

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
OCTOBER 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, October 9, 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. Vice President 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 6 Mary Punch; Administrative Assistant 3 Amy Gisclair; Levee Board Operations Superintendent Drake Baudoin; Attorneys Ray Collins and Tyler Breaux; Engineering Personnel André Uzee, Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, Stevie Smith, Mitch Marmande, Hilary Thibodaux; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Lori Leblanc, LLC Melissa Cloutet; Candidate for Justice of the Peace-10th Ward Martin Wade; Ducks Unlimited Leslie Suazo; A/G Jeff Landry Official Doug Cheramie; Brian Marts; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the September 5, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Bobby Eymard and seconded by Keith Guidry.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Callais reminded the board of the ALBL Conference that would be held Dec. 6-7, 2017 in New Orleans.

President Callais announced that an Ethics Meeting would be held at the Levee District office on Wednesday, Oct. 11th, for SLLD employees and any board member who had not already taken the 2017 training. He added that the DA's office would also hold an Ethics Training in Thibodaux on Oct. 24th.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

LESLIE SUAZO, DUCKS UNLIMITED – UPDATE ON TERRACE PROJECT

President Callais opened the floor to Leslie Suazo with Ducks Unlimited. Mrs. Suazo showed slides of marsh terrace work which included projects in the Golden Meadow area.

Mr. Daniel Lorraine updated the board on the fuel for the pump stations. He stated that the Parish had been paying the cost of pump station fuel for the two levee districts inside the Parish. He explained that no agreement was ever signed that stated the Parish would pay for the fuel, but they had been doing so on a "Gentleman's Agreement". He added that Mr. Curole spoke at a recent Parish

Council meeting, and his request for the Parish to continue paying fuel costs, was accepted favorably by the Council. An agreement to continue paying the SLLD fuel for pumping stations was now under review and Councilman Lorraine anticipated that an agreement would be executed soon. Councilman Lorraine added that he would work to help provide funds for assisting in the maintenance of the SLLD pump stations.

Mr. Curole explained that there were three separate taxes for drainage collected by the parish. State legislation allowed the Levee District to spend money on restoration and on drainage, but the taxes we collect had always been intended for the protection from storm surge.

Mr. Martin Wade announced that he was a candidate for Justice of the Peace in Ward 10. He offered his appreciation for support and reminded everyone to vote on Oct. 14, 2017.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole showed slides of old Parish pumping stations and the levees during a flood event from 1981 and Hurricane Juan in 1985. Mr. Curole updated the board on pump repairs, marsh creation from the CIAP project, and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission's Storm Harbor Marina during Hurricane Nate. He reminded the Board of the recent judgment against the Levee District that had a negative impact on our ability to offer flood protection. Mr. Curole then showed slides on Reaches K & L of the Morganza to the Gulf project. He concluded his presentation with the Daize Cheramie video of Hurricane 1893 as a reminder to all how devastating hurricanes could be and that no hurricane should be taken lightly.

HURRICANE NATE UPDATE

Mr. Curole reported that the highest elevation south of the LT Lock during Hurricane Nate was 2.5 ft., and the highest elevation in Larose was 1.9 ft.

STATE FUNDING – CAPITAL OUTLAY

- **\$744,600 OBLIGATED TO ELEVATION OF HWY 3235, LAROSE**
Mr. Curole reported that \$744,600 was available through State funding to help pay for the Elevation of Highway 3235 at the Levee Crossing in Larose project.
- **\$1M UNOBLIGATED, TO BE PUT TOWARD FUTURE PROJECT – ELEVATION OF LA 1, GOLDEN MEADOW**
Mr. Curole stated that \$1,000,000 of unobligated funds would be put toward the Elevation of LA 1 Highway at Levee Crossing in Golden Meadow. He added that we had postponed the project in hopes that the new Elevated LA 1 Highway would cross into the levee system and we would be able to build a small ramp instead of spending around \$2M for the project. He stated that the goal was to have the ramp constructed by Aug. 15, 2018.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF STATE PROJECT TE-64, AMENDMENT NO. 2 – APPROVAL TO SIGN

Mr. Curole presented Amendment No. 2 to the Morganza to the Gulf State Project TE-64 agreement and recommended the Board authorize President Callais to sign.

On a motion of McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously approved, the board authorized President Ronald Callais to sign Amendment No. 2 to the Morganza to the Gulf State Project TE-64 Agreement.

AUCTION OF USED EQUIPMENT, OCT. 28, 2017 AT 10AM – APPROVAL TO SIGN CONTRACT

Mr. Curole informed the board that the Levee District had surplus equipment that was no longer of any use to the levee district, and miscellaneous office equipment and supplies that were no longer of use; all of which needed to be eliminated from inventory. He presented a list of items to each board member and stated that plans were to sell the surplus equipment and other items at Public Auction with Licensed Auctioneer Tad Gaspard, Specialty Auctions of Louisiana. Mr. Curole requested the board authorize him to sign the contract allowing the sale of surplus items at public auction to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Oct. 28, 2017.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Clarence Marts, the board unanimously accepted the list of item, and authorized General Manager Windell Curole to sign the contract with Specialty Auctions of Louisiana, Tad Gaspard #1876, for the purpose of removing surplus equipment and other items no longer of use by the South Lafourche Levee District.

FUEL COST FOR DRAINAGE

Mr. Curole explained that Mr. Daniel Lorraine explained the fuel costs earlier in the meeting. Mr. Curole added that the Parish denied payment only once, but in the end paid fuel costs as requested. He recommended the board authorize President Ronald Callais to enter into an agreement with the Parish, contingent upon any changes made by the Lafourche Parish Council and reviewed by Attorney Ray Collins, whereas the Parish would fund the cost of fuel for the South Lafourche Levee District's pumping stations.

On a motion by Mitch Danos and seconded by Bob Faulk, the board authorized President Ronald Callais to enter into an agreement with the Lafourche Parish Council, contingent upon any changes made by the Parish Council and reviewed by Attorney Ray Collins, whereas the Parish would fund the cost of fuel for the South Lafourche Levee District's pumping stations.

FLOOD SURGE, 2017 HURRICANES

Mr. Curole announced that 2017 had several large hurricanes with powerful storm surges. For both Hurricanes Harvey and Maria the highest storm surge was 12.5 ft. He informed the board that the highest surge our levees had withstood to date was 8.5 ft. for Hurricane Gustav. He stated that we had at least a 16 ft. elevation on the south end of our levee system and 13 ft. on the north end. With a powerful storm pushing 12.5 ft. surge, we should be able to keep water out of the system.

ETHICS TRAINING OFFERED, TWO LOCATIONS (GALLIANO AND THIBODAUX)

Mr. Curole stated that the ethics training was discussed earlier

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond reported the following:

- **TE-78, Reach L, Morganza to the Gulf (Near Apache Farm)**
A Pre-bid meeting was held on Sep. 12th at the SLLD office, and the bid opening is scheduled for tomorrow, Oct. 10th, at 2 p.m. in Baton Rouge.

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 3235 at Larose Crossing in Larose, LA**
LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC is the contractor. The contractor has begun work. The southbound lane is closed. They are currently hauling embankment for the roadway.
 - Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$ 127,389.22

Moved by Bobby Eymard, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$127,389.22.

- **Maintenance Shop**
Foret Contracting Group, LLC is the contractor. The project is substantially complete as of August 21st. We are in the lien period and the contractor is working on punch items.
 - Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$17,010.00

Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$17,010.00.

- **Larose Floodgate Improvement Area Ph 3-East: Storm Drain Pipe**
Sampey General Contractors, Inc. is the contractor. The project is substantially complete as of September 7th.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$20,925.50. The contractor has submitted Change Order No. 1 for balancing of Contract Quantities in the amount of (\$2,250.00).

- Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$ 20,925.50
- Change Order No. 1, a decrease of \$2,250.00

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Certificate of Substantial Completion, Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$20,925.50 and Balancing Change Order No.1 of a deduction of \$2,250.00.

- **A-East Hydraulic Dredging Demonstration Projectg**

The project is substantially complete as of October 2nd.

- Certificate of Substantial Completion
- Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$ 180,196.88

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$180,196.88, and Substantial Completion.

J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**

We are at a standstill with the permits.

- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**

We are waiting on analysis from the structural engineer on how to install the crane.

LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

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

The contractor, Pontchartrain Partners, LLC, is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$826, 596.75

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Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$826,596.75.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, RLB Contracting, Inc., is continuing with construction on this project.

- **Section F Improvements**

Onshore Materials, LLC is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of their Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$132,720.12.

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Moved by Clarence Marts, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$132,720.12.

- **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 Cost 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 Mitigation Project**

We are ahead of scheduled. TLCD will move their machine out and onto another project. The bucket dredging has started. If we need another machine, we will get with NLLD for that.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

- **Reach K Haul In**
 - Awarded to Low Lowland Construction for \$643,794.91
 - Notice to Proceed Aug 15, 2016
 - Additional work at water control structures is complete. The contractor only has minor dress up work remaining.
 - Change Order No. 5 submitted for approval in the amount of \$3,800.00

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$3,800.00.

- **Reach K On Site Excavation Section**
 - Pre-Construction meeting held on August 1, 2017. Notice to proceed issued for August 15, 2017
 - Construction mobilized to site last week and began operations just before storm. Shut down over weekend, Restarted operations this morning
- **Reach K Marsh Mitigation**
 - Geotech work is complete
 - Survey work is complete. All South is preparing preliminary engineering report

APTIM

Engineer Hillary Thibodaux reported the

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**

We are progressing with preliminary design of the Grand Bayou Structure and on schedule to submit 30% deliverable for January 2018. We are working with our geotech group on slope stability and unbalance loads. We have revise the design criteria document and we'll be forwarding to Windell and Mitch for review.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that 4 permit requests were received for review, and that none interfered with the levee.

On a motion of Mitch Danos, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously carried, the board approved Letters of No Objection for the following requests:

1. LOOP LLC

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; All work to occur on the protected side, across, and floodside of the Larose to Golden Meadow Levee in Galliano

DESCRIPTION: Approval to install a deep anode bed and a small access platform. The platform will be supported on four 8-inch wooden pilings set 30-feet below the mudline. Excavations will be made to pin braise DC cables to pipelines. There will also be temporary excavation of a trench directly on top of LOOP's 48-inch pipeline to jet DC cables to an existing rectifier at the T-Wall where they will be placed in conduit. The anode bed will be 375-feet from the centerline of the floodwall. The closest work location is on the levee.

2. CHEVRON PIPELINE COMPANY

CUP NO: P20170913

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29° 06'21.88N / Long. -90° 11' 36.49"W; Section 24 T23S R22E

DESCRIPTION: Proposed installation of a personnel dock and walkway and equipment dock, walkway, and pile clusters located at Fourchon Terminal in Section 24, T23S-R22E.

3. EYMARD, BRIAN

CUP NO: P20170794

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29° 23' 32"n / Long -90° 16' 08"W; Section 2 T19S R22E; Parcel #0102141600; 113 North Bayou Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357

DESCRIPTION: Drive 11 pilings to build a 16' x 16' boat wharf

4. LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT

CUP NO: P20170815

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29° 06' 41.2"N / Long. -90° 11' 27.10"W; Section 24 T23S R22E; LA Highway 3090 Fourchon (Golden Meadow), 70357

DESCRIPTION: Demolition of the existing Chevron Bridge at Fourchon Beach.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorneys Ray Collins stated he had nothing to report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

INVOICES

In the absence of Commissioner Monty Vegas, Vice President Clarence Marts announced that the Finance Committee had reviewed the invoices and recommended they be paid.

On a motion of Bob Faulk, seconded by Keith Guidry, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND LIFE BENEFITS

President Callais announced that premiums had been reduced. Administrative Assistant Mary Punch added that there would be no premium increase in health benefits for the coming year effective Jan. 1, 2018, and that the Levee District's monthly cost had decreased due to three employees who were no longer employed by the SLLD.

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 McNeely Rome and seconded by Keith Guidry.

Ronald Callais, President

Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary