

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
DECEMBER 12, 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, December 12, 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
 Monty Vegas
 Mitch Danos
 Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr.
 Mc Neely Rome
 Roland Curole
 Keith Guidry

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 Breaux; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, Stevie Smith, Mitch Marmande , Mike D'Angelo, Hilary Thibodaux; MAC member Roland Guidry; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; TLCD Director Reggie Dupre; Lafourche Parish President Jimmy Cantrelle, Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine; David Turknett, and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the November 14, 2016, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RESOLUTION FOR DAVID TURKNETT

President Callais read and presented Mr. David Turknett with a resolution for services he has unselfishly donated to the South Lafourche Levee District. General Manager Windell Curole added that Mr. Turknett had provided uncompensated electronics work for the levee district over the past several years, and had been involved in various levee district projects over the years.

ASSOCIATION OF LEVEE BOARDS OF LOUISIANA DECEMBER CONFERENCE

President Callais announced that he, along with other board members and the General Manager, had attended the ALBL Conference in New Orleans the week before. He stated that the meeting was very informative and productive. He then opened the floor for commissioner comments. Mr. Windell Curole discussed items from the ALBL Executive Committee. One item was that in the past when a new levee district was formed, it automatically got 5 mills to help with operations. After Katrina, they stopped that so there are new levee districts struggling, so they are trying to get the 5 mills put back into place. He announced that the new president was North Lafourche Levee District's current board president, Mr. Cory Kief. Mr. Curole stated that he felt Mr. Kief was a good choice and that he would work for the good of all ALBL members.

Mr. Marts commended our local members who served on the ALBL Executive Committee.

President Callais presented the current committee assignments to the commissioners and announced that election of officers would take place at the January meeting.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Lafourche Parish President Jimmy Cantrelle congratulated the SLLD board members on the success of the South Lafourche Levee District.

Mr. Daniel Lorraine reported that he had attended a meeting with Parish and Levee District officials to discuss the money owed to the SLLD for repairs to the Yankee Canal Levee. Mr. Lorraine stated that the cost of those repairs had been \$197,000 to begin with, but that the contractor, Plaisance Dragline, was able to do the work at a lower cost of \$140,000. He added that everyone was very satisfied with their work on the levee. Mr. Lorraine stated that employees of both the parish and SLLD had worked on Christmas Eve night of 2015 sandbagging the Yankee Canal levee due to unusually heavy rainfall. He stated that the Parish should soon reimburse the final cost of \$140,000 SLLD to the Levee District for the repairs.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Windell Curole announced that the new language introduced into WRDA had passed through the Senate and House, and was awaiting the President's signature. Mr. Curole explained that with the new language, the Corps must issue a 408 Permit within 120 days or explain their reason for not issuing it. In the past, work would be delayed up to five years with no answer as to why the permit wasn't issued. Mr. Curole and Mr. Mitch Marmande explained other positive aspects of the WRDA Bill.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Curole started the slide presentations with photos from B-North levee which included scenes of open water to the north, and marsh growth traveling south. Mr. Curole stated that over 120 acres of marsh had been developed since 2010. Next in line were photos of the recent repairs to the Yankee Canal levee where serious erosion had occurred. Photos of A-East showed the levee was approximately one foot higher than the 17 ft. LOOP T-Wall. Other slides showed photos of work on the Reintroduction of Mississippi River Water into Bayou Lafourche Project in Donaldsonville.

WHARF PERMIT FOR MR. WALLACE GRIFFIN

Mr. Curole stated that Mr. Wallace Griffin had requested permission to install a wharf on his property. He added that one other permit of that nature had been granted by the Levee District, and that there had been no issues. He recommended the board vote on that permit during the permit report.

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This item was discussed under the President's Report.

CORPS RESPONSE TO GENERAL MANAGER'S TESTIMONY GIVEN AT MRC ON AUGUST 19, 2016

Mr. Curole presented a response from the Corps to his August testimony that was given at the Mississippi River Commission where he covered such topics as the post-Katrina Corps standards and the delay in obtaining permits.

ENGINEERS MEETING WITH CPRA HELD DEC 5, 2016

Mr. Curole stated that we've had a good working relationship with CPRA for several years, but lately they were raising comments that were slowing down some of our projects. Mr. Curole, along with SLLD engineers, met with CPRA engineers to try to work things out for the benefit of the flood protection for the community.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE SHEET PILES FOR YANKEE CANAL LEVEE

Mr. Curole informed the board that we were using plastic sheetpile for erosion protection at the Yankee Canal Levee at a cost of about \$25 per linear foot. He stated that we needed to purchase another 25,000 feet of sheetpile and requested the board give their approval.

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved the purchase of an additional 25,000 linear ft. of plastic sheetpile for erosion purposes to be used at the Yankee Canal Levee.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE TO SELL USED EQUIPMENT NO LONGER IN USE

Mr. Curole informed the board that there were several items of used equipment including vehicles to office equipment that was no longer in service. He recommended the board advertise to sell by sealed bid to the highest bidders.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Clarence Marts, the board unanimously approved advertising used equipment no longer needed by the South Lafourche Levee District.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond 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. The project is complete. We are recommending Substantial Completion.

The contractor has submitted pay Application No. 5. The pay application includes dredging work completed in November 2016. We also have change Order No. 1 for balancing of final contract quantities, a decrease of \$13,704.48.

- Substantial Completion
- Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$19,288.80
- Change Order No. 1, credit for reduced amount of material – (\$13,704.48)

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Substantial Completion, Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$19,288.80, and Change Order No. 1 for balancing of final contract quantities.

- **Elevation of LA Highway 32335 at Larose 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. Bids were received on Monday, December 12th at 10:00 a.m. The low bidder is Foret Contracting Group, LLC in the amount of \$378,200.00. It is our recommendation to award the project.

Moved by Bobby Eymard, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board accepted the low bid in the amount of \$378,200.00 from Foret Contracting Group, LLC.

J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.

Engineer John Plaisance was not in attendance

LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

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

This project has been awarded to Pontchartrain Partners, LLC for \$6,679,138.22. The estimate for this project was \$7.1 million. Contracts are currently being signed.

- **C-South Apache Farm to Bason Pump Station**

We will begin advertising next week to receive bids in January on this project with a project estimate of \$6.7 million.

- **Larose Floodwall Elevation**

The contractor is continuing with the floodwall construction and we are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 9 for \$84,189.00.

- Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$ 84,189.00

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$84,189.00.

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

We are finalizing the preliminary phase for this project and have reviewed preliminary plans with Mitch Marmande and the land owner last week. The preliminary phase is expected to be complete next month for the levee and the following month for the structure.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

Mr. Marmande stated that he had nothing new to report on.

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 notice to Proceed was issued Aug. 15, 2016; 120 day contract – end date Dec. 13, 2016.

Contractor began work week of Sept. 26, 2016.

As of Nov. 15th, Contractor had hauled the entire original plan quantity (35,000 cubic yards). The contractor has had to remove much more muck material than originally anticipated.

SLLD approved a change order last month to add 20,000 yards to contract, increasing quantity to 55,000 yards. Change order approved by CPRA as well.

Contractor requires additional days to haul this material. ASCE request Change Order 2 to add 45 calendar days to contract. This extends contract time to Jan 27, 2017.

- Change Order No. 2 – 45 additional days

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Bobby Eymard and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 2 for 45 additional days

- Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$405,972.95

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$405,972.95.

- **Reach K On Site Excavation Section**

SLLD and All South met with CPRA on Nov. 16, 2016 to discuss options to finish design.

CPRA agreed to flexibility in design to allow project to be constructed in three passes, or by using geotextile fabric. ASCE is evaluating those two alternatives to determine which is most cost effective.

- **Reach K Marsh Mitigation**

All South conducted the necessary magnetometer survey in October. 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 and geotechnical plan for this area. All South has received the geotechnical proposal and is reviewing it to make sure it provides the required information.

- **Reach L Levee Project**

No report was given on Reach L.

CB & I ENGINEERS (Mike D'Angelo)

Engineer Mike D'Angelo reported the following:

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**

The Grand Bayou Floodgate is located between Reaches K & L on Grand Bayou. We are currently working on three options and will give a PowerPoint presentation at the next meeting.

Mr. Reggie Dupre added that the presidents from the three local levee districts involved in the project should meet to discuss the best option for the gate structure.

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

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

On a motion of Mitch Danos, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously accepted, the following permits were approved:

1. WALLACE GRIFFIN

SLLD Permit

LOCATION: 5400 West Ave. E, Cut Off, LA.

DESCRIPTION: Construction of a wharf approximately 10' by 10' with an attached walkway approximately 4' x 10' with steps.

2. SHELL PIPELINE COMPANY LP

CUP NO: P20130527

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-35-34.85/Long. 90-22-19.06; Sec 63, T17S-R21E, Intracoastal Waterway.

DESCRIPTION: After-the-fact revised CUP application for the unauthorized deposition of 8.2 cubic yards of limestone fill for the creation of a road at Site 121. 175ft x 25ft x .05ft. Approx. 0.11 acres of fresh marsh habitat was impacted as a result of this activity. An Administrative Penalty was issued for the unauthorized activity.

3. BADGER ENGERY LLC

CUP NO: P20161037

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Midpoint location of proposed removals – Lat. 29-21-58 N / Long. 90-07-4 W (see plat for additional removal locations); Lake Enfermer Field; approximately 9 miles southeast of Golden Meadow.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed removal and abandonment of Badger Energy LLC, pipelines, pilling and all appurtenant structures associated with Harrison et al Well No. 1 and Well No. 2. Pipelines to be exposed at each end by trenches then pulled for removal. Approximately 868 cy of native material via jetting operations then pulled for removal. Approximately 1.00 acres of nonvegetated waterbottoms and 0.50 acres of vegetated wetlands may be impacted as a result of this proposed activity.

4. ALLAN COMPANY – GOLDEN MEADOW LLC

CUP NO: P20160811

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; POB Lat 29-19-53.62N, Long -90-13-40.55W; POE Lat 29-19-25.18N, Long -90-12-35.51W (see plat for additional points); Section 26, T20S-R22E; Section 27, T20S-R22E; near Tidewater Canal.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed to restore 2.28 acres of damage salt marsh and install reef blocks for shoreline protection. Dredging for access will be required; approx. 55,240 c.y. of material will be excavated and placed on site. Approx. 30 acres of open water, scrub shrub, and salt marsh habitats may be impacted by the proposed project.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Tyler Breaux reported the following:

The Jarreau case has been heard by the Louisiana Supreme Court. All arguments have been made and we are awaiting a written opinion which should be made sometime in 2017.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Monty Vegas presented a Personal Health Information Policy for approval. Administrative Assistant Mary Punch added that it was recommended by the Office of Group Benefits that each agency develop a PHI policy to keep on file.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved the Personal Health Information Policy for the South Lafourche Levee District.

Mr. Vegas stated that employee health insurance premiums would increase by 7.5% effective January 1, 2017. The Insurance Committee met, and after much discussion, deferred to the Personnel Committee for a decision. Mr. Vegas stated that the cost of the premiums had been budgeted for the coming year so the Committee agreed to continue paying both the agency's share and the employees' shares of health premiums.

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.

OLD BUSINESS

General Manager Windell Curole informed the board that a former board member, Mr. Joe Leonard, had passed away. Mr. Curole stated that Mr. Leonard had helped with legislation and brought important issues to the delegation in DC. He added that Mr. Leonard did a lot of good for the levee district and that he would be missed.

President Callais added that he and Mr. Leonard had served on three separate boards together and that Mr. Leonard got things done.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary