

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING  
OF  
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT  
JANUARY 9, 2017**

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, January 09, 2017 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.  
   Roland Curole  
   Keith Guidry

Board members absent:        Mc Neely Rome

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; Attorney Ray Collins; Engineering Personnel André Uzee, Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, Clark Capone, Mitch Marmande, Bethanie Podany, Mike D'Angelo; MAC member Roland Guidry; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; and news media.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

**The minutes of the December 13, 2016, Regular Meeting approved unanimously upon a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Keith Guidry.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President Ronald Callais opened the floor to the nomination of President. Commissioner Monty Vegas made a motion to re-elect all officers as currently standing. No other nominations were made.

**On a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Bob Faulk, the board unanimously approved the nominations of Ronald Callais for President, Clarence Marts for Vice President, and Windell Curole for Executive Secretary of the South Lafourche Levee District Board of Commissioners**

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

President Callais stated that all committees would remain the same unless anyone wanted to change. There were no objections to the committees.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the audience.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

General Manager Windell Curole presented slides of the levee system showing water on the outside of the system, and the current LAMP elevations to be used for flood insurance, pointing out recent elevation projects completed over the past year. Other slides included works that was being done on Morganza to the Gulf's Reach K project.

**LA 1 COALITION – APPROVAL OF CEA FOR 2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Mr. Curole announced that the Levee District had partnered with LA 1 Coalition for several years. He presented a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the \$1,000 membership renewal for 2017. Mr. Curole requested the board authorize him to sign the 2017 CEA and make payment to renew the membership.

**Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Bobby Eymard and unanimously accepted, the board authorized General Manager Windell Curole to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with LA 1 Coalition for the 2017 membership renewal donation of \$1,000.**

Mr. Curole added that with the new Louisiana administration, money was not certain. He stated that Mr. Henri Boulet would deliver an updated report at a later meeting date.

**BORROW PIT, GOLDEN MEADOW AREA**

Mr. Curole informed the commissioners that the Levee District needed to obtain a new borrow pit in the Golden Meadow area so that dirt between Pump Station No. 1 and Apache could be trucked in to strengthen the safety factor. He stated that he was in negotiations with local property owners to either purchase a borrow pit, or obtain it through a donation.

**MEETING WITH SENATOR CHABERT AND CPRA**

Mr. Curole stated that he attended a meeting with CPRA representatives, Senator Norby Chabert, and also Gov. Edwards where they discussed the new Master Plan. He stated that a couple of projects had been omitted from the Master Plan, much to the dismay of those agencies. Mr. Curole explained that CPRA goes through a process based on science, computer science and models, to get the best project possible.

**PRJOECT COMPLETIONS BY AUGUST 2017**

Mr. Curole announced that two main projects of the August 2017 goal were to bring the roads at LA 1 in Golden Meadow and Hwy 3235 in Larose up to levee heights. He stated that engineers were working with DOTD, but they seemed to keep hitting walls which had caused delays on those projects.

The Larose Floodwall was close to being complete, with all sheet piles in except for a portion in front of the old David Industries shipyard.

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE GENERATOR SWITCH FOR PS #6**

Mr. Curole stated that approval was needed to purchase a new generator transfer switch for Pump Station No. 6. A quote was obtained in the amount of \$5,825.68 from ASCO Services.

**Moved by Bob Faulk and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved the purchase of a new generator transfer switch from ASCO Services in the amount of \$5,825.68.**

**CHANGES TO LEON THEROT LOCK OPERATIONS**

Mr. Curole explained that with many small vessels passing through the Leon Theriot Lock, the gates were being opened and closed frequently which was causing wear on the gate structures. He announced that new opening times were now in effect during regular closures with scheduled openings being made every 30 minutes on the hour and every half hour.

**APPROVAL OF INVOICE FOR FIRST SIX-MONTH INSTALLMENT FOR MAC**

Mr. Curole presented an invoice for the first six-month installment for MAC in the amount of \$19,250.00, and requested approval to pay. President Callais added that TLCD and NLLD were also contributing to the Morganza Action Coalition.

**Moved by Clarence Marts and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously approved the Invoice #17-1002 for the Morganza Action Coalition's first six-month installment in the amount of \$19,250.00 covering the months of January through June, 2017.**

**REPLACEMENT AGENCY TRUCK FOR EMPLOYEE (DRAKE BAUDOIN)**

Mr. Curole announced that the Levee District needed to replace a field truck that was in poor driving condition. Mr. Curole recommended advertising for the purchase of a new pickup truck. There were no objections from the board.

**ENERGY'S COST TO RELOCATE POWER POLES NEAR APACHE DOCK**

Mr. Curole announced that with each Corps' levee inspection, the Corps had stated their concerns with the power poles in the levee at the Apache Dock. He recommended the board authorize the relocation of the power poles. Mr. Curole stated that he had received a quote from Entergy of \$13,155.46 to relocate both poles.

**Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Bob Faulk, the board unanimously agreed to have Entergy relocate their power poles at the quoted cost of \$13,155.46.**

**APPROVAL TO PAY COST OF \$15,851.73 TO RELOCATE A VISION COMMUNICATION CABLE AT LT LOCK**

Mr. Curole explained that we were working to raise the road that crosses the levee near the Leon Theriot Lock and that a Visions Communication cable crossed underneath that would need to be relocated. Engineer Joe Picciola stated that a water line would also need to be relocated, but that the water district had offered to move the line at no cost to the Levee District.

**Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously accepted, the board agreed to pay \$15,851.73 to relocate a Vision Communications cable at the LA 1 Hwy crossing the levee near the Leon Theriot Lock, two miles south of Golden Meadow.**

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

**OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**

Mr. Daniel Dearmond reported that the 2017 Master Plan was on their website for review and comments. He added that a series of public meetings would be held throughout the state including one in Houma on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, starting at 3:30p for open house, and 5:30p for discussion.

**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 and in the Lien Period.
- **Elevation of LA Highway 3235 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**  
Bids were received on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The low bidder is Foret Contracting Group, LLC in the amount of \$378,200.00. Contract documents have been completed. We are scheduling a Pre-Construction meeting for next week.

**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 of the expansion of the fuel tank building to accommodate another fuel tank. We are also working on raising the levee in this area. We are coordinating with the geotechnical engineer to provide the cross section.

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

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **B-North & South, Bason Pump Station to Golden Meadow Park, Levee Improvements**

This project has been awarded to Pontchartain Partners, LLC for \$6,679,138.22. The estimate for this project was \$7.1 million. Contracts have been signed and we are scheduling a pre-construction meeting with the Contractors later this week.

- **C-South, Apache Farm to Bason Pump Station, Levee Improvements**

We are currently advertising to receive bids on February 9, 2017 on this project with a project estimate of \$6.7 million.

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

The contractor is continuing with the floodwall construction and we are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 10 for \$60,535.90.

- Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$60,535.90

**On a motion of Mitch Danos, seconded by Bob Faulk, and unanimously carried, the board approved Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$60,535.90.**

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

The preliminary phase for this project will be complete this month for the levee and next month for the structure.

- **Bason Pump Station Seepage Wall**

We are recommending that the district reimburse Seamar, LLC \$1,554.19 for diesel fuel used for their houseboat generator for a period when overhead power crossing the levee was disconnected to complete the construction of this project.

- Diesel Expense of \$1,554.19

**On a motion of Monty Vegas, seconded by Bobby Eymard, and unanimously carried, the board approval for payment of diesel in the amount of \$1,554.19.**

**MORGANZA TO THE GULF**

**DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS**

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

Mr. Mitch Marmande showed slides and gave an updated report on the mitigation project of Reach K. Slides showed terraces being built to 5', which would then settle to about 2.5'.

**ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS**

Engineer Report (Clark Capone)

**Reach K & L**

- **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.

SLLD approved a change order to add 20,000 yards to contract, increasing quantity to 55,000 yards. Also approved change order to add 45 calendar days to contract. This extends contract time to Jan 27, 2017. Change order approved by CPRA as well.

Contractor is hauling additional quantity at this time. Did not work during break, but began work last week.

○ **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 believes option without geotextile fabric is the most cost effective. ASCE is working on plan that maximizes material to be moved under contract.

○ **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.

**CB & I ENGINEERS**

Engineer Report (Mike D’Angelo)

• **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**

Mr. Mike D’Angelo gave a presentation on the Grand Bayou Flood Control structure showing three options. Option 1 is a 134’ clear opening and contains a 146’ long x 40’ wide by 30’ high steel barge gate to a top elevation of 18’. Option 2 is a 60’ clear opening, and Option 3 is a 56’ clear opening with a double-leaf sector gate. Mr. D’Angelo gave the cost and benefits of each and stated that they were recommending Option 1.

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

Commissioner Mitch Danos stated that no permit requests had been received.

**BOARD ATTORNEY**

Attorney Ray Collins had nothing to report.

**MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**

**BID RESULT FOR SMALL EXCAVATOR**

Chairman Keith Guidry presented the Bid Opening Results of January 5, 2017, for the purchase of One New Compact Excavator as follows:

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
Lee Tractor	Case CX57C	\$53,587.00
Scott Equipment	Volvo EC60E	\$57,500.00
Doggett Machinery	60G	\$58,900.00
Duhon Machinery	Bobcat E63 T4	\$59,660.70
Deep South Equipment	JBC 67C-1	\$68,500.00
Louisiana Cat	Caterpillar 307E2 CCE	\$72,712.07
CLM Equipment	Kobelco SK 75	\$79,375.00

Mr. Guidry stated that the Maintenance and Equipment Committee had met earlier and recommended awarding to the low bidder, Lee Tractor, Co.

**On a motion of Keith Guidry, seconded by Bobby Eymard, and unanimously carried, the board awarded the purchase of one new compact excavator to low bidder, Lee Tractor, Co., at the cost of \$53,587.00.**

Mr. Guidry added that the Levee District would advertise for bids for a new pickup truck.

**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**

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 Bobby Eymard and seconded by Keith Guidry.**

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary