

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING  
OF  
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT  
MARCH 19, 2018**

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, March 19, 2018 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, Andre Uzee, Stevie Smith, Nic Matherne and Jacob Callais; Dustin Malbrough; MAC Melissa Cloutet and Roland Guidry; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Attorney General's Office Doug Cheramie; LPC Daniel Lorraine; and news media.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

**The minutes of the February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Bob Faulk and seconded by McNeely Rome.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATES FOR THE YEAR 2018**

**Upon a roll call vote, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:**

**Resolution 18-01**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2018 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the South Lafourche Levee District:

**MILLAGE**

Levee Operations, Repairs, Maintenance & Improvements	4.86 mills
Levee Operations, Repairs, Maintenance & Improvements	5.00 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2018, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

ABSENT: 0

**TIER 2.1 DUE MAY 15, 2018**

President Callais announced that each of the board members should look over the prepared Tier 2.1 and inform Administrative Assistant Amy Gisclair of any changes before signing and submitting.

**ALBL WORKSHOP – ETHICS REGISTRATIONS MADE**

President Callais announced that the ALBL Workshop would be held in Baton Rouge on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> this year, and any reservations or cancellations should be made through Administrative Assistant Mary Punch.

Mr. Callais informed the board that he and General Manager Windell Curole had flown to Washington, DC and that Mr. Curole would make a report.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were no audience comments.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Windell Curole stated that during the March 5-8 trip to Washington, DC he and President Callais had the opportunity to meet with our congressional delegation and discussed permitting and the time it took to get projects started. Mr. Curole stated that everything seemed to be moving with more common sense and efficiently and reduced delays. He added that with the current administration, he was optimistic that we would see positive changes soon.

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

General Manager Windell Curole presented slides of the success of erosion prevention areas where vinyl sheet piles were installed a year ago. Other slides showed the increase of levee elevations made on the west side of the levee system, the elevation of Hwy 3235 project, the sloping and relocation of levee project near the Larose floodgate, and updates on the Reach K levee.

**PROPOSED FY 2019 BUDGET**

Mr. Curole presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2019 and requested board approval.

**Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Bobby Eymard, the board unanimously accepted the FY 2019 Budget as presented.**

**LEVEE RIGHT-OF-WAY USE**

Mr. Curole informed the board that kids were reported to had been walking on levee to go fishing. A property owner in the areas reported that someone had torn down a section of Levee District fencing near Pump Station No. 7. The landowner also stated that one of his animals had been shot with a BB gun. A police report was made, but as of meeting time, we had not received a copy of the report. Mr. Curole updated the board on Levee Right-of-Way usage and that in order to get on our levee you must obtain a permit from the board. He also added that we pay little attention to people fishing in the area as long as there is no damage to the levee, but that we have the ordinance to enforce only permitted activities.

**FUEL AGREEMENT WITH THE PARISH**

Mr. Curole stated that the fuel agreement was on the Parish's agenda for discussion at their March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. He added that he had been working with Attorney Ray Collins on the proposed agreement and that it looked good. Attorney Ray Collins added that the original agreement had allowed the parish 60 days to get out of the agreement before it expired. He stated that we were proposing to revise that to allow for a 30 day period instead.

Mr. Curole requested amending the agenda to add the purchase of vinyl sheet piles for erosion protection in section A-East, up to the quoted price of \$38,000 to purchase. Mr. Stevie Smith added that two pay requests under Morganza to the Gulf Project, Reach K Access Road needed to added and approved for payment.

**Upon a motion by McNeely Rome and seconded by Roland Curole, a roll call vote was taken. With 9 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absent and 0 Abstained, the board unanimously agree to amend the agenda and add the following:**

- A-East, Vinyl Sheet piles needed
- Reach K Access Road, Ph 2 Pay Request No. 3 (Weeks Marine) in the amount of \$260,012.03
- Reach K Access Road, Ph 2 Pay Request No. 9 (Low Land Construction) in the amount of \$52,894.70

**Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously agreed to spend up to \$38,000 on vinyl sheet piles for Section A-East Erosion Project, Reach K Access Rd Ph 2, Pay Request No. 3 (Weeks Marine) in the amount of \$260,012.03, and Reach K Access Road Ph 2, Pay Request No. 9 (Low Land Construction) in the amount of \$52,894.70.**

#### ENGINEERING REPORT

##### **OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**

Mr. Daniel Dearmond reported that they were working with the landowners and things were progressing.

##### **CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

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 has completed elevating the southbound lanes of Highway 3235 and Highway 24, and is complete with the gate structure on the northbound lane of Hwy 3235. They are currently finishing dressing of the side slopes and shoulders. The floodwall will be fitted in place in mid-April.
  - Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$ 164,472.57

**Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$164,472.57.**

##### **J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.**

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**  
We are still working on the permit, but have not heard anything from DNR.
- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**  
Will have a meeting with SLLD staff within the next month or so to proceed with job.

##### **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. 10 in the amount of \$399,212.61.

**Moved by Bobby Eymard, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$399,212.61.**

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, RLB Contracting, Inc., is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request, No. 6 in the amount of \$642,037.93.

**Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved**

**Section F Improvements**

The contractor, Onshore Materials, LLC, has completed the work on this project. We are recommending substantial completion as of February 2, 2018.

**Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Substantial Completion.**

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

We are finalizing the first phase for the levee portion of this project, and we are meeting with Delta Coast Consultants this week to review the plans. We are also continuing to work with Delta Coast Consultants and the land owner on options for the final design on the bayou structure.

**MORGANZA TO THE GULF**

**DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS**

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)  
Mr. Marmande was not in attendance.

- **Update on Reach K Mitigation Project**

**ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS**

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

- **Update on Morganza to the Gulf Reach K & L**

- **Reach K On Site Excavation Section**

- Contractor mobilized to site on October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Dredging operations began on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Completed first pass to south end of job.
- Second pass is complete to station 220+00; about halfway of overall length
- Approximately 30% of contract time has elapsed.

- **Reach K Access Road**

- Final plans and specifications review meeting held in February; revisions to plans complete this week
- Plans and specifications to be delivered to CPRA for review this week
- Advertising & bidding should begin in April

**APTIM ENGINEERS**

Nic Matherne reported the following:

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**

APTIM is currently performing an Internal Technical Review of the 30% design package and intend to submit to CPRA for review by the Board's April meeting.

**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.

**1. SHELL PIPELINE COMPANY LP**

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; parallels Section D-North

**DESCRIPTION:** Install two new cathodic protection systems on its pipeline, approximately 150' east of the centerline of the levee. The cathodic protection systems protect the pipeline from corrosion

**BOARD ATTORNEY**

Attorneys Tyler Breaux and Ray Collins 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 Clarence Marts, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the committee had met before the regular meeting, and reviewed applications to hire Dominick Lerille for the vacant position of Mobile Equipment Operator 1 position, and to rehire Casey Plaisance as Laborer for the summer of 2018.

**On a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously approved hiring Dominick Lerille for Mobile Equipment Operator 1, and Casey Plaisance for 2018 Summer Laborer.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Curole stated that while in Washington, he met with Congressman Steve Scalise, who had been shot the same day Mr. Curole was there to meet with the congressman. Mr. Curole stated that after everything he had been through, Congressman Scalise was back at work, had a lot of energy and looked great.

Vice President Clarence Marts questioned the damaged pile cluster at Larose Floodgate. Mr. Curole answered that the levee district didn't have any proof of who damaged the cluster and that repairs would be made in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

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

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary