

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING  
OF  
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT  
JANUARY 14, 2019**

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, January 14, 2019 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 January 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  
   Mc Neely Rome  
   Roland Curole

Board members absent:        Keith Guidry  
   Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr.

Also present were: Executive Secretary and General Manager Windell Curole; Administrative Assistant 3 Amy Gisclair; Levee Board Operations Superintendent Drake Baudoin; Attorney Tyler Breaux; Engineering Personnel Ben Hodson, Marc Picciola, Neil Angelette, John Plaisance, Stevie Smith, Laura Barnes; MAC Melissa Cloutet; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Attorney General's Office Doug Cheramie; TLCD Reggie Dupre; and news media.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

**The minutes of the December 11, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by McNeely Rome and seconded by Mitch Danos.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President Ronald Callais announced that Commissioner Clarence Marts requested to be replaced as Vice President due to health and family situations. He then opened the floor to the nomination of officers. Commissioner Roland Guidry nominated Mr. Keith Guidry to replace Mr. Clarence Marts as Vice President, and moved to re-elect Mr. Ronald Callais as President and Mr. Windell Curole as Executive Secretary. No other nominations were made.

**On a motion by Roland Guidry and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously approved the nominations of Mr. Ronald Callais for President, Mr. Keith Guidry for Vice President, and Mr. Windell Curole for Executive Secretary of the South Lafourche Levee District Board of Commissioners for the year 2019.**

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

President Ronald Callais announced that Keith Guidry would replace Clarence Marts as Chairman of the Executive Committee. All other committee assignments would remain the same. President Callais stated that if any commissioner requested to change assignments, to let him know; otherwise everyone would be reappointed to their positions.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the audience.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

General Manager Windell Curole started the presentation with a map of a flight plan in which General Kaiser and the Colonel flew with them over North and South Lafourche as well as Terrebonne Parish levees. He explained that Mr. Reggie Dupre had set up for the governor to fly the same route. He explained that a Black Hawk helicopter would be rented and cost-shared by the three levee districts. He requested the board approve spending one-third of the cost which was estimated to be around \$10,000, but up to \$5,000 for SLLD's share.

**On a motion by Roland Curole and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board approved spending up to \$5,000 for cost-sharing the rental of a Black Hawk helicopter for a flight over the NLLD, SLLD & TLCD areas with the governor.**

Mr. Curole then showed slides of work in the Pointe-Aux-Chene area of Grand Bayou and other areas of the Morganza project. Additional slides of the SLLD levee system from PS No. 1 in Golden Meadow, north past Bully Camp in Cut Off. Other slides showed west side erosion repairs near levee right-of-ways, material stacked on section C-South to maintain the 18' elevation in the future, and terraces provided by Ducks Unlimited and partners. Mr. Curole showed slides of trees thriving inside D-North, but dying on the unprotected side from salt water intrusion. Various other slides showed progress around the system, plans for future improvements and concluding with the rebuilding of a V-16 engine in the mechanic's shop.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO SPEND UP TO \$50K, AND THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SPEND UP TO \$25K, WITHOUT PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL, WHEN FOLLOWING STATE PURCHASING RULES**

Mr. Curole explained that President Callais was authorized to spend up to \$10,000 and Mr. Curole was authorized to spend up to \$5,000 without prior board approval. Mr. Curole informed the board that there had recently been a need to spend \$21,000 for needed maintenance repairs, but with the present limitations, SLLD was only authorized to spend a total of \$15,000 without board authorization for the remaining amount. Mr. Curole requested the board increase the spending amounts to \$50,000 for the president and \$25,000 for the general manager, and added that State Purchasing rules would continue to be followed for advertising. By increasing the spending limits, it would cut waiting time for repairs.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board authorized an increase in spending for the president from \$10,000 to \$50,000, and for the general manager from \$5,000 to \$25,000, when following State Purchasing Rules for repairs and purchases.**

**ACCEPT HIGHEST BIDS RECEIVED ON DEC. 20, 2018 FOR THE SALE OF USED SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Mr. Curole informed the board that the SLLD had several items of used surplus equipment that were advertised for bid and that all items had received acceptable bid amounts. He presented the board with the following list and requested the sale of used surplus equipment be sold to the highest bidders:

- 6330 Cab John Deere Tractor - Highest bid: \$16,601.00, Joey Adams
- Kobelco SK Excavator (Mini) – Highest bid: \$8,277.00, Lynn's Enterprise
- Ford Loader-755TLB – Highest bid: \$3,877.00, Lynn's Enterprise
- 2002 Chevy Utility Pickup - Highest bid: \$2,577.00, Lynn's Enterprise
- 2001 Dodge Ram-1500 - Highest bid: \$777.00, Lynn's Enterprise
- 2001 Dodge Ram-2500 - Highest bid: \$877.00, Lynn's Enterprise

**Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board accepted the highest bids received at the Dec. 20, 2018 bid opening for used surplus equipment as presented to the board.**

**APPROVAL TO COST-SHARE GOV. JB EDWARDS HELICOPTER FLIGHT WITH MTG PARTNERS**

Mr. Curole stated that the cost-shared trip with the governor was approved earlier in the meeting.

**AUTHORIZE SLLD STAFF TO OBTAIN CENTERLINE SURVEY**

Mr. Curole informed the board that the SLLD obtains a centerline survey from the engineers each year at a cost of approximately \$10,000. Mr. Curole explained the benefits of having the surveys done and requested the board authorize the SLLD to obtain an updated survey for the year 2019.

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved**

**RETIREMENT OF SLLD EMPLOYEE RODNEY ROUSSE**

Mr. Curole stated that SLLD employee, Rodney Rousse, had retired after 24 years of service. Mr. Curole informed the board that Mr. Rousse had started in the field and later moved to the lock position. Mr. Curole expressed gratitude for Mr. Rousse's many years of service to the Levee District.

**ACCIDENT AT LA 1 NEAR LEON THERIOT LOCK**

Mr. Curole mentioned an accident that occurred on LA 1 near the Leon Theriot Lock. He added that the state had slowed us down in starting the LA 1 Re-alignment & Floodwall project, and while there was no way to tell what the outcome could have been, had we been able to start the project and straightened the road, maybe it could have reduced the chance of accidents in that area.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED ON REACH L MORGANZA PROJECT**

Mr. Curole explained that from Apache Farm to Grand Bayou would be the next segment of levee to construct. He further explained that it looked as though the state would have funding available to provide towards that segment of levee. He then requested the board authorize the president to sign any and all agreements and documents necessary toward the funding and construction of that segment of levee.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously accepted, the board authorized the president to sign any and all agreements and documents necessary for the funding and construction of the next phase of Reach L levee on the Morganza project.**

**APPROVAL OF CEA FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO LA 1 COALITION**

Mr. Curole announced that the Levee District had partnered with LA 1 Coalition for several years. He presented a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the \$1,000 membership renewal for 2019. Mr. Curole requested the board authorize him to sign the 2019 CEA and make payment to renew the membership.

**Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board authorized General Manager Windell Curole to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with LA 1 Coalition for the 2019 membership renewal donation of \$1,000.**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE GRASS CUTTING EQUIPMENT: ONE TRACTOR, BUSH HOG AND RIDING LAWN MOWER**

Mr. Curole requested authorization to purchase one tractor, one bush hog and one riding lawn mower, and gave an estimated cost of each.

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved the purchase of one new tractor on State Contract, one new bush hog and one new riding lawn mower, according to State Purchasing rules.**

Mr. Curole made a request to add an item to the agenda to discuss the repairs to a pump at Pump Station No. 2.

**Upon a motion by McNeely Rome and seconded by Roland Curole, a roll call vote was taken. With 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Absent and 0 Abstained, the board unanimously agree to amend the agenda and add Pump Repairs at PS No. 2 to the agenda.**

**PUMP NO. 6 REPAIRS AT PUMP STATION NO. 2**

Mr. Curole explained that Pump #6 at PS. No. 2 needed to be repaired. He recommended the board authorize the SLLD to send the pump out for estimates of repairs, and then advertise for the repairs of that pump.

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously approved, the board authorized the general manager to receive estimates for repairs based on inspection of Pump #6 located at PS. No. 2, and to advertise those repairs based upon the findings of the pump inspection.**

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

**OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**

Mr. Daniel Dearmond stated that on Reach L, the sand fill should be completed this week. The pump station should also be complete this week. The levee embankment is about 35% complete. We expect to be finished in June or July.

**CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

There was no one in attendance from the Corps.

**PROJECT ENGINEERS**

**PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES**

Engineer Joe Picciola gave the following report:

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Engineer Marc 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.

Mr. Ben Hodson showed a slide of the project in its current state and future, and explained the construction that would take place.

- **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:

As of January 1, 2019, J. Wayne Plaisance has merged into GIS Engineering. We will be reporting to you under that new title starting next month.

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**  
We are still waiting on DNR to issue the permit. We are progressing with the work that needs to be done to get the Corps to sign off on that. This is not routine like most since we will be tying into the Corps levee. We must convince the Corps that it will not affect the stability of the levee.
- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**  
We will be meeting on site Friday morning with SLLD staff and our consulting and electrical engineers to see what can be done by staff to try to save money for the SLLD.

**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. 20 in the amount of \$114,345.51.
  - Pay Request No. 20 - \$114,345.51

**Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 20 in the amount of \$114,345.51.**

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, RLB Contracting, Inc., is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 16 in the amount of \$192,660.00.

- Pay Request No. 16 - \$192,660.00

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 16 in the amount of \$192,660.00.**

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

A meeting was held last week with the South Lafourche Levee District, Terrebonne Levee District, North Lafourche Levee District and CPRA to discuss available State funding for this project to begin levee construction from Apache Farm to Bayou L'Bleu, including options for the bayou structure and on levee construction from Bayou L'Bleu to Grand Bayou. Based on the meeting, we will be presenting an updated plan this week to the Levee Districts and CPRA.

### **MORGANZA TO THE GULF**

#### **DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS**

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande) was not in attendance

- **Update on Reach K Mitigation Project**

#### **ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS**

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith) reported the following:

#### **Update on Morganza to the Gulf Reach K & L**

- **Reach K On Site Excavation Section**

- Contractor began work on August 15, 2017
- Approximately 70% of original contract time has elapsed.
- Contractor has dredged approximately 1,319,972 cubic yards (\$1,571,837.51) of the 1.6 million plan quantity material from Grand Bayou (81%). These numbers are through December, with December invoice currently being processed.
- Change Order No. 2 was approved by SLLD board at its November meeting. This Change Order adds approximately 431,900 cubic yards of material to the project.
- Weeks has completed the original project in about 60% of the time. The contractor is currently working on the material added in Change Order No. 2.
- Change Order No. 2 extended the contract time as well (adding 170 days). Weeks should complete this work well ahead of that schedule as well.
- Weeks Marine Pay Request No. 14, \$175,049.38

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 14 in the amount of \$175,049.38.**

- **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 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 2019

#### **APTIM ENGINEERS**

Laura Barnes reported the following:

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**

CPRA provided comments at the end of December. APTIM will address those comments to get to the 100% design package to submit in February for final approvals. APTIM continues to work towards helping secure funding for construction.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that 2 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. LLOX, LLC**

**CUP NO: P20181268**

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Proposed barges @ Lat 29-18-24N / long. -90-14-00W (see plats for additional coordinated); Sections 28, 33 & 34, T20S-R22E; Section 4, T21S-R22E; Bayou Lafourche; approximately 7 miles south-southeast of Golden Meadow, LA

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed dredging and installation of shell pad, two barges, two elevated walkways, a line heater platform and five 4-inch pipelines to serve the Tarpon prospects. Three lines will be installed by jetting in Bayou Lafourche, one line will be bored across Bayou Lafourche and the remainder of the line will be jetted and one line will be laid on top of the marsh to proposed tie-in. Wooden mats will be temporarily installed for access and equipment staging for the bore site. Approximately 16,380 cubic yards of native material will be excavated and placed on site; approximately 3,678 cubic yards of shell or stone material and approximately 15 cubic yards of sand material will be required during construction activities. Approximately 0.70 acres of vegetated wetlands and approximately 2.80 acres of non-vegetated waterbottoms may be impacted as a result of this proposed activity.

**2. LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT**

**CUP NO: P20181154**

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-23-34.15N, Long -90-17-30.56W; adjacent to Catfish Lake, in Golden Meadow

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed continuation of a parish dredge and marsh creation project initiated with CIAP funding. Approx. 306,000 c. y. will be excavated and placed in open water. Approx. 1891 acres of open water and brackish marsh may be impacted by the proposed activities.

**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 Roland Guidry, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Monty Vegas requested board approval to hire Kelly Schouest to fill the vacant position of Mobile Equipment Operator 1.

**On a motion of Monty Vegas, seconded by Mitch Danos, and unanimously carried, the board approved the hiring of Kelly Schouest to fill the position of Mobile Equipment Operator 1.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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President Callais requested Administrative Assistance Mary Punch draw up a resolution thanking Commissioner Clarence Marts for his service as Vice President of the board and present at the next meeting.

Commissioner McNeely Rome requested updated drone videos be placed on the SLLD's website and Facebook pages for the public.

**With no further business to discuss, the board unanimously adjourned the meeting on a motion of Mitch Danos and seconded by McNeely Rome.**

s/Ronald Callais, President

s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary