

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
JULY 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, July 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 July 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

Board members absent: Keith Guidry

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 Tyler Breaux; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, Andre Uzee, Laura Barnes, Clark Capone; TB Smith Jacob Callais; MAC Melissa Cloutet; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Attorney General's Office Doug Cheramie; Office of Sen. John Kennedy Mary Elise Schlesinger; Candidates for GLPC Andrew Martin and Charles "Mike" Callais; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the June 11, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Bob Faulk and seconded by McNeely Rome.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ronald Callais stated that he had nothing to report.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Candidates FOR GLPC

Mr. Andrew Martin stated that he was seeking the position of Seat "I" on the Greater Lafourche Port Commissions board. Mr. Martin stated his qualifications and experience, and his reason for wanting to sit on the board.

Mr. Charles "Mike" Callais announced that he also was a candidate for GLPC, Seat "H". Mr. Callais stated his qualifications and experience, and his reason for seeking the Seat "H" position on the board.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole started his presentation with a video that was shot during Hurricane Ike at the Clovelly Farms location. He then showed slides of progress that had been made around the levee system over the past year which included improvements to floodwalls, levees, ramps, terraces,

pump stations and other hard structures. Mr. Curole ended the presentation with updated slides of the Morganza to the Gulf, Reach K & L project. Mr. Daniel Dearmond explained the sheet pile work being constructed in front of the Apache pumping station. Mr. Curole added that the sheet pile, at 10 ft. elevation, would tie into the levee which was at 5 ft.

\$100,000 FROM DRAINAGE DISTRICT FOR OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE OF PUMP STATIONS

Mr. Curole announced that the Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1 had agreed to help pay operations and maintenance on the pump stations by transferring \$100,000 to the Levee District. Mr. Curole stated that he had written a letter agreement and requested authorization to enter into the agreement with the Drainage District.

Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1 to fund \$100,000 to the South Lafourche Levee District for the purpose of operations, maintenance and repairs to the pump stations and pumping equipment.

STATE OF THE FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT

Mr. Curole stated that with a large storm, water could still get over the system, even with the improvements, but that those improvements had lessened the chance greatly from where we were a few years ago. There is never a guarantee that water will not come over the system so it's important for the public to listen to the authorities and leave when an evacuation is issued.

WRDA TESTIMONY IN WASHINGTON, DC – AUGUST 2018

Mr. Curole stated that the WRDA bill was moving and there would be a conference committee. He added that they believed Congressman Garret Graves would be on the conference committee, but other than that, there was a Mr. Sam Graves from Missouri who we believed would also be on the committee helping to deal with the 408 permission from the Corps. Mr. Curole stated that Mr. Sam Graves had been working with the same group with Mr. Curole regarding the 408 problems and was facing the same challenges with 408 permitting. Mr. Curole was informed that early August could be a critical time to go to DC and speak. Mr. Curole announced that he would attend if the board felt that it would be beneficial to do so.

ELEVATION OF LA HWY 1, GOLDEN MEADOW PROJECT - APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE

Mr. Curole requested that authorization to advertise the Elevation of LA Hwy 1 project near the LT Lock, contingent on approval from State Facility Planning & Control.

On a motion by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously agreed upon, the board authorized the advertisement of the Elevation of LA Hwy 1, near the LT Lock Project in Golden Meadow, LA, contingent upon the approval to advertise by the State's Facility Planning & Control.

INVOICE FROM TERREBONNE AND LAFOURCHE PARISH FLYOVER- DEC. 5, 2017

Mr. Curole informed the board that the Corps General and Colonel had come down for a flyover on Dec. 5, 2017. Governor Edwards was supposed to join them on the flight, but because the Governor was not able to attend, a helicopter had to be rented for that day and the three levee districts, NLLC, TLCD and SLLD, had agreed to split the cost. The invoice was recently received by TLCD, and SLLD's share of that cost was \$3,611. Since our levee district still had a credit with TLCD from an old agreement, TLCD agreed to pay our portion of the flyover and subtract that from our credit, so no monetary exchange would be made by SLLD.

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING

Mr. Curole informed the board that we had recently been awarded an additional \$1M through Capital Outlay. The actual funding received would be around \$800,000 so that, along with the previous \$1M, should cover most of the expenses for the Elevation of LA Hwy 1 project near the lock in Golden Meadow.

RETURN OF REPAIRED PUMP TO PUMP STATION NO. 4

Mr. Curole stated that he had mentioned the recently repaired pump had been returned to Pump Station No. 4 during the slide presentation.

HIGHWAY DEPT PERMIT FOR LA 1 RAMP AT LEON THERIOT LOCK

Mr. Curole stated that he had already mentioned the receipt of the permit from DOTD for the Elevation of LA Hwy 1 project near the lock during the slide presentation.

PUMP STATION NO. 7 – QUOTES FOR HAULED IN MATERIALS

Mr. Curole announced that we had budgeted spending around \$24,000 for as much dirt as that would buy. Quotes were received and the best quote was from LeBro Construction at 4,068 cubic yards of dirt.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Clarence Marts, the board accepted the best quote for 4,068 cubic yards of material at a cost of \$24,000 from LeBro Construction.

BID OPENING FOR THE SALE OF MINI EXCAVATOR – KOBELCO SK60

Mr. Curole announced that one bid was received from Fairco, Inc. for the sale of the small used mini excavator in the amount of \$8,277.00, and recommended the board accept that bid.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board accepted the high bid from Fairco, Inc. in the amount of \$8,277.00 for the sale of one used surplus Kobelco SK60 mini excavator.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond announced that Mr. Curole had touched on Reach L during the slides. He added that they were doing embankment on the west end and had started working on the pump station. He stated that in the June 22, 2018 meeting with CPRA, they discussed 408 issues.

Mr. Curole added that the reason for the meeting with CPRA was to discuss the A-Frame project at the Larose floodgate. Engineer Joe Picciola had attended with some of his geotechnical people who answered all of their questions. Mr. Curole explained that although the Corps said it was ok to call the project and interim project, CPRA said that if it's interim, there must also be plans for a final. A lengthy discussion pursued. Mr. Curole explained that he would meet with Johnny Bradberry and Michael Ellis in the next few of weeks.

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 Lien Period has expired but there are still outstanding items remaining on the Final Punch List. Therefore, we are recommending holding the retainage until the items are complete.

J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.

Program Manager Andre Uzee reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**
Mr. Uzee asked Mr. Curole to explain the situation with the East Golden Meadow Retention project. Mr. Curole explained that DNR had said if we could get Wildlife and Fisheries to say they won't force some type of mitigation, then DNR would issue the permit. Mr. Curole stated that he had been speaking with Wildlife and Fisheries and they had no objections to DNR's issuing the permit to us and should be sending a letter to DNR soon.
- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**
We are working with SLLD staff in trying to resolve the issues.

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. 14 in the amount of \$410,946.66.

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Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 14 in the amount of \$410,946.66.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, RLB Contracting, Inc. is continuing with construction on the project. We are recommending Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$ 247,940.89.

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Moved by Clarence Marts, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$247,940.89.

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

Plans and specifications for the first phase on this project to begin levee construction from the Apache Farm to Bayou L’Bleu will be ready for review with the Levee District next week. We are also continuing our discussions with Delta Coast and the Landowners on options for the bayou structure.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

- **Update on Reach K Mitigation Project**

Mr. Marmande was not in attendance.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Clark Capone)

- **Reach K On Site Excavation Section**

Contractor has dredged approximately 998,711.88 cubic yards of the 1.2 million plan quantity material from Grand Bayou (83%).

This is a two year project ending in October of 2019. They are well ahead of schedule possibly finishing in November of 2018.

ASCE had provided SLLD with a recommendation stating where additional material should be utilized if the SLLD wishes to add this to the contract.

- **Reach K Marsh Mitigation**

ASCE submitted plans and specs to CPRA for review. CPRA responded with comments and questions for our Geotechnical Engineer, specifically regarding the containment dike. ASCE has submitted these comments and questions to our Geotechnical Engineer and we are awaiting their response.

APTIM ENGINEERS

Laura Barnes reported the following:

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**

We are progressing with 95% design. Since the last meeting, we have continued with structural design of the floodgate. We also had the opportunity to inspect the old winches and cables from the Bubba Dove floodgate and will be able to reuse those. I will have a slide presentation to further update the board at the August meeting.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that one permit request was received for review, and that it would not interfere with the levee.

On a motion of Mitch Danos, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously carried, the board approved the Letter of No Objection for the following:

1. COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION AUTHORITY

CUP NO: P20180461

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29° 4' 3.80"N / Long. -90° 29' 31.77"W

DESCRIPTION: The project will use sand dredged for Ship Shoal to restore beach and dune to Timbalier and Trinity East Islands in Terrebonne Parish

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Tyler Breaux 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.

UPDATE TO FINANCIAL INVESTMENT POLICY TO INCREASE CD LIMIT

Commissioner Monty Vegas asked Administrative Assistant Mary Punch to explain the update to the Financial Investment Policy. Ms. Punch explained that the current policy allowed for investments up to \$1M, and request that be updated to \$2M for investments on Certificates of Deposit. Ms. Punch explained that the higher investment amount would give a better return of interest should they decide to invest.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Clarence Marts, the board unanimously agreed to update the Financial Investment Policy to allow investments of Certificates of Deposit up to \$2M per investment.

AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER KEITH GUIDRY AS ADDITIONAL CHECK SIGNER

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that with the resignation of Mr. Bobby Eymard who served on the Finance Committee, the Committee recommended adding Commissioner Keith Guidry as an additional check signer for the South Lafourche Levee District.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board agreed to add Commissioner Keith Guidry as an additional check signer.

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 Monty Vegas and seconded by Clarence Marts.

s/Ronald Callais, President

s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary