

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
OCTOBER 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, October 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 Mitch Danos 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
 Mc Neely Rome
 Roland Curole
 Keith Guidry

Board members absent: Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr.

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; Engineering Personnel André Uzee, Joe Picciola, Larry Picciola, Stevie Smith, , Mike D'Angelo; MAC member Roland Guidry; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Dick Bouvier; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

With one correction to the spelling of a name, the minutes of the September 12, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Bobby Eymard and seconded by Bob Faulk.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVEE OF AN AD VOLEM TAX

President Callais announced the following:

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at the South Lafourche Levee District Building, 17904 Highway 3235, Galliano, Louisiana, the Board of Commissioners of South Lafourche Levee District, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in South Lafourche Levee District to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax.

General Manager Windell Curole added that the election would be held on March 25, 2017.

ALBL DECEMBER CONFERENCE, DEC 7-8, 2016; ROOMS RESERVED FOR DEC 6 AND 7

President Callais reminded the commissioners of the upcoming ALBL Conference to be held in New Orleans in December. He requested the commissioners sign their Hotel Tax Exemption forms and return them to Administrative Assistant Mary Punch.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

President Callais announced that an Executive Committee, for the purpose of strategic planning, would be held on Oct. 24th.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no audience comments.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole began the presentation with flood insurance maps including the Natural Valley map, which does not match the reality of the ground, and the more realistic LAMP map which reduces flooding and more closely matches the actual heights of our levees. Mr. Curole discussed historic storms and storm surge. Other slides showed the completed work of the wall under the LA 1 Bridge in Larose and the emergency access road in that same area. On the east side of Larose slides showed construction on the Larose floodwall by both SLLD contractor and the Corps. Slides showed work in other areas around the levee system. Mr. Curole finished the presentation with slides of the Morganza to the Gulf project.

GEOTECH STUDY AT PUMP STATION NO. 4

Mr. Curole informed the board that a geotech study was needed at Pump Station No. 4 where the levee was being elevated. He added that with the study, we could prove to FEMA that there would not be a breach, as they had suggested occurred at all pump stations. He requested the board approve up to \$15,000 for the cost of the study.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board approved spending up to \$15,000.00 for a geotech study be done at Pump Station No. 4.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM CONGRESSIONAL DELGATATION

Mr. Curole presented a letter that he had sent to our Congressional Delegation thanking them for their assistance with obtaining a permit to resume work on the Larose Floodwall after receiving a Cease and Desist Order from the Corps.

LAMP FLOOD MAPS

Mr. Curole explained that the slides shown earlier were of a pilot program that was still in the works.

CAPITAL OUTLAY RQUEST

Mr. Curole stated that the Levee District would be requesting \$1,000,000 for the LA 1 Ramp project in Golden Meadow. He added that the goal was to complete that project by August 2017. He requested the board authorized the Capital Outlay Request.

On a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Bob Faulk, the board unanimously approved the Capital Outlay Request in the amount of \$1,000,000 to be used on the Elevated LA 1 at Levee Crossing in Golden Meadow.

EMERGENCY ROAD, LA HWY 24

Mr. Curole had shown slides of the emergency road crossing LA Hwy 24 and stated that the parish would be placing limestone over the road that week. He stated that we would work with the parish on maintaining the opening and closing of the road.

LEVEE CONSORTIUM LEGISLATION ISSUES

Mr. Curole announced that the Coastal Louisiana Levee Consortium was promoting some legislative issues that were needed to help levee districts and have better flood protection.

LOOP PERMIT

Mr. Curole explained that SLLD had become responsible for issuing permits for all the CPRA projects in our district. He stated that work was being done on the Caminada Headland project and that LOOP needed to do repairs on one of their pipelines that ran through there. He stated that in making those repairs LOOP would need to drive over that project. Mr. Curole added that we do not allow anyone to drive on the project, but that the repair was needed and DNR told LOOP they would need permission from us. Mr. Curole recommended the board grant a permit to LOOP for making necessary repairs to their pipeline crossing the Caminada Headland project provided they restore the project to the original condition and make any repairs to damages they might cause. He added that he would have Attorney Ray Collins prepare the permit to insure LOOP's liability to restore and repair the project to its original condition once their pipeline repairs were complete.

Moved by Bob Faulk and seconded by Mitch Danos, upon the approval and advice of Attorney Ray Collins, the board unanimously agreed to issue a permit to LOOP to make needed repairs to their pipeline that runs through the Caminada Headlands project, and to hold LOOP liable for any and all damages.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond said he had nothing to report on projects. He announced that CPRA was holding a series of six open forums this month called Community Conversations. He stated that the next open forum would be held on Thursday, Oct. 13th at the Larose Civic Center at 5p. He added that the forum would include a meal, 2017 Master Plan, and open conversations with a brief presentation afterwards.

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:

- **A-East Dredging**

Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co., Inc. is the contractor. They are working on dredging. The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 3. The pay application includes dredging work completed September 2016.

- Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$ 15,429.60

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$15,429.60.

- **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 complete and the Lien Period is complete. The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 6. The pay application includes retainage for the project.

- Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$ 35,686.73

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$35,686.73.

- **Yankee Canal Levee Repairs**

Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co., Inc. is the contractor. The project is complete and the Lien Period is complete. The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 6. The pay application includes retainage for the project.

- Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$14,061.02

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$14,061.02.

- **Elevation of LA Highway 3235 at Levee Crossing in Larose, LA**

Plans and specifications are complete and have been submitted to LA DOTD, LA CPRA and LA FP&C for approval.

- **Mechanic Shop**

Plans and specifications are complete and are being submitted to LA State Marshall and Lafourche Parish Permitting for approval.

J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**

We are continuing to provide information to LaDNR as they request it. We have recently been told that LaDNR will issue their permit shortly. We are coordinating information with the Corps for their permit requirements.

- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**

This project consists of the replacement of the crane at Pump Station No. 4 and the expansion of the fuel tank building. We have met with staff and chosen a new crane type. We are working with the structural engineer to design a supporting structure. The new crane will require some mechanical and electrical adjustments, and we have an engineer working on those changes. We are working on the design and layout and the expansion of the fuel tank building to accommodate another fuel tank.

LEEVE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

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

This project is currently advertising to receive bids on October 27, 2016 with a total project estimate of \$5.7M.

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

The Corps of Engineers has given permission for the construction to continue and the contractor is on site and installing sheet piles again. The sheet pile installation should be complete in about 4 to 5 weeks. We are recommending approval of Change Order No. 2 for an increase in the contract price of \$123,012.00 and an increase in the project time of 306 days due to the project being put on hold and remobilization. We are also recommending approval of Pay Request No. 7 for \$116,861.40.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 2 for an increase in contract price of \$123,012.00 and increase in the project time by 36 days for a total of 306 days due to the project being put on hold and remobilization.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 7 to Sealevel Construction in the amount of \$116,861.40.

- **Bason Pump Station Area Seepage Analysis**

The clear lien certificate for this project is expected to be received this week. We are recommending payment of the retainage on this project for \$64,357.39 pending receipt of the clear lien certificate.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Bobby Eymard and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 5 to Sealevel Construction in the amount of \$64,357.39 pending receipt of the Clear Lien Certificate.

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

We are continuing with the design for this project and will have preliminary plans ready for review this month.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

Mr. Mitch Marmande was not in attendance.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

- **Reach K Levee Project**
Haul In Section

This project was awarded to Low Land Construction at the July SLLD Board meeting. The SLLD conducted a pre-construction meeting on August 2, 2016.

Notice to proceed was issued Aug. 15, 2016; a 120 day contract with an end date of Dec. 13, 2016.

Contractor began work in earnest the week of Sept. 26, 2016.

Contractor has de-grassed area, and is hauling material. Work is approximately 10% complete.

On Site Excavation Section

SLLD and All South met with CPRA representatives on Sept. 8, 2016. CPRA has several geotechnical related questions on this project, particularly about water level inside of the proposed levee. All South and SLLD provided water level data to CPRA for review last week.

Marsh Mitigation

All South conducted the necessary magnetometer survey this month. All South is processing the data from the survey.

Terrace Mitigation

Terraces are under construction by TLCD staff.

CB & I ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Mike D'Angelo)

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**

We have completed the preliminary report for the Grand Bayou Gate Structure. We are doing an internal technical review of that report and should be complete and ready to submit to the Corps in the next 30 days.

In speaking with CPRA, it appears Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District has submitted a Capital Outlay Request for the floodgate structure. The State will be financing the next phase of this project through TLCD if approved during the next legislative session.

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

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

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorneys Tyler Breaux and Ray Collins were not in attendance.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

HIRING OF PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the committee had met earlier and recommended filling the part-time position of Clerical Assistant immediately.

CREATE AND FILL PART-TIME POSITION OF ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN ADVANCED

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the committee recommended not creating the position of Electronic Technician Advanced, but to hire the contractor as needed.

On a motion of Monty Vegas and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously agreed to fill the part-time position of Clerical Assistant immediately, but did not recommend creating and filling the position of Electronic Technician Advanced at this time.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Windell Curole reminded the board of various October storms. He stated that Hurricane Hilda hit in October 1964 and spawn a tornado that killed 23 people in Larose; the highest number of people killed by a tornado that was spawned by a tropical storm or a hurricane in the United States.

On October 27, 1985 Hurricane Juan hit, and over the following three days, it put 4.5 ft. of water inside the levee system. He added that the Corps levees were not complete at that time and were attached to the small parish levees.

Again, on Oct. 1st, the 1893 storm hit and killed over 2,000 people throughout south Louisiana, including about 700 people from Cheniere. The storm of 1893 resulted in the greatest loss of life recorded in Louisiana from a hurricane. Mr. Curole added that storms did not receive names until around 1950's.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary