

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
AUGUST 20, 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, August 20, 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 August 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, Stevie Smith, Mitch Marmande, Laura Barnes; MAC Melissa Cloutet; Attorney General's Office Doug Cheramie; TLCD Executive Director Reggie Dupre; GLPC Candidates John Melancon, Jr. and Kris Callais; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the July 13, 2018, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Roland Guidry and seconded by Keith Guidry.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Callais stated that he had nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Clarence Marts announced that the Executive Committee had met on August 14, 2018. He then deferred the report to General Manager Windell Curole.

Mr. Curole stated that the Committee had met to discuss the following:

- Pump No. 4 Repair at Pump Station No. 2
- Mr. Curole announced that repairs to the pump were bid out and Bollinger Shipyard came in with the lowest bid price of \$33,520.00 to repair the pump to specifications as advertised. The Executive Committee had reviewed the bids and recommended awarding the project to Bollinger Shipyard.

Moved by Clarence Marts and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously agreed to honor the recommendation of the Executive Committee and award the Repairs to Pump No. 4 at Pump Station No. 2 to Bollinger Shipyard at the low bid price of \$33,520.00.

- SLLD Finances

Mr. Curole stated that we were keeping a close eye on our finances and would be looking at which projects we would be able to complete. Mr. Curole briefed the board on which projects were being considered and the funds that were available.

Mr. Curole stated that CPRA had around \$5.2M dedicated to our projects. We wanted to use this to improve the I-Wall at the Larose Floodgate. In going through the funding process CPRA decided to withhold the funding until we obtain 408 permission. The CPRA had concerns of a possible lawsuit, should flooding occur. In this situation we are building to Corps standards. However, the Corps I-wall that is in place now, is not to Corps standards. We will continue our discussions with CPRA and others. Mr. Curole stated that he would be writing letters to our state representatives and urged board members to contact elected officials to help.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Kris Callais announced that he was a candidate for Seat I with the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. He stated his reasons for running for the position on the Port's board.

Mr. John Melancon, Jr. announced that he was running for re-election of Seat G with the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. He stated his reasons for running for the position on the Port's board.

Windell commented on the importance of the Port providing the funding to be able to man the Leon Theriot Lock 24 hours per day.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole showed a video clip of flooding from Tropical Storm Bill in Leeville, LA, and Hurricane Rita with the levee system's success showing flooding outside of the levee system. He then showed a video from Ducks Unlimited that contained images of our levee system, marsh areas and terraces. Mr. Curole presented slides of the levee system and updated the board on current projects.

CPRA DENIAL OF CONSTRUCTION FUNDS

This topic was covered under the Executive Committee Report earlier during the meeting.

ANNUAL AUDIT WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 2018

Mr. Curole announced that the Fiscal Year 2018 audit was underway.

GULF SOUTH PIPELINE ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Curole presented an Encroachment Agreement from Gulf South and explained that it involved the mitigation work being done on Reach L of the Morganza project. He stated that Gulf South had the right-of-way in that area and we wanted the engineers to review the agreement to make sure there was no conflict. Mr. Curole requested the board authorize President Callais to sign the agreement contingent upon the engineer's approve.

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded McNeely Rome, the board authorized President Ronald Callais to sign the Encroachment Agreement with Gulf South Pipeline on Reach L Mitigation project, contingent upon approval from All South Consulting Engineers.

LA 1 RE-ALIGNMENT PROJECT: RESOLUTION 18-04 TO COMMIT FUNDING ABOVE THE \$1M OFFERED THROUGH CAPITAL OUTLAY

Mr. Curole informed the board that we had \$1M through Capital Outlay reserved for use on the LA 1 Re-alignment project. He added that the project was expected to cost around \$2.5M, so Facility Planning & Control needed a resolution showing that we would commit SLLD funding for remaining expenses over the \$1M to be provided by the state. With no oppositions, the board adopted the following resolution:

Resolution 18-04

On a motion by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District hereby dedicates its own funds to cover all costs above \$1,000,000 of State Funds for the LA 1 Re-alignment & Floodwall project. Additionally,

for State purposes, the Board hereby resolves to reaffirm for the subject construction project that State Capital Outlay non-cash funds will not be required to make this work functional and complete.

CORRESPONDENCE TO MS RIVER COMMISSION MEETING

Mr. Curole stated that the MS River Commission meetings were our way to get our discussions to the Corps. He added that at the last meeting he attended, he spoke to them about the 408 and 404 permitting, and mitigation. They spoke about Corps standards and agreed that sheet piles and floodwalls needed to be changed. A brief discussion pursued on levee standards.

CPRA MAINTENANCE REPORTS

Mr. Curole said in the past we had always gotten good maintenance reports from CPRA. This time we were told we had some debris and vegetation that needed attention along the outside portion of levees.

RECEIPT OF \$100,000 FROM DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1

Mr. Curole announced that the Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1 had donated \$100,000 to help with maintenance, operations and repairs costs of the pumps and pump stations. He added that the money had been a large help and that the Levee District was very appreciative.

BID RESULTS FOR REPAIRS TO PUMP #4 (S/N L4013) AT PS NO. 2

Mr. Curole announced that the bid for repairs to Pump #4 at Pump Station No. 2 had been covered during the Executive Committee Report.

TLCD Resolution

Mr. Curole requested Mr. Mitch Marmande inform the board of the TLCD Resolution.

Mr. Marmande stated that the resolution recognized the level of effort and funding that we had put into the Morganza project, and asking both State and Federal delegation to match our efforts of funding. Mr. Marmande stated that we were asking the Federal government to match the funding that we had put in which was \$400M in State and local funds. He further stated that they were requesting all partners involved, which included North Lafourche, South Lafourche and Terrebonne Levee Districts, along with both Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes, as well as some local organizations, to pass resolutions to let our delegation know where we stand and hopefully initiate some Federal action on our behalf.

Mr. Curole recommended the board authorize President Callais to sign a similar resolution on behalf of the South Lafourche Levee District, as described by Mr. Mitch Marmande.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board authorized President Ronald Callais or General Manager Windell Curole to sign a resolution on behalf of the South Lafourche Levee District in support of the TLCD Resolution to request Federal funding for the Morganza to the Gulf project.

Boland Repairs to Pump #3 at PS No. 4

Mr. Curole announced that after additional repairs, Boland Marine had submitted an updated invoice that covered both additional labor and credits for crane and roof costs. He stated that the final cost to repair Pump #3 at Pump Station No. 4 was \$51,864.00. Due to the invoice being received late, Mr. Curole requested the board approve it for payment.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board authorized payment for the repairs to Pump #3 at Pump Station No. 4 to Boland Marine.

Mr. Curole stated that Pump #6 from Pump Station No. 6 had been removed and sent to Bollinger Shipyard for inspection. He recommended the board authorize approval to advertise for repairs once the inspection was complete.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board authorized advertisement for bid for repairs on Pump #6 at Pump Station No. 6 upon completion of inspection by Bollinger Shipyard.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond was not in attendance.

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 final punch list is complete; therefore we are recommending paying the final retainage.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 10 in the amount of \$89,309.44 for Final Project Retainage.

- Pay Request No. 10, Retainage, in the amount of \$ \$89,309.44

Moved by Clarence Marts, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 10, Retainage, in the amount of \$89,309.44.

J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.

Program Manager Andre Uzee reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**
We should have the permit within the next three weeks.
- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**
Due to budget constraints, we are looking at different options to re-map 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. 15 in the amount of \$269,467.27.

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Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 15 in the amount of \$269,467.27.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**
The contractor, RLB Contracting, Inc., is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 11 in the amount of \$131,319.83.

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Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 11 in the amount of \$131,319.83.

- **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 are ready for review with Delta Coast and the Levee District. 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**

We are in the process of moving the mitigation over to the Point Aux Chene side of the unit where the material is better.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

- **Reach K Access Road (Phase 2)**

Contractor has dredged approximately 853,468.50 cubic yards of the 1.2 million plan quantity material from Grand Bayou (71%)

This is a 2 year project ending in October of 2019. They are well ahead of schedule, possibly finishing on November of 2018.

ASCE has provided SLLD with a recommendation stating where additional material should be utilized if the SLLD wishes to add this to the contract through Change Order 2.

- Approval of Change Order #2 in the amount of \$740,000

Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$740,000.

- Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$86,941.63

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$86,941.63.

- Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$64,717.56

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$64,717.56.

- **Reach K Marsh Mitigation**

ASCE adjusted plans and specifications per CPRA comments and is ready to submit contract documents to SLLD for bidding, pending CPRA review.

The CPRA is currently reviewing how All South addressed comments from the previous submittal

CPRA indicated comments would be ready in 2 weeks. All south is requesting a conference call at the end of this week to expedite review.

APTIM ENGINEERS

Laura Barnes reported the following:

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**

We are continuing with 95% design. Additional surveying is complete. We are coordinating with geotech on levee tie-ins. CPRA comments on the 30% design package were received last week. APTIM is reviewing to implement comments into the next deliverable. We are still on track to submit the 95% package to CPRA in October.

TLCD Executive Director Reggie Dupre stated that on Reach K & L projects, at \$1.25 per yard, you want to get every yard you possibly can because you'll never get a price like that again. Our goal, with the limited resources we have, besides the Grand Bayou Floodgate, is to have a connect ability from Point Aux Chene to Cut Off. We won't have an exact figure, but we did find out a recently that there is \$1.1M of GOMESA money that will be available. So if you add the \$1.1M to the remaining funds from the \$12M, there might be enough for Neil to design some connection from Apache Farm over to Grand Bayou. I have not received final word on the \$22M from the 2016 emergency flood money, but we have hopes that it will come through and will 100% finance the Grand Bayou Flood Control Structure.

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

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

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney 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 Mc Neely Rome, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

McNeely Rome remarked how nice the new sign by the highway looked, and how appreciative he was of the Levee District employees as a whole. Mr. Curole added that the crew had been working hard getting the pumps in and out of the pumping stations and in working order.

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 Mitch Danos.

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary