural and mechanical engineers to relocate various items and equipment in the building. The building was not designed for a crane so we are waiting on the structural engineer to get back with us on what we can and cannot do.

LEVEE 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 for this project are complete and are being reviewed by the CPRA. We are ready to begin advertising once approval is received from the State.

- **Larose Floodwall Elevation**
Construction is still on hold due to the Cease and Desist Order issued by the Corps of Engineers. We are continuing to assist the Levee District in working with the Corps to resolve this through the 408 process.
- **Bason Pump Station Area Seepage Analysis**
The contractor, Sealevel Construction, Inc., is continuing with the installation of the sheet piles and expects to be finished construction this month. WE are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 3 for \$100,447.42

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$100,447.42.
- **Morganza to the Gulf, Reach L**
We are reviewing the right-of-way documents that we received last week from All South Consulting Engineers, and we are continuing with the preliminary design for this project.

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, and the COE permit for this project.
- **Reach K Haul In Section**
The SLLD advertisement for this project began June 13, 2016. The pre-bid was held June 29, and the bid opening was this morning at 10 AM. The apparent low bidder was Lowland Construction in the amount of \$643,794.91. Since we have not had time to review all the paperwork, we recommend awarding this project to the lowest responsible bidder, contingent upon engineering and legal review.

On a motion by Mitch Danos and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously approved awarding the project of Reach K Haul In Section to the lowest responsible bidder, contingent upon engineering and legal review.
- **Reach K On Site Excavation Section**
All South delivered a preliminary set of plans to the SLLD, CPRA, and TLCD on May 27, 2016. This set is under review at this time. There are some outstanding geotechnical questions that need to be resolved.

CB & I ENGINEERS

Engineer Mike D'Angelo reported the following:

- **Grand Bayou Structure**
On the 10% design level completion for the plans, we are about 75% complete. Once we advance those plans at 90% complete we will start doing a quantity take-off and start developing the construction cost estimates for the three options, and complete the report at that time.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that no permit requests were received for review.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Tyler Breaux and Ray Collins announced that they had nothing to report.

Engineer Mitch Marmande updated the board saying that he had traveled to DC with Tim Allen of Apache and the president of MAC (Morganza Action Coalition), Mr. Jay Walker. He stated that they had several meetings in which they met with all the delegation, as well as committee members from the Senate side and Transportation and Infrastructure side. Mr. Marmande stated that they had draft language that was ready to be placed in the WRDA bill that would do two things: One would shorten

the time on the 408 permitting process. The second would ensure that the 408 process and the 404 process occurred at the same time, rather than waiting for one to be complete before starting the other. He added that he would continue to work with the delegation to push language through, and would keep the SLLD board informed.

Mr. Curole added that we needed a SLLD non-board citizen from South Lafourche on the MAC board and that Mr. Roland Guidry was appointed by President Callais as our representative voting in our interest.

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

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

RENEWAL OF POLICIES

In the absence of Chairman Bobby Eymard, Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that one additional quote had been received after the Special Meeting that was held on June 29, 2016. He stated that the premiums for the new quote might be lower than those previously received and would like time to review. Mr. Vegas recommended the board authorize to award to the lowest quote upon final review of all quotes received.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously accepted, the board agreed, upon final review, to renew all insurance policies with the lowest quote received for each.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the Personnel Committee had met before the regular meeting and agreed to move part-time laborer Oscar Dufrene to the full-time position of Mobile Equipment Operator 1.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the Board agreed to move part-time laborer Oscar Dufrene to the full-time position of Mobile Equipment Operator 1 with six month probational status.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary