

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING  
OF  
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT  
APRIL 9, 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, April 9, 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  
   Roland Guidry  
   Bob Faulk  
   Monty Vegas  
   Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr.  
   Mc Neely Rome  
   Roland Curole  
   Keith Guidry

Board members absent:            Mitch Danos

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, Andre Uzee, Neil Angelette, Laura Barnes; Bobby Eymard; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Attorney General's Office Doug Cheramie, Lou Anna Guidry; and news media.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

**The minutes of the March 19, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Bob Faulk and seconded by McNeely Rome.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**OATH OF OFFICE – ROLAND GUIDRY**

President Callais announced that Commissioner Bobby Eymard had resigned his position on the board after 16 years of service, and would be replaced by Mr. Roland Guidry.

Mr. Eymard gave a short speech commemorating his years on the board. He stated that it had been an unforgettable experience that he would always bring good memories. He praised the services and work of office staff, board members and field crews for all the good work and help over the years.

President Callais requested Attorney Tyler Breaux initiate the Oath of Office to Mr. Roland Guidry, and invited his wife, Mrs. Lou Anna Guidry, to join him. After the oath was administered, Mr. Guidry offered words of gratitude to Mr. Bobby Eymard and the board, as well as office staff, and stated that he looked forward to working with all. Mr. Guidry offered special thanks to Senator Norby Chabert for his nomination and to Gov. John B. Edwards for signing the appointment.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

President Callais presented an updated list of Committee Assignments for the year 2018 and asked that each commissioner review and get back to him if they wished to make any changes.

President Callais announced that the ALBL Workshop would be held the following month and presented packets with reservation information to each attending member.

**MILLAGE RENEWAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

President Callais announced that due to a misunderstanding in last month's millage adoption, a Special Meeting to renew the 2018 millage would be held at 3:00 p.m. on May 21, 2018 at South Lafourche Levee District located at 17904 Hwy 3235, Galliano, LA.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the audience.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

General Manager Windell Curole informed the board that a land owner had called to report erosion on the west side levee. Mr. Curole stated he had gone out in a boat with field employees to examine the areas affected. He then presented slides showing the erosion that was occurring on the banks of the canal in B-North and C-South areas. Engineer Neil Angelette was directed to determine how close the erosion was to our right-of-way line. Mr. Curole stated that it needed to be contained before more property was lost. He recommended the board authorize repairing those areas of erosion.

**Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Bob Faulk, the board unanimously agreed to authorize the repairs to erosion occurring on the banks of the canal in Sections B-North and C-South.**

Other slides showed two dredges working in the canal moving material to the levees. Mr. Curole showed a short video clip of those dredges constructing levees.

**BID RESULTS: SALE OF USED EXCAVATOR**

Mr. Curole stated that one bid was received on the sale of the used excavator from Fairco, Inc. located in Purvis, MS. He explained that the minimum bid was \$27,000 and that the bid came in at \$28,770. He added that a trade-in of the machine towards a new one would have given us only \$25,000, and recommended the board's acceptance of the bid.

**Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously accepted the bid for the sale of the used 2007 Doosan Excavator in the amount of \$28,770.00.**

**BID RESULTS: VINYL SHEET PILE**

Mr. Curole announced that the low bid was not in compliance and recommended the board reject that bid and award to the second lowest bid, Triple Son. Mr. Curole explained the differences in the specs of the low bid and what was stated in the advertised specs. Attorney Ray Collins confirmed the inaccuracies in bidding.

**Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously accepted, the board agreed to reject the low bid due to non-compliance bidding, and authorized awarding the purchase of vinyl sheet piles to the second lowest bidder, Triple Son at the cost of \$34,660.20 for 1,420 linear feet of materials.**

**REDUCED SALES TAX**

Mr. Curole stated that the Lafourche Parish Tax Assessor spoke on the possible reduction of property taxes for next year. Mr. Curole informed the board that we had received around \$700,000 less on property taxes in January 2018 from the previous year. He added that with a small improvement in the economy, it looked as though the taxes for the following year might be better.

**LEVEE ELEVATION SURVEY**

Mr. Curole presented the 2018 survey map of levee elevations prevented by Picciola and Associates. Mr. Curole reviewed the map showing the deficiencies and plans for improvements, along with the newer elevations.

**NOAA'S 5-YEAR SEA LEVEL ADJUSTMENT OF 3.3 INCHES**

Mr. Curole stated that according to NOAA's Grand Isle Sea Level Station our relative sea level had increased by a substantial 3.3" in five years. He added that NOAA reviewed the adjustments here every five years where the land moves down, and in Alaska where land moves up.

### ENGINEERING REPORT

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

Mr. Daniel Dearmond announced that the contract, Phylway Construction had started to excavate the borrow area in Reach L, Apache Farm area. Mr. Curole added that it was important to leave an access in the location to the west, between the corner of Apache Farm to Grand Bayou, to avoid having to spend more money later on to do so.

#### **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 is complete with everything except for installation of the portable floodwall. The floodwall will be fitted in place in mid to late April.
  - Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$ 322,834.03

**Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$322,834.03.**

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

Engineer Andre Uzee reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**  
We have nothing new to report on the permit.
- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**  
We continue to look at options for adding an overhead crane and will meet with Levee District staff to discuss.

#### **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. 11 in the amount of \$663,393.91.
  - Pay Request No. 11 in the amount of \$ 663,393.91

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 11 in the amount of \$663,393.91.**

- **C-South Levee Improvements**  
The contractor, RLB Contracting, Inc., is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$495,910.07.
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**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$495,910.07.**

- **Section F Improvements (Substantially Complete)**  
The contractor, Onshore Materials, LLC, has completed the work on this project. We are waiting for the clean lien certification from the contractor to pay the retainage.
- **Morganza to the Gulf, Reach L**  
We met with Delta Coast Consultants last month to review the plans and finalize the first phase design for the levee portion of this project. We are also continuing to work 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)

Not in attendance

- **Update on Reach K Mitigation Project**

#### **ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS**

Engineer Report (Clark Capone)

- **Reach K On Site Excavation Section**  
The contractor mobilized to site on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. Dredging operations began on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 31% of contract time has elapsed. First pass completed for entire stretch of levee. Second pass is 55% complete. Third pass is not yet started.
- **Reach K Marsh Mitigation**  
Plans and specs are complete, and will be delivered to CPRA for review. Advertising and bidding projected to begin toward the end of April, depending on review comments from CPRA. Estimated cost is \$1M.
- **Grand Bayou Interim Structure**  
All South received Notice to Proceed from SLLD on Jan. 23, 2018.  
All South has acquired geotechnical and other data to support interim plan  
All South presented briefing on draft report on Mar. 20, 2018.  
All South is finalizing the report this month.

Mr. Curole stated that he and a group from the Morganza Action Coalition had spoken with the governor and explained that the temporary interim structure had been planned until money was available for the larger permanent structure. He added that the governor seemed more in favor of going with the permanent structure and had informed Mr. Curole that federal money was authorized for disaster declared floods in Louisiana which may free State money for use on the permanent structure.

#### **APTIM ENGINEERS**

Laura Barnes reported the following:

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**  
APTIM is currently performing an Internal Technical Review of the 30% design package and intends to submit to CPRA for review by the Board's May meeting.

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

In the absence of Chairman Mitch Danos, President Callais announced that no permit requests had been received for review.

#### **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.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Administrative Assistant Amy Gisclair gave an update on the new sign for the front by the highway, and for the plaque on building stating that both would be at a cost of over \$7,000. President Callais announced that the new signs would add the Richard "Dick" Guidry Complex to the wording.

**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 Monty Vegas.**

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary