

OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
AUGUST 14, 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, August 14, 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; Attorney Tyler Breaux; Engineering Personnel André Uzee, Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, Stevie Smith, and Laura Borne; MAC member Roland Guidry; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Lori Leblanc's Office Melissa Cloutet; Doug Cheramie with Louisiana State Attorney General Jeff Landry; Jimmy Lafont, candidate for GLPC; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the July 10, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Roland Curole and seconded by Keith Guidry.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

REMINDER TO AUDIENCE TO SIGN IN AT EVERY MEETING FOR PROPER RECORD KEEPING

President Callais reminded everyone to sign in at each meeting so that accurate records might be kept.

77TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF LEVEE BOARDS OF LOUISIANA, DEC. 6-7, 2017

President Callais announced that the 77th Annual ALBL Conference would be held at the Hilton Riverside New Orleans on December 6-7, 2017. He stated that each member should let Administrative Assistant Mary Punch know who would be attending.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Clarence Marts announced that the Executive Committee had met on July 25, 2017 to discuss availability of funds for future projects. Mr. Marts then requested General Manager Windell Curole give additional information. Mr. Curole reminded the board that the Levee District had received \$5M from the BP Oil Spill. SLLD set aside \$1M to be used for the Ducks Unlimited marsh terraces which would protect the outside toe of the levee. The recent court judgment cost the Levee District almost \$3M that could have gone to building levees. Due to that settlement, we must now look at other means of funding levee projects. Mr. Curole added that we had previously donated \$100,000 to the terraces project, and recommended reassigning the remaining \$900,000 to levee projects.

On a motion by Bob Faulk and seconded by Clarence Marts, the board unanimously accepted and authorized the reassignment of \$900,000 previously set aside for Ducks Unlimited terrace project, to be used for levee projects.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

President Callais offered the floor to Candidate for Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Jimmy Lafont. Mr. Lafont stated that he had nothing to report and was there for attendance only.

There were no other comments from the audience.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole showed slides of work around the levee which included pump repairs for emergency situations, the levee at B-South that was cut to allow contractors barge to cross and the repairs made afterwards which increased the levee height to 18 ft. Other construction included B-North and B-South levee improvements on the west side Golden Meadow and Galliano areas, and the Larose Ramp Elevation at LA 1 and Hwy 24. Mr. Curole then played several short video clips showing flood waters in various areas around the levee system from Tropical Storm Cindy in June.

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS - \$2,033,900 (\$744,600)

Mr. Curole announced that new funds had been awarded through Capital Outlay. Of the \$2,033,900, there was an additional \$744,600 that was already budgeted for the Elevation of Hwy 3235 project. He added that in speaking with Senator Norby Chabert, he was optimistic that the Levee District could receive more funding next year through GOMESA.

LOUISIANA FLOOD RISK COALITION - \$5,000

Mr. Curole stated that the Louisiana Flood Risk Coalition was led by Dwayne Bourgeois and Cory Kief. He informed the board that the reauthorization of flood insurance was supposed to be complete by September. Mr. Curole added that the SLLD had provided \$5,000 last year to the coalition, and recommended do provide another \$5,000 this year. He further added that the coalition had worked hard to keep flood insurance costs down, and that several people had seen significant drops in their flood insurance premiums.

Moved by Bobby Eymard and seconded by Clarence Marts, the board unanimously agreed to provide \$5,000 to the Louisiana Flood Risk Coalition.

CONTRACTOR RBL, NOTICE TO PROCEED, SECTION C-SOUTH

Mr. Curole stated that equipment was on site near Bully Camp and that a Notice to Proceed had been issued to the contractor.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION LOW WATER TRIP

Mr. Curole informed the board that the low water trip was this week, but that he had a conflict and would not be able to attend. He stated that he would send a letter stating it was not reasonable with the delays and costs that we were incurring with the 408 permitting issues. He added that with new people in position, there was hope that we may have chance to work in a more efficient method saving time and money.

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REQUIRED MATCH FOR FLOODWALL IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Curole explained that the Town of Golden Meadow had received a grant two years ago and had asked for cost-share matches from various political subdivisions for floodwall improvements along LA 1. Mr. Curole stated that they were ready for the cost share and were now asking the SLLD for \$100,000 that was previously authorized to help with that project, adding that the work would benefit flood protection for the people of Golden Meadow.

On a motion by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously approved, the board authorized the donation of \$100,000 to the Town of Golden Meadow for the LA 1 Floodwall Improvements project.

CLOVELLY LEVEE ELEVATION

Mr. Curole explained that there was an area of levee in Clovelly that's less than 90 degrees that is a concern. Mr. Curole stated that his had been negotiating with Mr. Scully's manager and was hoping

they would donate some property that we could use to raise the levee. The levee is currently at 12 to 13 ft. We believe the 100 year storm level will be near 13 ft., but we would like to be at 14 or 15 ft. in that area.

LAROSE FLOODWALL, SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

Mr. Curole informed the board that the Larose Floodwall was at substantially complete and that the contractor had done a good job. He added that the sheet piles had greatly improved the area already.

DRAINAGE OF LAROSE FLOODWALL, PHASE II

Mr. Curole explained that between the Larose Floodgate and Catholic Church, going towards Delta Farms, there was a gap and then we built up the levee along the Intercoastal. Mr. Curole added that SLLD had been trying to obtain the permit to install the sheetpile wall, similar to what was done in Golden Meadow. Since we haven't gotten the permit yet, we decided to move forward with a portion of that project which is drainage work, and try to put dirt as high as we can to improve that area, until we can get permit in place. Mr. Curole explained that once the drainage was done, it would help to avoid ponding on road.

LETTER TO DNR ON MITIGATION

Mr. Curole presented the board with a letter he had sent to DNR on the water reservoir and in relation to mitigation. He stated that we had mitigated everything in 1986.

LETTER TO COL. CHANEY ON LOOP'S UPGRADE ON BRINE LEVEE

Mr. Curole stated that LOOP had requested our help in obtaining Corp's permission to install a cable by the LOOP T-Wall. Mr. Curole presented a letter that he had sent to the Corp stating that the installation of the Brine Disposal Line Upgrade would not affect the levee system.

CENTRAL CRUDE OIL

Mr. Curole stated that we would have to run our pipe over Central Crude Oil's pipe when doing the work in drainage work in Larose. Mr. Curole requested the board give President Callais the authority to sign the right-of-way agreement to do the work.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board authorized President Ronald Callais to sign the Right-of-Way Agreement with Central Crude Oil to run a drainage pipe over the Central Crude Oil pipeline in Larose.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond stated that in regards to Reach L of the Morganza to the Gulf Project, CPRA would be ready to advertise for bids on August 25, 2107, with a possible pre-bid meeting date of September 12, 2017, at the Levee District office. Mr. Dearmond stated that they would be in touch with SLLD to schedule the pre-meeting at the SLLD office.

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:

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

LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC is the contractor. We held a pre-construction meeting with the contractor on July 14th.

The contractor has submitted Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$57,753.30. The change order is for a LA DOTD's requirement for a new caution light at LA Hwy 24.

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$57,753.05 for a new caution light at LA Hwy 24.

- **Maintenance Shop**

Foret Contracting Group, LLC is the contractor. Interior build out is nearing completion. We expect final completion by the end of this week.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 7 in the amount of \$28,777.05.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$28,777.05.

- **A-East Hydraulic Dredge Demonstration Project**

Magnolia Dredge & Dry Dock, LLC is the contractor. We held a pre-construction meeting with the contractor on July 19th.

- **Larose Floodgate Improvement Area Ph 3-East: Storm Drain Pipe**

Sampey General Contractors, Inc. is the contractor. We held a pre-construction meeting with the contractor on July 19th.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$9,961.00.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$9,961.00.

J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.

In the absence of Engineer John Plaisance, Program Manager André Uzee reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**

Mr. Curole spoke earlier on the permit problem. Our recent rain situation was of no importance to DNR.

- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**

We should have the final drawing for the overhead crane soon and then we will be ready to go out for bid.

General Manager Windell Curole requested the board postpone the advertisement for bid until the availability of funds could be verified.

LEEVE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **B-North & B-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Pontchartain Partners, LLC, is proceeding with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$594,845.16.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$594,845.16.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor RLB Contracting, Inc. is proceed with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$216,000.00

Moved by Clarence Marts, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$216,000.00.

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

The project is complete and we are currently in the clear lien period.

- **Section F Improvements**

This project has been awarded to the low bidder, Onshore Materials, LLC for \$430,400.00 Construction on this project started last week.

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

We are proceeding with the design phase for the levee portion of this project, and we are coordinating with Delta Coast Consultants on option for the final design on the bayou.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

- **Update on Reach K Mitigation Project**

Both machines are back working. The terraces are about 50% complete. We have another four to five months of work on Phases 1 & 2 Terraces. Phase 1 base is built and out of the water. More passes will be made to build higher. Phase 2 is not far behind. One other section of terraces on the Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries side has not yet begun. We are planning a meeting next week at NLLD to discuss moving forward with the rest of the work. We are in discussions with Apache on the Bayou L’Bleu structure. They may allow us to do something a little more temporary and non-navigable there which would save money.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

- **Reach K Haul In**

- Awarding of Low Land Construction for \$643,794.91
- Notice to Proceed Aug. 15, 2016
- SLLD approved change order in May to complete additional work at water control structures. This work is underway.

- **Reach K On Site Excavation**

- Pre-construction meeting held on August 1, 2017. Notice to proceed issued for August 15, 2017.
- Contractor expects to begin operations in mid-September.

- **Reach K Marsh Mitigation**

- Geotech work is complete.
- Survey work is complete. All South is preparing preliminary engineering reports.

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- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**

Engineer Laura Barnes reported the following:

We are proceeding with the preliminary designs on the Grand Bayou Flood Control Structure. We will be designing the receiving structure to a +18 ft. elevation. In order to maximize the flow, we’re currently looking at a 140 ft. gate opening and a minus 12 still elevation. We will be working with the geotechnical engineers to confirm the slope’s stability. As we go forward, we may need to modify those criteria.

Mr. Curole questioned whether action needed to be taken on the design. Mitch Marmande replied that action had previously been taken and was not needed at this time.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that one permit request was received for review, and that it did not interfere with the levee.

On a motion of Mitch Danos, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously carried, the board approved Letter of No Objection for the following request:

1. ENTERGY LOUISIANA LLC

CUP NO: P20170281

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29° 34 56.32 / Long. 90° 22 33.28; S62T17S-21E

DESCRIPTION: Replaces Aviation lighting on structures crossing the Intracoastal Waterway along the Golden Meadow to Valentine 115KV Transmission line.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Tyler Breaux had nothing to report.

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 Mitch Danos, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

NEW SIGN FOR OFFICE

Chairman Bob Faulk announced that the Committee would get more prices and designs for a new sign by the highway, and present to board later.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Curole thanked other entities, such as the Port Commission, the Parish and the Town of Golden Meadow for working with us. He stated that the Port pays the lock salaries and the Parish pays fuel for pump stations.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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