

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 13, 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 Tuesday, November 13, 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 November 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
 Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr.
 Mc Neely Rome
 Roland Curole
 Keith Guidry

Board members absent: Monty Vegas
 Mitch Danos
 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 Ryan Collins; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette and Andre Uzee; MAC Melissa Cloutet; Attorney General's Office Doug Cheramie; Charles "Mike" Callais, and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the October 8, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Bob Faulk and seconded by McNeely Rome.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Callais announced that he would not be able to attend the December ALBL Conference, but urged other board members to attend the event on Dec. 5-6, 2018.

President Callais announced that the SLLD Office would be contacting the Executive Committee members to schedule a meeting to set Priorities for 2019.

President Callais informed the board that a private Ceremony honoring the late Richard "Dick" Guidry would be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15th. He added that Mr. Guidry had been instrumental in the creation and development of the South Lafourche Levee District.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole started his slide presentation with photos of a supply vessel that lost engine power and hit the pilings at the Larose "Ted Gisclair" Floodgate. Following was a chart depicting the probability of areas along the gulf coast being hit by a Category 3, 4 or 5 hurricane in the next 50 years. At 22%, our area along Louisiana's coast had the highest probability of being hit by a powerful storm over the next 50 years. Galveston to Brownsville, TX was next highest at 20% chance of being hit. Other slides included high water levels in Golden Meadow from a front that had passed through two weeks prior. Mr. Curole presented photos of Reach K levee construction and stated that the weight of new materials being used had caused the old containment and mitigation levee to slide leaving some areas with large cracks. He stated that the earth moved by 40 ft., but that they would be able to retrieve that material for the levee. He added that the levee was stable and repairs would be made after allowing time to set.

SALE OF USED EQUIPMENT (TRACTOR, SMALL EXCAVATOR & LOADER) – APPROVAL NEEDED

Mr. Curole requested approval to sell surplus equipment which included a tractor, small excavator, loader and any other surplus equipment that is no longer needed.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Bob Faulk, the board unanimously approved the advertisement to sell surplus equipment that was no longer in service.

PUMP 6 AT PS NO. 6 – AUTHORIZATION (REJECT BIDS, RE-ADVERTISE, ACCEPT LOW BID)

Mr. Curole announced that bids had previously been received for repairs to Pump #6 at PS No. 6, but that neither of the bidders could meet the 30 day turn-around originally requested by the Levee District. Mr. Curole requested the board reject both bids, authorize the re-advertising with a longer period of time for repairs, and accept the lowest bid when received.

On a motion by Keith Guidry and seconded by Clarence Marts, the board unanimously authorized the rejection of both bids for Pump #6 at PS No. 6, the re-advertising of the repairs, and the acceptance of the lowest bid according to the bid specifications.

ENGINE 2 AT PS NO. 4 – REPAIR UPDATE

Mr. Curole explained that due to the contractor not having the correct part at that time, repairs to Engine #2 at PS No. 4 were not done correctly when it was sent in for repairs two years ago., This caused the pump to malfunction and need repairing again to correct the problem. Because of this, we are now inspecting all work closely during the various stages of the repairs. By the end of 2019 we should have all pumps and engines back to top efficiency.

LA HWY 1 RE-ALIGNMENT & FLOODWALL AT LEVEE CROSSING, GOLDEN MEADOW, LA

Mr. Curole explained that this project had would slightly straighten the LA 1 Hwy near the LT Lock, and install a gate to 18 ft., the current levee height on each side of LA 1. Mr. Curole stated that they hoped to complete the project by August 2019.

TRANSOCEAN DAMAGES TO THE LEVEE DISTRICT

Mr. Curole stated that the Transocean Damages resulted from the BP Oil Spill. Mr. Curole informed the board that after speaking with the attorneys, he learned that more money would be forthcoming, but an amount was not yet known.

STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST

Mr. Curole announced that he had requested \$18M through Capital Outlay for the first year to get the most critical projects completed first. He then discussed other areas where money might become available in the near future.

408 PERMIT – LAROSE FLOODGATE AREA IMPROVEMENT

Mr. Curole reminded the board that he was still working to resolve the issue regarding the 408 Permit that had become the reason for CPRA denying \$5M for the Larose Floodgate Area A-Frame Wall project. He stated that he would continue to press forward for a fair resolve.

REACH K, CHANGE ORDER – WEEKS MARINE

Mr. Curole requested approval to add additional cubic yards of material in the Grand Bayou area of Reach K. He reminded the board that the material would be dug at an exceptional price of \$1.25 per cubic yard. He requested the board, upon receipt of further details, accept Change Order No. 2 as presented.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Clarence Marts, the board agreed to accept Change Order No. 2 from Weeks Marine for additional materials on Reach K, upon receipt of details based on forthcoming additional geotech work and available funding.

HUNTING & FISHING LEASE – BID RESULTS

Mr. Curole announced that Mayor David Camardelle was the high bidder for the Hunting and Fishing Lease in the Creole Bay Area.

Moved by Clarence Marts and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously accepted the low bid from David Camardelle for the Hunting and Fishing Lease.

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:

- **LA 1 Hwy Realignment & Floodwall at Larose Crossing, Golden Meadow, LA**
Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. is the contractor. We are conducting the Pre-Construction meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.
- **E-South Levee Improvements**
We accepted bids on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Southern Delta Construction, L.L.C. was the low bidder in the amount of \$362,225.10. We recommend award.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board authorized awarding E-South Levee Improvements Project to the lowest bidder, Southern Delta Construction, LLC in the amount of \$362,225.10.

- **Larose Floodgate Improvements & Protection Ph 3 – Interim Improvements Steel Parapet Wall**
We accepted bids on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Sealevel Construction, Inc. was the low bidder in the amount of \$108,400.00. We recommend award.

Moved by Clarence Marts and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously accepted and authorized the awarding of the Larose Floodgate Improvements & Protection Ph 3- Interim Improvements Steel Parapet project to the lowest bidder, Sealevel Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$108,400.00.

J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**
We have spoken with the Corps and they have requested more geotech data which will cost around \$19,000. We are asking that the board approve the cost.

Moved by Bob Faulk and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board approved the cost and authorized J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc. to conduct and provide additional geotechnical data to the Corps of Engineers.

- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**
Alternate solutions for pump station upgrades have been submitted to SLLD and will wait to hear back on which option to proceed.

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. 18 in the amount of \$28,822.72. We are also recommending approval of Change Order No. 1.

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approval of Pay Request No. 18 in the amount of \$28,822.72

Moved by Clarence Marts, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board accepted Change Order No. 1 to dredge additional materials on a month by month basis, contingent on funding availability.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, RLB Contracting, Inc., is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 14 in the amount of \$ 254,391.51.

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approval of Pay Request No. 14 in the amount of \$254,391.51.

- **WEST SIDE CANAL EROSION REPAIRS (B-North & B-South)**

This work consists of erosion repairs to the area from the Golden Meadow Park to just south of Bason. Erosion has occurred in the borrow canal along the right-of-way line and we want to make sure it does not continue into private property. We recommend payment of Invoice No. 1 from SBL in the amount of \$41,600.00.

Moved by Bob Faulk and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously agreed to pay SBL Invoice No. 1 in the amount of \$41,600.00 for erosion repairs.

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

We are currently 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 (David Boudreaux)

- **Update on Reach K Mitigation Project**

Work is progressing. We have two marsh buggies working. We are about 45% complete with the terraces inside Point Aux Chene Reserve.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Clark Capone)

Update on Morganza to the Gulf Reach K & L

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

Contractor has dredged approximately 1.1 million cubic yards of the 1.2 million original plan quantity material from Grand Bayou (~ 92%).

SLLD Board approved Change Order No. 2 which adds additional material to the contract a few meetings back pending review from CPRA. CPRA reviewed and had some concerns about stability within the proposed haul road baseline. ASCE then revised Change Order No. 2 to reduce the quantity of additional material to be added to contract. CO No. 2 now shows an additional 431,900 CY to be dredged, a 50% increase in construction layout & survey, and a 50% increase in containment dike maintenance.

Adjusted total quantity to be dredged (including CO #2): 1,631,900 CY

CO No. 2 also adds 170 days to contract. Adjusted substantial completion date: 02/16/2020.

- Weeks Marine Payment Application No. 11 – \$140,258.00
Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved Pay Application No. 11 to Weeks Marine in the amount of \$140,258.00.
- Weeks Marine Payment Application No. 12 - \$116,872.56
Moved by Clarence Marts and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously approved Pay Application No. 12 to Weeks Marine in the amount of \$116,872.56.
- Total cost of CO No. 2 is \$739,875.00. Additional material dredged.
CO No. 2 also adds 170 days to contract. Adjusted substantial completion date: 02/16/2020.

Approval of Change Order No. 2 was obtained under General Manager's Report. CPRA requested additional information that is being provided by ASCE today. Mr. Curole added that once the recommendation from CPRA was received, action would be taken by ASCE.

- **Reach K Marsh Mitigation**

Plans and specifications are ready for advertisement and bidding.

Waiting on CPRA to release project for bidding. CPRA is waiting for the Reach L contractor to advance further along in his project due to the Reach K Marsh Mitigation project and Reach L project being in the same area.

All South is staying in contact with CPRA every week to move project forward.

CPRA is aiming for construction to begin around April/May of 2019.

APTIM ENGINEERS

In the absence of Laura Barnes, SLLD General Manager Windell Curole reported the following:

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**

The 95% deliverable has been submitted and are now waiting on CPRA responses to go final.

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

In the absence of Chairman Mitch Danos, General Manager Windell Curole announced that one permit request had been received for review, and that it would not interfere with the levee.

On a motion of Bob Faulk, seconded by Roland Curole, and unanimously carried, the board approved Letter of No Objection for the following request:

1. **HARVEST MIDSTREAM**

CUP NO: P20180975

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-6-39.74N, Long. 90-11-2.37W; Sec 24, T23S-R22E; Sec 5-7, T22S-R23E;

DESCRIPTION: Proposed line lowering along the BOA 1 and BOA 2 pipelines from Bay Marchand to Elmer's Junction. Approximately 5,378 CU. YDS of water bottoms will be jetted to lower the lines as shown on the permit drawings. Shallow draft vessels will be used for access and all work is taking place in open water.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ryan Collins stated that he had nothing to report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

INVOICES

In the absence of Commissioner Monty Vegas, Commissioner Keith Guidry announced that the Finance Committee had reviewed the invoices and recommended they be paid.

On a motion of Keith Guidry, seconded by Clarence Marts, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Keith Guidry announced that the Personnel Committee had met earlier to discuss several items. He stated that Navigational Lock Operator Rodney Rouse would be retiring in January 2019 and that his position as lock operator would need to be filled. The Committee recommended moving MEO 2-Heavy Kirk Matherne to the Lock Operator position and hiring an excavator operator to fill the soon to be vacant MEO 2-Heavy position. Mr. Guidry requested permission to advertise the position of MEO 2-Heavy.

Moved by Clarence Marts and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board authorized the position of Navigational Lock Operator be filled, upon the retirement of employee Rodney Rouse, by current MEO 2-Heavy Kirk Matherne; and that the MEO 2-Heavy position be advertised and filled upon the approval of the Personnel Committee.

Mr. Guidry announced that MEO 1 Allen Allemand had successfully completed his six month probational period and recommended he be moved to permanent status with recommended pay increase.

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Clarence Marts, the board authorized moving MEO-1 Allen Allemand to full time Permanent Status with recommended pay increase effected Nov. 21, 2018.

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 Clarence Marts and seconded by Keith Guidry.

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary