

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 17, 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, September 17, 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 September 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
 Bob Faulk
 Monty Vegas
 Mitch Danos
 Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr.
 Mc Neely Rome
 Roland Curole
 Keith Guidry

Board members absent: Roland 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 Ray Collins, Ryan Collins; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, Andre Uzee, Stevie Smith, Laura Barnes; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Attorney General's Office Doug Cheramie; Katie Deroche of Lori Leblanc, LLC; LPC District 9 Daniel Lorraine and LPC District 2 Luci Sposito; LPG President Jimmy Cantrelle and James Barnes; Lori Leblanc of Lori Leblanc, LLC; family of the late Richard "Dick" Guidry; Charles "Mike" Collais-GLPC Candidate Seat H; and news media.

President Callais announced that the agenda needed to be amended to add "Parish Fuel Reimbursement" under the Audience Comments section.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Mitch Danos, with a roll call vote of 8 Yays, 0 Nays, 1 Absent and 0 Abstained, the board unanimously agreed to amend the agenda to add "Parish Fuel Reimbursement" under the Audience Comments section.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the August 20, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DEDICATION OF NEW SIGN – RICHARD "DICK" GUIDRY COMPLEX

President Callais welcomed the family members of the late Richard "Dick" Guidry to the meeting and announced that the board would like to have them come back again at a later date for a more formal reception. A photo of the family standing with the new sign was presented.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

PARISH FUEL REIMBURSEMENT

Parish President Jimmy Cantrelle spoke on drainage issues and the misunderstanding concerning the donation of the \$100,000 by the Drainage District No. 1 to the South Lafourche Levee District. President Cantrelle stated that the Drainage District had intended that \$50,000 was to be spent on maintenance of the pumping stations, and the other \$50,000 was to be spent on fuel. Councilman Daniel Lorraine stated that \$50,000 should not have to be used for fuel and that the Parish pays for

fuel for all other pump stations in Lafourche Parish. The SLLD has paid over \$2M of maintenance work just on pump repairs. Mr. Lorraine stated that the Drainage District should not be responsible for paying the fuel, and that the Parish should continue to pay for the fuel. A lengthy discussion pursued.

General Manager Windell Curole recommended the board accept \$50,000 from the Drainage District No. 1 for maintenance on pumping stations, and return the \$50,000 as requested by the parish. He recommended the board pass a resolution, and enter into an agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government to pay for the fuel used for running the pumps, as it has done since the parish established a drainage system.

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously carried, the board agreed to pass a resolution regarding the \$100,000 donation from the Drainage District by accepting \$50,000 for maintenance of the pumping stations, and returning \$50,000 as requested by the parish, and to authorize the SLLD Board President or General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government to furnish fuel to the South Lafourche Levee District pumping stations.

Mr. Mike Callais introduced himself and announced his candidacy for Seat H of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole began his presentation with a short video clip of Cheniere Caminada Remembered featuring the late Daize Cheramie who experienced the Hurricane of 1893 as he was five years old. Other slides shown were of historical hurricane events.

HUNTING & FISHING LEASE

Mr. Curole announced that one bid had been received by Alex Cheramie for a Hunting and Fishing Lease, and recommended the board accepted the lease.

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously accepted the Bid for Hunting and Fishing Lease from Alex Cheramie, Live Oak Area containing 486.12 acres at \$2.00 per acre for a total of \$972.24 annually.

LETTERS TO CPRA ON DENIAL OF PROJECT FUNDS

Mr. Curole presented letters that he had written to CPRA Johnny Bradberry regarding the denial of SLLD project funding. Mr. Curole informed the board that CPRA would only provide funding if the SLLD obtained the proper Corps' permits. Mr. Curole added that the Levee District had obtained all necessary permits, with the exception of 408 permission. Mr. Bradberry's response was also included with the letters.

TRAFFIC CONTROL AT HWY 3235 WHEN BARRIER IS IN PLACE

Mr. Curole stated that the cost to purchase highway department materials to re-route traffic when implementing the barrier on Hwy 3235 in Larose was over \$40,000. Mr. Curole added that we would hold off from making those purchases until a later date.

PRESENTATION TO MS RIVER COMMISSION

Mr. Curole spoke on levee standards, 408 permissions, and our reason for doing the work that we need to do. The Corps had stated in their last response that they didn't have to cooperate. Mr. Curole stated that there were different appointees who were more practical and who look for results rather than process with a different focus, so we may have better results this time.

PUMP 6 AT PS NO. 6 – APPROVAL TO AWARD FOR REPAIRS

Mr. Curole requested the board authorize the advertising and acceptance of bids for pump repairs at Pump Station No. 6.

On a motion by Roland Curole and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously authorized the advertisement and acceptance of low bid for the repairs to Pump #6 at Pump Station No. 6.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE, WHEN NEEDED, THREE (3) ADDITIONAL PICKUPS; SELL OF SURPLUS TRUCKS

Mr. Curole announced that the SLLD had three pickup trucks that were out of commission and recommended the board authorize they be sold and replacements be purchase as needed when financial situation allowed.

Moved by Bob Faulk and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously agreed to authorize the selling of three surplus pickup trucks, and to purchase three pickup trucks as needed.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond announced that CPRA had a new Executive Director, Michael Ellison.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

There was no one in attendance from the Corps.

PROJECT ENGINEERS

PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES

Engineer Joe Picciola gave the following report:

- **LA 1 and Floodwall Re-alignment, Golden Meadow, LA**
We are currently advertising for bids. Bids will be accepted on Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the South Lafourche Levee District Office in Galliano.

J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**
We have received the draft permit and are hopeful that we will receive the final permit by the end of this year. Mr. Curole added that it had taken eight years to process the permit by DNR.
- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**
I have supplied Windell with several options for reinforcing the building to support an overhead crane at PS No. 4.

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. 16 in the amount of \$304,692.06.
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Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 16 in the amount of \$304,692.06.
- **C-South Levee Improvements**
The contractor, RLB Contracting, Inc., is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 12 in the amount of \$37,872.51.
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Moved by Clarence Marts, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 12 in the amount of \$37,872.51.

Attorney Ray Collins and Engineer Neil Angelette will contact the contractor regarding his missing the contract deadline and the possibility of liquidated damages.

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

We are continuing discussing with Delta Coast and the Levee District the timing of the first phase on this project to begin levee construction from Apache Farm to Bayou L'Bleu and on options for the bayou structure.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

No one was in attendance.

- **Update on Reach K Mitigation Project**

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

- **Reach K & L On Site Excavation**

Contractor has dredged approximately 925,529.00 cubic yards of the 1.2 million plan quantity material from Grand Bayou (77%).

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

- **Reach K Marsh Mitigation**

Plans and specifications are ready for advertisement and bidding.

Advertisement will be coordinated with the CPRA and SLLD.

- **Reach K Access Road**

- Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$ 123,571.85 to Weeks Marine

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$123,571.85.

APTIM ENGINEERS

Laura Barnes reported the following:

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**

We are continuing with 95% design. Geotech has been delayed due to additional dredging in the channel. APTIM and All South will meet to discuss limits of the projects.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that two permit requests were received for review, and that neither interfered with the levee.

On a motion of Mitch Danos, seconded by McNeely Rome, and unanimously carried, the board approved Letters of No Objection for the following requests:

1. COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION AUTHORITY

CUP NO: P20180717

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29° 7' 38.34"N / Long. -90° 9' 15.98"W; Section 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18 T23S R23E; Section 13, 24 T23S R22E; Port Fourchon, 70357

DESCRIPTION: The goal of this project are to: 1) Create and/or nourish back barrier marsh by pumping sediment from an offshore borrow site; 2) Create a platform upon which the beach and dune can migrate, reducing the likelihood of breaching, improving the longevity of the barrier shoreline, and protecting wetlands and infrastructure to the north and west. The proposed project is expected to slow the current trend of degradation in the headland.

2. CUP NO: P20180145

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA;

DESCRIPTION: Geotechnical Borings for the North Catfish Lake Marsh Creation Project
CWPPRA TE-112.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ray Collins stated that he 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

MOVE MEO1 DOMINICK LERILLE TO PERMANENT STATUS

Chairman Monty Vegas announced that MEO 1 Dominick Lerille had satisfied his six month probation and recommended the board move him to permanent status.

MAKE TEMPORARY ROW INCREASE PERMANENT FOR AA3, AMY GISCLAIR

Chairman Monty Vegas announced that Amy Gisclair had receive a \$1.00 per hour temporary pay increase while working on right-of-ways, and requested that the \$1.00 per hour become a permanent increase.

On a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously agreed to move MEO-1 Dominick Lerille to permanent status, and to make the temporary pay increase of \$1.00 per hour, a permanent pay increase for AA3 Amy Gisclair.

UPCOMING RETIREMENT OF RODNEY ROUSSE, NAVIGATIONAL LOCK OPERATOR

Chairman Monty Vegas announced that Navigational Lock Operator Rodney Rousse would be retiring after the first of the year and that the Personnel Committee would be in discussions later on filling that position.

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 McNeely Rome and seconded by Roland Curole.

s/Ronald Callais, President

s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary