

OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 5, 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, September 5, 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 September 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
 Monty Vegas
 Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr.
 Mc Neely Rome
 Roland Curole
 Keith Guidry

Board members absent: Robert "Bobby" Eymard, Sr.
 Mitch Danos
 Bob Faulk

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, Tyler Breaux and Morgan Moon; Engineering Personnel André Uzee, Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, Stevie Smith, Mitch Marmande, Hilary Thibodaux; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Candidates for GLPC Jim Lefont and Curtis Pierce; MAC Melissa Cloutet; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the August 14, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Clarence Marts and seconded by Roland Curole.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ronald Callais stated that he would be attending the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Conference in DC the following week and that General Manager Windell Curole would possibly travel with the 404/408 Coalition group to DC that same week. He stated that due to those travels, the September meeting was moved up by one week.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Curtis Pierce introduced himself and stated that he was running for Commissioner of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. He encouraged everyone to exercise their voting rights, and to consider him when voting on October 14, 2017.

Mr. Jimmy "T-Jim" Lefont stated that he was also running for Seat E on the Port Commission's board. He stated that he had previously served for that commission for 13 years and would appreciate the votes.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Windell Curole briefed the board on the effects that Hurricane Harvey had on the levee system. He added that the Levee District personnel worked long hours and kept everything under control, with the biggest issue being rainfall. Mr. Curole stated that the peak of tropical activity was Sept. 10th. He discussed the systems that were in the Atlantic and informed the board that people should not worry for now as it was too early to know what would happen.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Curole started his presentation with flooding that occurred south of the levee system in Golden Meadow area where the parish levees were over topped. Other slides showed the growth of the CIAP Marsh Creation Project near Catfish Lake, and improvements that had raised the levees to 18 ft. Pump Station No. 1 showed overhead crane damage from a PTO that had overheated. He added that the PTOs had been in place since 1981 so parts may not be readily available. Pump Station No. 2 showed one of the smaller pumps being hoisted through the roof of the building. Other photos showed damage to that pump which resulted from the bolts not being torqued correctly, which then led to problems with the pump. Final slides showed work on the Morganza project.

CPRA AGREEMENT, AMENDMENT NO. 2 – ADDITIONAL PROJECTS FOR STATE FUNDING

Mr. Curole presented a proposed CEA Amendment No. 2 by CPRA that would allow the SLLD to use the remaining \$5M on additional projects. Mr. Curole recommended the board accept those additional projects, and authorize President Ronald Callais to sign the final amendment from CPRA.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Clarence Marts, the board accepted the additional projects added under Amendment No. 2 of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with CPRA, and authorized President Ronald Callais to sign the agreement.

GRAND BAYOU FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE – AMENDMENT NO. 1, APTIM

Mr. Curole stated that we needed to amend an agreement that we had with CB&I. He explained that CB&I was now Aptim and that they were amending their engineering fees. He added that the increase in fees would be through the Morganza account by CPRA.

Mr. Mitch Marmande requested the board add a stipulation upon the advice of legal counsel.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously agreed to authorize Mr. Windell Curole, upon the advisement of legal counsel, to sign Amendment No. 1 which included the name change from CB&I to Aptim and an increase in engineering fees.

SLLD RESPONSE PROPOSED TO THE US SUPREME COURT ON CHAD JARREAU LITIGATION

Mr. Curole informed the board that the US Supreme Court sent a letter which stated we must respond to the outcome of the Chad Jarreau case. He added that the letter would not change anything.

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS; AMENDMENT NO. 5 OF CEA

Mr. Curole informed the board that Amendment No. 5 of the CEA from Facility Planning and Control would add an additional \$750,000 that was approved and budgeted for the Elevation of Hwy 3235 in Larose project.

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously accepted Amendment No. 5 of the CEA with Facility Planning & Control and authorized President Ronald Callais to sign the Amendment to the Agreement.

CORPS RESPONSE TO SLLD MITIGATION REPORT

Mr. Curole informed the board that he had received a response from the Corps on the concerns with environmental and mitigation issues, and that he would get with Attorney Ray Collins to discuss the next step.

APPROVAL NEEDED TO PURCHASE TWO WORK TRUCKS

Mr. Curole stated the need to replace two work trucks that were in bad condition. He stated that we were having trouble finding used trucks suitable as replacements and requested the board approve the purchase on new trucks if used ones could not be found.

Moved by Clarence Marts and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved the purchase of two new work trucks if suitable used trucks could not be located.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond announced that the Reach L project was advertised on August 25th. The Pre-bid date was set for Sept. 12th at 9:30 at the Levee District office. A bid opening is set for Sept 25th and will be held at CPRA.

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. The contractor is submitting material qualifications now. The work is expected to begin within one month.
- **Maintenance Shop**
Foret Contracting Group, LLC is the contractor. The project is Substantially Complete as of August 21st. The contractor is working on punch list items.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 8 in the amount of \$38,624.36.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$38,624.36.

- **A-East Small Dredge Project**
Magnolia Dredge & Dry Dock, LLC is the contractor. The contractor is working.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$11,345.62.

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$11,345.62.

- **Larose Floodgate Improvement Area Ph 3-East: Storm Drain Pipe**
Sampey General Contractors, Inc. is the contractor. The contractor is working on installing pipe and catch basins.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$7,491.50.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$7,491.50.

J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.

Program Manager André Uzee reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**
Mr. Curole sent a letter to DNR regarding environmental issues and we are waiting for their response.
- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**
We have received drawings from our structural engineer and we should have Mach drawings for you soon.

LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **B-North & B-South Levee Improvements**
The contractor, Pontchartrain Partners, LLC, is proceeding with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$161,684.79.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$161,684.79.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, RLB Contracting, Inc., is proceeding with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$499,000.00.

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$499,000.00.

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

The project is complete and we are currently in the Clear Lien period. We are recommending approval of Change Order No. 3, which is an end of the project balancing change order for materials and time already presented, approval and paid in the amount of \$249,216.24. We are also recommending approval of Pay Request No. 17 which is the final project retainage in the amount of \$142,274.51 pending receipt of the clear lien certificate later this week.

Moved by Clarence Marts, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order 3 in the amount of \$249,216.24.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 17 in the amount of \$142,274.51, pending receipt of Clear Lien.

- **Section F Improvements**

Onshore Materials, LLC is proceeding with construction of this project. We are recommending approval of their Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$20,648.25.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$20,648.25.

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

We are proceeding with the design for the levee portion of this project, and we are coordinating with Delta coast Consultants and the landowner on options for the final design on the bayou structure.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

- **Update on Reach L Project**

We will meet with the landowner tomorrow and we may not need to put a navigable structure in that area which would be a cost-savings to us and help with building the levee.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

- **Reach K Haul In**

- Awarded to 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 structure. This work is underway

- **Reach K On Site Excavation Section**

- Pre-construction meeting held August 1, 2017
- Notice to Proceed Aug. 15, 2017
- Contractor expects to begin operations in late September

- **Reach K Marsh Mitigation**

- Geotech work is complete
- Survey work is complete
- All South is preparing preliminary engineering report

APTIM (FORMERLY CB&I) ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Hilary Thibodaux)

Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure

We are progressing with the preliminary design of the Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure and will submit that in early December.

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

In the absence of Chairman Mitch Danos, Mr. Windell Curole announced that no permit requests were received for review.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Tyler Breaux stated he had nothing new 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 Clarence Marts, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced employee Shaun Orgeron would be moved to permanent status.

Mr. Vegas announced that new language had been presented to add to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual and recommended the board accepted as presented.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board accepted the new language as presented to add to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

Building Committee

In the absence of Chairman Bob Faulk, Commissioner Monty Vegas stated that the newly completed Mechanic Shop needed to be furnished so it could be used. He presented a list of basic items that were needed just to get started and recommended the board authorize the purchases.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board authorized the purchase of basic items totaling just over \$23,000 to be purchased for the Mechanic Shop.

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 Clarence Marts and seconded by Keith Guidry.

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary