

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
JUNE 11, 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, June 11, 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
 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 Ray Collins; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, Marc Picciola, Neil Angelette, Andre Uzee, Stevie Smith, Mitch Marmande, Laura Barnes; MAC Melissa Cloutet; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Attorney General's Office Doug Cheramie; LPC Daniel Lorraine; Mike Callais; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the May 8, 2018 Regular Meeting, along with the minutes of the May 17, 2018 Special Meeting, were approved unanimously upon a motion by Roland Guidry and seconded by McNeely Rome.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATES FOR THE YEAR 2018

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by McNeely Rome, a roll call vote was taken and the board unanimously adopted Resolution 18-03 as follows:

RESOLUTION 18-03

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:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
<u>Levee Operations, Repairs, Maintenance & Improvements</u>	<u>4.86</u> mills
<u>Levee Operations, Repairs, Maintenance & Improvements</u>	<u>5.00</u> 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

SCIA BANQUET, JUNE 14TH

President Callais reminded the board of the SCIA Banquet that would be held on Thursday, June 14th with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and the banquet starting at 7:00 p.m. General Manager Windell Curole added that the banquet would be Mr. Corey Kief's last function as president of SCIA.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

President Callais recognized Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine and Greater Lafourche Port Commission board candidate, Mike Callais, as being in the audience. Neither of those gentlemen had anything to report.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole's slide presentation contained photos of the South Lafourche Crawfish Farm Pumping Station that was in critical need of repairs due to a shifting in its pilings, rotting materials and ground erosion. Mr. Curole requested the board authorize him to work with the landowner and engineers to make recommendations for restoring the pumping station, but to return to the board before any actions were made.

Moved by Ronald Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously agreed to authorize a meeting between General Manager Windell Curole, Engineering firm Picciola & Associates and the land owner Gary Chouest, to come to an amiable resolution to repairing and restoring the pump station structure, and to report back to the board before any action was taken.

Other slides showed continuing levee work on Section C-South, dirt being placed over, under and around the discharge pipes at Pump Station No. 2 near Bully Camp, and updated slides of the Morganza Reach K & L project by Apache Farm area.

FY 2018 AMENDED BUDGET

Mr. Curole presented the amended budget for the Fiscal Year 2018 and recommended Board approval.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Clarence Marts, the board unanimously approved the Amended Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2018.

SOUTH LAFOURCHE CRAWFISH FARM (CHOUEST) PUMP STATION

Mr. Curole reported that the discussion on the pump station had occurred during the slide presentation.

TROPICAL STORM ALBERTO UPDATE

Mr. Curole stated that storms continue to be unpredictable citing Tropical Storm Alberto that formed near the Yucatan, and the next day was over Florida.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PROCEDURES MANUAL - UPDATED

Mr. Curole announced that adjustments to the Emergency Operations manual had been made. He added that employees would go through emergency action drills at Hwy 3235 in Larose and other areas to insure everyone was familiar with actions that would be taken when facing storm events. Mr. Curole stated that the third floor of the Lady of the Sea Hospital would continue to be used as a safe haven for SLLD employees who were working in hazardous weather for extreme storms.

BID OPENING RESULTS – PUMP REPAIRS TO PUMP #3 AT PS NO. 4

Mr. Curole announced that bids were received for the repairs to Pump #3 that was pulled from Pump Station No. 4 and that Boland Marine had the low bid. He recommended the board award the bid to Boland Marine.

Moved by Bob Faulk and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously agreed to award the project, Repairs to Pump No. 3 at Pump Station No. 4 to the low bid from Boland Marine at the total cost of \$48,632.00.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE THE REPAIR OF PUMP #4 AT PS NO. 2

Mr. Curole stated that the bearings had worn out on Pump #4 at Pump Station No. 2 and recommended the board authorize advertising for repairs to that pump. Mr. Curole added that the levee district would use the spare pump while Pump #4 was out for repairs.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously agreed to advertise for bid the repairs to Pump #4 at Pump Station No. 2.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE TO REPAIR OR REPLACE SILLS AT THE TED GISCLAIR FLOODGATE, LAROSE

Mr. Curole informed the board that temporary repairs had been made to bad sills at the Ted Gisclair Floodgate in Larose, but that permanent repairs would need to be made when ready. Levee Board Operations Superintendent Drake Baudoin stated that winter would be the optimal time to make repairs, but needed to be ready to repair at anytime, if necessary. Mr. Curole recommended the board approve advertising the repairs of the sill at any time in the future whenever the SLLD was ready to make the repairs.

Moved by Ronald Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved authorization to advertise, at the most appropriate time, the repairs to sills on the Ted Gisclair Floodgate in Larose.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE THE SALE OF ONE USED MINI EXCAVATOR – KOBELCO SK60

Mr. Curole stated that the Levee District had purchased a new mini excavator to replace the one that was in poor condition. Mr. Curole recommended the board give approval to advertise to sell the old surplus excavator.

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Clarence Marts, the board unanimously agreed to advertise for sell, the surplus Kobelco SK60 mini excavator which had become undependable.

AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE NOTICE TO PROCEED FOR FINAL DESIGN OF GRAND BAYOU PERMANENT STRUCTURE

Mr. Curole requested the board authorize to issue a Notice to Proceed for the final design of the Grand Bayou Permanent Structure; an important part of the Morganza to the Gulf Project.

Moved by Clarence Marts and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously agreed to issue a notice to Proceed for the Final Design of the Grand Bayou Permanent Structure.

CORPS' RATING UNSATISFACTORY

Mr. Curole announced that last year's Corps' inspection gave our system an unsatisfactory rating. The Corps recently completed its 2018 inspection and was granted another unsatisfactory rating due to our unauthorized improvements to the levee. Mr. Curole stated that flood protection would always come first. Once we gain the desired levee and structural improvements, we would then work toward getting satisfactory approval from the Corps. He added that Mr. Rick Dugas, who performs State levee inspections, had said our levees were as good as other levees. One inspector from the Corps had also commented that the levee appeared to be in good condition. Mr. Curole announced that he had been asked to speak to support changes in Section 408 Corps Regulations this August in Washington, DC, and that the request for authorization for that trip would be on the agenda for the July meeting. A lengthy discussion pursued.

PROJECTS IMPACTED BY COURT JUDGMENT (SECTION E-NORTH & SOUTH, D-SOUTH AND PUMP STATION LEVEE SEGMENTS AT PS NOS. 6 AND 7)

Mr. Curole stated that the court judgment took away \$3M which should have been used to raise critical areas of our levee system. Those projects could have been completed 2 years ago if the court had reached a fair judgment. Mr. Curole added that funding should be available soon to start those improvements.

STATE OF THE COAST CONFERENCE

Mr. Curole stated that there had been a lot of good research shared. Mr. Curole shared a few of the discussions that occurred.

GOVERNMENTAL DELAYS ON RAISING LA 1 AT THE LEON THERIOT LOCK

Mr. Curole informed the board that Engineer Joe Picciola had sent in the plans for the LA 1 Elevation project. He explained that there was a supported part of the road where the gate would pass, but that the unsupported part would subside. Because of that, DOT wanted to do more geotech work in that area. Mr. Curole added that we already had sufficient geotech work in several areas where the work was to be done and that we do not want, nor do we need, more geotech studies. Mr. Picciola added that they had been going back and forth with DOT for over a year by going through all the different design reviews with various departments. He stated that we had obtained all approvals needed, except they want more geotechnical investigation. We have geotechnical investigation from the lock structure, from the wall structure on the outside, and also on the reach of levee. A lengthy discussion pursued.

GOVERNMENTAL DELAYS ON RAISING TED GISCLAIR FLOODGATE IN LAROSE TO 13 FT

Mr. Curole informed the board that we were experiencing delays, just as we had in Golden Meadow, in increasing the I-Wall to a 13 ft. elevation. He explained that the I-Wall was only 8 ft. in height. The floodgate on one end, and the levee on the other end of the I-Wall, were at a 13 ft. elevation. Mr. Curole stated that it had been two months since we responded to DOT, with no answer back. Mr. Curole further stated that we would try to set up a meeting with our geotech people and theirs to try to determine they question our engineering.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHENIERE CAMINADA HURRICANE OF 1893

Mr. Curole announced that we were approaching the 125th anniversary of the Hurricane of 1893 and that we needed to remind the next generation of that important part of history. Mr. Curole stated that he spoke with John Doucet who said Nicholls would host the play most likely the weekend before the October 1st anniversary.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond stated that Mr. Curole had showed pictures of Reaches K & L. He added that he had also attended the State of the Coast Conference and had reported on projects in area.

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 3235 at Levee Crossing in Larose, LA**

LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC is the contractor. The contractor is complete with the project. The project is currently in the Lien Period.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 9 in the amount of \$58,900.00. This payment is for the Flood Barrier and Installation

- Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$ 58,900.00

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$58,900.00.

J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**

We nothing to report on this project.

- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**

We will get with Mr. Curole and staff to discuss different options and costs for the pump station upgrades.

LEEVE 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. 13 in the amount of \$605,539.22.

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Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 13 in the amount of \$605,539.22.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, RLB Contracting, Inc., is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$398,946.91.

- Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$398,946.91

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$398,946.91.

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

We are finalizing our plans and specifications for a first phase on this project to begin levee construction from the Apache Farm to Bayou L’Bleu. We are also continuing our discussions with Delta Coast and the landowner on options for the bayou structure.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

- **Update on Reach K Project**

With the project coming in under budget, one option is to put more dirt at \$1.25/cy or hold some of the money to start another part of the project. All partners will get together and decide the best option.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

- **Update on Morganza to the Gulf**

The contractor mobilized to site on Oct. 4, 2017. Dredging operations began on Oct. 5, 2017. Approximately 38% of contract time is completed.

We completed the first pass for the entire stretch of access road, working on the 2nd pass for the southern portion of the project, and completed the north portion of the project (3 passes – exhausted all available material as listed in the original project scope).

The contractor has excavated approximately 725,750.0 cubic yards of material from the canal (60% of all available material as listed in the original project scope).

- **Reach K Access Road**

We have two pay applications on the agenda as follows:

- Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$171,839.56

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$171,839.56 to Weeks Marine.

- Pay Request No.7 in the amount of \$149,283.00

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$149,283.00 to Weeks Marine.

- **Reach K Marsh Mitigation**

CPRA has submitted comments on 95% plans and specifications. All South is preparing responses to these comments.

We are ready to advertise for bids, upon approval by CPRA.

On a motion by Roland Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board authorized the advertisement for bids for the Marsh Mitigation Project, subject to approval by CPRA.

- **Grand Bayou Interim Structure**
Report is complete and has been delivered to SLLD.

APTIM ENGINEERS

Laura Barnes reported the following:

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**
A meeting was held in May with APTIM, SLLD, TLCD and Program Management to discuss operations of the floodgate. We are proceeding with the 95% design package to include Centrifugal pumps/diesel engines with valve hydraulic actuators. Final surveying and geotechnical investigations will be taking place over the next 30 – 45 days. Target date of October 1 for the 95% package to be submitted to CPRA.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that no permit requests had been received for review.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ray Collins had nothing to report.

MAINTENANCE & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

DOZER REPAIRS

Commissioner Keith Guidry announced that the Maintenance & Equipment Committee had met earlier to discuss repairs to the Komatsu dozer that had damage to the undercarriage. Quotes were being received and Mr. Guidry requested the board authorize those repairs upon receipt of all quotes.

On a motion of McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos, and unanimously carried, the board authorized repairs to the Komatsu Dozer D39PX as recommended by the Maintenance and Equipment Committee.

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.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

RENEWAL OF UPCOMING POLICIES

Commissioner Roland Guidry announced that the Insurance Committee had reviewed the policies up for renewal and recommended the board accept as presented

On a motion of Roland Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole, and unanimously carried, the board authorized the renewal of all insurance policies as presented.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

NEW SIGNS FOR OFFICE BUILDING

Commissioner Bob Faulk announced that the Building Committee had reviewed options for new sign and building plaque for the front office building that would include the new name of Richard "Dick" Guidry Complex.

On a motion of Bob Faulk, seconded by McNeely Rome, and unanimously carried, the board approved the purchase of a new sign and plaque for the front office building.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Callais announced that the board would go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters concerning

With no further business to discuss, the board unanimously adjourned the meeting on a motion of Clarence Marts and seconded by Keith Guidry.

Ronald Callais, President

Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary