

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
DECEMBER 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 Tuesday, December 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, Neil Angelette, Andre Uzee, Clark Capone, Hilary Thibodaux; CPRA Adam Ledet; Attorney General's Office Doug Cheramie; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the November 13, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Mitch Danos and seconded by McNeely Rome.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Callais asked General Manager Windell Curole to report on December ALBL Conference.

Mr. Curole stated that Mr. Johnny Bradberry had resigned as Director of CPRA and that Mr. Chip Kline was serving as interim director beginning Jan. 1, 2019. He added that leadership in the Corps was reviewing their policies to find better ways to speed up the process to get projects started without delay.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Vice President Clarence Marts reviewed the list of items that were discussed in the November 28, 2018 Executive Committee's 2019 Priority Meeting. He directed General Manager Windell Curole to brief the board on the projects discussed.

Mr. Curole reported on current projects and those already completed in 2018. He discussed the costs along with available funding for projects that were scheduled for work in 2019-2020. Mr. Curole requested the board approve the Priorities Report as submitted.

Moved by Clarence Marts and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously approved the Priorities Report of the Nov. 28, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting as submitted.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no audience comments.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole showed a short video clip of material being dredged from Grand Bayou on the Morganza project. Afterwards he showed slides of the Reach K & L Morganza project. CPRA Adam Ledet reported on the progress of the work in that area. Mr. Curole then showed slides and gave updates on current projects around the Larose to Golden Meadow Hurricane Levee System.

ENGINE MAINTENANCE FOR PUMP STATIONS

Mr. Curole updated the board on the engine repairs by employees which kept our engines in good working condition. We are not yet ahead of our pump maintenance plans, but believe we will soon reach the levee that will meet our standards.

DUCKS UNLIMITED

Mr. Curole referred back to the slide map of the area in B-North where the Ducks Unlimited project would be starting soon. That project would pump mud into three containment dikes using a slurry pipeline from a site in Catfish Lake to create an area that would reestablish new marsh growth. If costs come under the estimate, additional materials could be used to fill between the existing dikes and the levee.

CORPS RESPONSE TO MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION PRESENTATION

Mr. Curole presented a letter from the Corps in response to his MRC presentation in August 2018.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Mr. Curole stated that the National Flood Insurance Program had been extended to December. He explained that the new democratic leader in the House was pushing for a six year renewal. NLLD Director Dwayne Bourgeois and others have stayed on top of the flood insurance issues.

PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED IN 2018

Mr. Curole discussed completed projects during the Executive Committee section.

HURRICANE SEASON 2018

Mr. Curole stated that we were fortunate to have taken no direct hits from storms in 2018.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Adam Ledet stated that the contractor was 70% complete in filling the canal, 35% complete in building the levees, and 90% on the Apache pump station.

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 Levee Crossing in Golden Meadow, LA**
Byron E Talbot Contractor, Inc. is the contractor. A Conditional Notice to Proceed was issued on November 19. We expect construction to begin sometime late January or early February.
- **E-South Levee Improvements**
Southern Delta Construction, L.L.C. was the low bidder in the amount of \$362,225.10. We held a Pre-Construction meeting this morning at 10:00 a.m. We expect construction to begin sometime in the next week or so.

- **Larose Floodgate Improvement & Protection Ph 3 – Steel Parapet Wall**
Sealevel Construction, Inc. was the low bidder in the amount of \$108,400.00. We held a Pre-Construction meeting this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. We expect construction to begin sometime in January.

J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**
We are waiting for the report back from the Corps on the additional geotech data they requested.
- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**
We met with SLLD staff this week and they made their choice of the options given. We are now on the final design for 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. 19 in the amount of \$276,592.37. We are also recommending approval of Change Order No. 2.
 - Pay Request No. 19 - \$276,592.37
 - Change Order No. 2

On a motion of Monty Vegas, seconded by Mitch Danos, and unanimously carried, the board approved Pay Request No. 19 in the amount of \$276,592.37.

On a motion of McNeely Rome, seconded by Clarence Marts, and unanimously carried, the board approved Change Order No. 2.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**
The contractor, RLB contracting, Inc., is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 15 in the amount of \$99,751.96.
 - Pay Request No. 15 - \$99,751.96

On a motion of Bob Faulk, seconded by Roland Curole, and unanimously carried, the board approved Pay Request No. 15 in the amount of \$99,751.96.

- **Morganza to the Gulf, Reach L**
We are currently reviewing with Delta Coast and Levee District 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)

Not in attendance

- **Update on Reach K Mitigation Project**

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Clark Capone)

Update on Morganza to the Gulf Reach K & L

Reach K On Site Excavation

- SLLD Board approved Change Order No. 2 last meeting which added an additional 431,900 CY to the contract. Total adjusted quantity to be dredged: 1,631,900 CY.

- Change Order #2 also had 50% increase on construction layout/surveys and a 50% increase on containment dike maintenance.
- Total cost of CO No. 2 is \$739,875.00.
- CO #2 also adds 170 days to contract. Adjusted substantial completion date: 02/16/2020.
- Contractor has dredged approximately 1.2 million cubic yards of the 1.63 million (adjusted from original contract amount of 1.2 million CY via CO #2) plan quantity material from Grand Bayou (≈ 74%).
- Engineering contract amendment for additional inspection and survey - \$92,000.00 maximum. The work will be paid on a monthly work basis. We do expect to reach the maximum.

On a motion of Mitch Danos, seconded by Roland Guidry, and unanimously carried, the board approved amending the ASCE Engineering Contract for additional inspection and survey in the amount of \$92,000 and authorized the President or the General Manager to sign the amendment.

Reach K Access Road

- Weeks Marine Payment Application No. 13 – \$74,221.12

On a motion of Mitch Danos, seconded by Roland Curole, and unanimously carried, the board approved Pay Request No. 13 in the amount of \$74,221.12

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. Reach L contractor is currently working in our section and material is holding up well.
- 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

Hilary Thibodaux reported the following:

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**
APTIM submitted the 95% design package to SLLD and CPRA for review and comment.

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 stated he had nothing to report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Monty Vegas requested the board authorize the Personnel Committee to award annual employee performance increases for the year 2019.

Moved by Mitch Danos, and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board authorized the Personnel Committee to award annual employee performance increases for the year 2019.

The Personnel Committee recommended moving MEO 2-Heavy, Kirk Matherne, to the Navigational Lock Operator 1 position upon the retirement of NLO-1 Rodney Rouse.

Moved by Keith Guidry, and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously agreed to move MEO 2-Heavy Kirk Matherne to NLO-1 position upon the retirement of Rodney Rouse in January 2019.

With Kirk Matherne moving to the NLO-1 position, the position of MEO 2-Heavy would be left vacant. The board will review candidates and make their decision from possible applicants at a later date.

The MEO 1 position recently left vacant upon the resignation of Adrian Coupel would not need to be filled at this time. We will review filling that vacancy in March or April.

General Manager Windell Curole's contract is set to expire on Dec. 31, 2018. The Committee recommends renewing his employment contract for an additional five years.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously agreed to renew the employment contract of General Manager Windell Curole for an additional five years, beginning Jan. 1, 2019 and ending Dec. 31, 2023.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

RENEWAL OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH POLICIES

Chairman Roland Guidry announced that the Insurance Committee had reviewed the employee health premiums for 2019 and that there were no changes from the prior year. The Committee recommended the board continue paying employee health premiums.

Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board agreed to continue paying the employee share of health premiums at 100%.

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.

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 Mitch Danos.

s/Ronald Callais, President

s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary