

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING  
OF  
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT  
NOVEMBER 14, 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, November 14, 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  
   Robert "Bobby" Eymard, Sr.  
   Bob Faulk  
   Mitch Danos  
   Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr.  
   Mc Neely Rome  
   Roland Curole  
   Keith Guidry

Board members absent:        Monty Vegas

Also present were: Executive Secretary and General Manager Windell Curole; Administrative Assistant Amy Gisclair; Levee Board Operations Superintendent Drake Baudoin; Attorney Tyler Breaux; Engineering Personnel André Uzee, Neil Angelette, Joe Picciola, Stevie Smith, Mitch Marmande, Mike D'Angelo; MAC member Roland Guidry; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; and news media.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

**The minutes of the October 10, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Bob Faulk and seconded by McNeely Rome.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVEE OF AN AD VOLREM TAX**

President read Resolution 16-06 and it was accepted as follows:

**The following resolution was offered by Bob Faulk and seconded by Keith Guidry:**

RESOLUTION 16-06

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the South Lafourche Levee District, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the South Lafourche Levee District (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 30, 32 and 39(B) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said

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election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the South Lafourche Levee District (the "District"), acting under the authority of Article VI, Sections 30 and 39(B) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, be authorized to levy a five (5) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$3,570,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2018 and ending with the year 2027, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining necessary levees, levee drainage, flood protection, hurricane flood protection and all other purposes incidental thereto?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the Daily Comet, a newspaper of general circulation within the District, published in Thibodaux, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the District, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the South Lafourche Levee District Bldg., 17904 Hwy. 3235, Galliano, Louisiana, on MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017, at THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on Monday, April 10, 2017, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Lafourche Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Lafourche Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Additional Notice Requirement. This Governing Authority made the announcement with respect to the adoption of this resolution required by La. R.S. 42:19.1, at its public meeting on Monday, October 10, 2016 and published said announcement in the Official Journal on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 8  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14th day of November, 2016.

/s/Windell A. Curole  
Secretary

/s/Ronald Callais  
President

**76<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF LEVEE BOARDS OF LOUISIANA**

President Callais reminded the board of the upcoming ALBL Conference to be held at the Hilton Riverside Hotel on Dec. 7-8, 2016. He encouraged all commissioners to attend.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR 2017 CALENDAR YEAR**

Chairman Clarence Marts briefed the board on the projects of priority for the year 2017 that was discussed during a recent Executive Committee meeting. General Manager Windell Curole informed the board of the projected costs of the projects and requested the board approve as presented.

**Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by McNeely Rome, the Priority Project for 2017 were unanimously accepted as presented.**

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the audience.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

General Manager Windell Curole presented slides which included the states with the most repetitive flood loss from 1978 – 2015. Louisiana was at the top of the list. A list of the top 25 parishes followed in the repetitive loss areas. Lafourche Parish was not included in that list and Mr. Curole credited the levee system for that success. Other slides included work for the parish on the Yankee Canal levee, D-South area where levees were raised to 16 ft., Section F levee near Delta Farms Road, Pump Station No. 7, and a new ramp over the levee near that pump station. The board viewed slides showing construction of the Larose Floodwall projects by both the Corps and the levee district. Slides showed progress by the Corps of the gate structure by the Delta Farms Road. Mr. Curole compared the heights of the sheetpile that the Corps was driving and the higher pilings that the SLLD was currently installing along the Larose Floodwall. SLLD projects concluded with the new ramp at La 1 – Hwy 24 intersection in Larose. Additional slides were shown of the Morganza to the Gulf's Reach K & L projects. Mr. Stevie Smith explained the projects in more detail.

**MEETING WITH COL. CLANCY AND MARK WINGATE**

Mr. Curole announced that he and President Callais had met with the Corps' Col. Clancy and Mr. Mark Wingate recently. He stated that they had discussed the 404 and 408 permitting, and that their meeting went very well.

**CORPS LEVEE INSPECTION**

Mr. Curole explained that since our levees were raised without Corps' authorization, we again received an unacceptable rating. Mr. Curole explained that the unacceptable rating kept us out of their maintenance program, but that we would continue to work with the Corps to achieve an acceptable rating in the future.

**DEEPWATER HORIZON FINAL SETTLEMENT**

Mr. Curole stated that there were still some settlements with the Deepwater Horizon incident, and that we would attempt to obtain funds from the Halliburton-Transocean Settlement. He added that the SLLD property affected was in Hackberry Bay.

**YANKEE CANAL LEVEE UPDATE**

Mr. Curole stated that slides were shown earlier of the repairs made to the Yankee Canal levee, and that they were still working on the agreement with the parish for reimbursement of that work.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

**OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**

Mr. Daniel Dearmond had nothing to report.

**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. 4. The pay application includes dredging work completed October 2016.

- Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$14,448.60

**Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$14,448.60.**

**Elevation of LA Highway 32335 at Larose Crossing in Larose, LA**

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

Mr. Curole stated that we had recently received funding in the amount of \$750,000 through Capital Outlay that would be applied to that project, but that Facility Planning needed a resolution stating that the Levee District would pay all remaining costs not covered by the State.

**On a motion by Bobby Eymard, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District hereby dedicates SLLD funding in excess of \$750,000 State Capital Outlay cash for the construction of the Elevation of LA Highway 3235 at Levee Crossing in Larose, LA project.**

- **Mechanic Shop**

Plans and specifications are complete. We are currently advertising for bids which will be received on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.**

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**

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.

We are also working on raising the levee in the area. We are coordinating with the geotechnical engineer to provide the cross section.

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

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

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

Bids were received on the B-North & B-South section of this project on November 3, 2016. We are recommending awarding to the low bidder, Pontchartain Partners, LLC for \$6,679,138.22. The estimate for this project was \$7.1 million. We are also recommending starting the advertisement for bids on the C-South section of this project with the project estimate of \$6.7 million.

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously accepted, the board agreed to award the contract of B-North and B-South of the B-South, B-North & C-South to the lowest bidder, Ponchartrain Partners LLC in the amount of \$6,679,138.22.**

**Moved by Clarence Marts, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously carried, the board authorized Angelette-Picciola to advertise for bid Section C-South of the B-South, B-North & C-South project.**

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

The contractor is continuing with the floodwall construction and we are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 8 for \$102,814.70.

**Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$102,814.70.**

- **Bason Pump Station Area Seepage Analysis**

The clear lien certificate was received last month, the retainage has been paid and this project is complete.

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

We are continuing with the design for this project and will be reviewing preliminary plans with the District this week.

**MORGANZA TO THE GULF**

**DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS**

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

- **Reach K**

We will be meeting with engineers from CPRA to address some geotechnical questions to get to the next phase of dredging on Reach K underway.

**ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS**

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

- **Reach K**

**Haul in Section**

This project was awarded to Low Land Construction at the July SLLD Board meeting. The notice to Proceed was issued Aug. 15, 2016; 120 day contract – end date Dec. 13, 2016.

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

Contractor has de grassed entire project area, and has hauled the entire original plan quantity. The contractor has had to remove much more muck material than originally anticipated.

The contractor has achieved about +3 throughout the entire levee footprint, but job requires additional material to reach the proposed levee cross section.

Change Order No. 1 is submitted for board approval to increase the pan quantity and complete the project.

**Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$259,350.00 upon the approval from CPRA.**

**On Site Excavation Section**

SLLD and All South met with CPRA representatives on Sept 8, 2016. CPRA has several geotechnical related question 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 month.

All South meeting with CPRA this week to resolve.

**Marsh Mitigation**

All South conducted the necessary magnetometer survey last month. All South met with SLLD and TLCD on results, which show that there are areas suitable for borrow. SLLD directed All South to develop topographic survey plan for this area.

**Terrance Mitigation**

Terrances under construction by TLCD staff.

Mr. Smith requested an amendment to the agenda to add Pay Request No. 1 for Low Land Construction in the amount of 125, 119.63.

**With 8 Yays, 0 Nays, 1 Absent and 0 Abstained, the board authorized the amendment of the agenda to add Reach K Access Road – Low Land Construction Pay Request No. 1.**

**Reach K Access Road – Low Land Construction Pay Request No. 1**

Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$125,119.63.

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously approved, the board authorized payment of Pay Request No. 1 to Low Land Construction in the amount of \$125,119.63.**

**CB & I ENGINEERS (Mike D’Angelo)**

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**  
We have completed Internal Technical Review and working to revise drawings and cost estimates.

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

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

**BOARD ATTORNEY**

Attorney Tyler Breaux stated that he had nothing to report.

**MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**

**FUTURE EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND REPAIRS**

Chairman Keith Guidry announced that the committee had met earlier and discussed several items. Mr. Guidry reported that the committee had agreed to approve the repairs to the Levee District’s bull dozer. Mr. Guidry requested the board authorize the advertisement to bid for a small excavator to be used at the pump stations for the purpose of clearing vegetation and debris to allow for proper drainage.

**Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously accepted, the board authorized the advertising to bid for a small excavator to be used at the pump stations.**

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

**RENEWAL OF POLICIES**

Chairman Bobby Eymard announced that the insurance committee had postponed their meeting.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**ANNUAL EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS**

In the absence of Chairman Monty Vegas, Commissioner Keith Guidry announced that the committee had reviewed employee evaluations for the year and approved all pay increases.

Mr. Curole stated that the committee also discussed amending the On Call Policy to allow employees the option of opting out of the 16 week rotation for on call service, except in the case of urgent or emergency situations.

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved amendments to the On Call Policy.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**INVOICES**

In the absence of Chairman Monty Vegas, Commissioner Bobby Eymard announced that the Finance Committee had reviewed the invoices and recommended they be paid.

**On a motion of Clarence Marts, seconded by Bobby Eymard, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Keith Guidry stated that in 1967, Representative Richard "Dick" Guidry had been the one to push Governor John McKeithen to sign legislation to form the South Louisiana Tidal Water Control Levee District. Mr. Guidry stated that some people in the community had suggested that we name our office building after Mr. Guidry, just as we'd done for others whose names were added to floodgates and pumping stations. Mr. Guidry proposed that the board to consider incorporating Mr. Richard Guidry's name into the building or facility.

**Moved by Clarence Marts, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board authorized incorporating Mr. Richard "Dick" Guidry's name into the building or facility owned by the South Lafourche Levee District.**

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

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary