

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 11, 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, February 11, 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 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
 Mc Neely Rome
 Roland Curole
 Keith Guidry

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

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 Tyler Breaux; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, John Plaisance, Stevie Smith, Mitch Marmande, Laura Barnes, Nic Matherne, Clark Capone; MAC Melissa Cloutet; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Attorney General's Office Doug Cheramie; LPC President Jimmy Cantrelle and Councilman Daniel Lorraine; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Bob Faulk and seconded by McNeely Rome.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RESOLUTION 19-01, CLARENCE "CJ" MARTS, JR.

President Callais announced that in the absence of Commissioner Marts, Resolution 19-01 would be postponed until the following meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, 2019

President Callais stated that no commissioners had voiced their desire to change committees. Therefore, with no opposition from the board, the Committee Assignments for 2019 would stand as assigned.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

President Callais opened the floor to Audience Comments and recognized Lafourche Parish President Jimmy Cantrelle and Councilman Daniel Lorraine. Neither of the gentlemen had anything to discuss. There were no other comments from the audience.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole began his presentation showing slides of the installation of vinyl sheetpile on an erosion repair project on the west side borrow canal where expansion took place from wave action. Mr. Curole stated that rocks and dirt were also being used and that the board had

previously budgeted \$150,000 for the repairs. He stated that more money was needed to continue the work and requested an additional \$25,000.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board authorized additional spending up to \$25,000 for continued repairs due to erosion of the borrow canal bank, west side levee.

The next slides showed progress being made on the LA 1 Highway and Floodwall Re-alignment project in Golden Meadow. He reminded the board that it was critical that traffic move at a slower pace in the work area to avoid accidents. More slides on the east side levee also showed results of erosion abatement using vinyl sheet piles. He ended the presentation with a fly-over map that took the Governor over areas of South Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes, and to Port Fourchon and the barrier islands.

MORGANZA ACTION COALITION – 2019 MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

Mr. Curole informed the board that the 2019 MAC Membership Contribution was due in the amount of \$38,500, and recommended the board authorize payment.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board authorized payment of Morganza Action Coalition 2019 Membership Contribution in the amount of \$38,500.

WEST SIDE EROSION REPAIRS – APPROVAL TO INCREASE AMOUNT OF REPAIRS

Mr. Curole stated that the West Side Erosion Repairs were approved during the slide presentation.

GOV. JOHN BEL EDWARDS FLY-OVER

Mr. Curole stated that the fly-over with Gov. John Bel Edwards was covered under the slide presentation.

CPRA ANNUAL PLAN

Mr. Curole stated that the CPRA Annual Plan had not been too kind to us, but he had a good discussion with Chip Kline, Chairman of CPRA. With adequate funding we should be able to complete all our projects planned since Hurricane Katrina in the next two to three years.

ADAMS CLASS ACTION SUIT

Mr. Curole informed the board that all money that had legally claimed by the property owners would now be held by the court. The landowners will be able to access their funds at the Clerk of Court's office through a process.

LA 1 RAMP AND GATE STRUCTURE

Mr. Curole stated that the LA 1 Ramp and Gate Structure had been covered during the slide presentation.

GOMESA UPDATE

Mr. Curole informed the board that GOMESA money was included in the Annual Plan. He stated that the SLLD board was first to ask the governor to ask the federal government for our fair share of lease sales. Other letters from the governor, senator and state treasurer eventually led to our receiving some of that money.

SECTION E-SOUTH PROJECT

Mr. Curole reported that the contractor had not put all his equipment onto the project, and was moving slow. He stated that this project would raise the levee from 12 ft. to 15.5 ft. Mr. Curole added that he had met with Scully's people and that they were continuing talks to negotiate a right-of-way.

PUMP REPAIR UPDATE

Mr. Curole announced that we were down to 4 pumps left to repair. By the end of this year, all pumps should be in good condition.

MURPHY BROUSSARD CATTLE

Mr. Curole informed the board that due to the erosion on the west side, Mr. Murphy Broussard had some damage to his property. Mr. Curole recommended the board approve payment in the amount of \$1,000.00 to cover the cost of the property damage.

On a motion by McNeely Rome and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board authorized payment in the amount of \$1,000 to Mr. Murphy Broussard to cover the cost of property damage from erosion on the west side levee borrow canal.

ENGINEERING REPORT**OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**

Mr. Daniel Dearmond updated on Reach L. The sand fill in the borrow canal is complete. The pump station is also complete. The contractor is Phylway Construction, and they are 35-40% complete with embankment. Completion date is estimated to be in July or August. I spoke with Project Manager James McMennis on mitigation work to see what the holdup is. Mr. McMennis stated that he had concerns over the risk factor, and being able to finish the flood side slope where the mitigation project was located.

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 Highway Realignment and Floodwall at Levee Crossing, Golden Meadow, LA**

Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. is the contractor. They have started by realigning the roadway, placing barricades and signs. They will begin to drive sheet piles and the formation work in the next few weeks.

- Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$ 100,941.38

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$100,941.38.

- **Interim Improvements – Section E-South Excavation Along Borrow Canal**

Southern Delta Construction, L.L.C. is the contractor. A Notice to Proceed was issued on December 17th. The contractor has mobilized equipment and started construction.

- Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$ 15,097.50.

Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$15,097.50.00.

- **Larose Floodgate Improvement and Protection – Ph 3 Interim Improvements, Steel Parapet Wall**

Sealevel Construction, Inc. is the Contractor. A Notice to Proceed was issued on December 17th. The Contractor is currently fabricating the steel parapet wall and planning to mobilize equipment for drilling holes in the concrete slab.

- Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$ 33,201.00.

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$33,201.00.

- **Larose Floodgate Improvement and Protection – A Frame and I Wall**

Project Plans are complete. We expect to begin advertising for bids later this week or early next week.

Approval to advertise was obtained in 2018.

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC (formerly J. Wayne Plaisance)

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **Request for Assignment of Engineering Contract**

As part of the merger with GIS, we request that the Levee District give written consent to assign the engineering contracts from J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc. to GIS Engineering, LLC. GIS Engineering, LLC will meet all requirements of the current engineering contract.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board agreed to give written consent to assign engineering contracts from J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc. to GIS Engineering, LLC, by authorizing the president or the general manager to sign the agreement.

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**

We had the geotech people come out to make sure when we tie into the Corps levee we don't do any damage. Mr. Curole added that he would be meeting with La. Wildlife & Fisheries in two weeks.

- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**

We met with SLLD staff and decided on a crane for the building. We have brought our mechanical consultants out to determine which parts of the building will need to be modified. We've also spoken with our structural engineer so we soon should have a plan and will be ready to go out for bid on parts that are needed. SLLD employee Berwick Cheramie will be doing part of the work himself. Windell commended Drake and employees for the good work on the pump stations.

LEEVE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **B-North & B-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Pontchartain Partners, LLC, is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 21 in the amount of \$61,792.21.

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 21 in the amount of \$61,792.21.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, RLB Contracting, Inc. is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending Pay Request No. 17 in the amount of \$88,598.90.

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 17 in the amount of \$88,598.90.

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

A meeting was held last month with 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 are preparing updated plans to being advertising for bid this summer.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

- **Update on Reach K Mitigation Project**

I'm currently working with North Lafourche and it seems we are more efficient on the Point-aux-Chene side than we are on this side, so we may take some action to rectify that. We are about 65% complete with that work. The terrace work has moved slowly.

We have \$7.3M from GOMESA for Reach L and we have devised a plan for spending those funds.

Engineer Neil Angelette and I met with Williams on the pipeline crossings in Reach L. There are four pipelines; Williams owns three and another company owns the other. We will keep you informed on the decisions that are made concerning the pipelines.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

Morganza to the Gulf Reach K & L

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

- Contractor began work on August 15, 2017
- Approximately 70% of original contract time has elapsed.
- Contractor has dredged approximately 1,426,018.00 cubic yards (\$1,704,395.01) of the 1.6 million plan quantity material from Grand Bayou (87%). These numbers are through January.

- Change order No. 2 was approved by the 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 #2.
- Change order #2 extended the contract time as well (adding 170 days). Weeks should complete this work well ahead of that schedule as well.
- Pay Request No. 15 in the amount of 168,679.62

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 15 in the amount of \$168,679.62.

- **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

Operations Manager (Laura Barnes)

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**

We continue to address the internal and CPRA comments that we've received on the 95% complete design package. It should be 100% complete within the next 30 days. After the governor and Chip Kline's visit, it seems there is an urgency to fund this project. I received a request for cost estimate from Ignacio Harrouch. Next month I should have a proposal package ready for your review on bidding.

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 Keith Guidry and unanimously carried, the board approved Letters of No Objection for the following requests:

1. GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

CUP NO: P20131083 (Revised, Revised, Extended)

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Southwest Corner of Slip "D" @ Lat. 29-08-21.8N, Long. 90-11-26.03W; Section 1, 2, 12, 25, 35 T23S-R22E; Port Fourchon, LA.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed dredging of a 1,000' x 3,872' slip (Slip D), installation a 10,033' bulkhead and construction of a 30' x 4163' roadway for the Port Fourchon Northern Expansion – Phase III Project. Approx. 12,335 cy. of concrete/asphalt material will be required for roadway construction. Approx. 3,872,000 cy. of native material will be excavated during Slip "D" dredging activities. Approx. 2,431,234 cy of excavated material will be used as permanent fill for the Phase III Developmental Areas, and construction of (temporary) retainer levees. To mitigation for ± 13.20 acres of impact to saline marsh approx. 89,260cy. of the excavated material will be placed adjacent to the previously permitted Phase II Mitigation Site for the creation of ± 20.0 acres of saline marsh. The remaining 1,351,506cy. of the excavated material will be dispersed between the Phase III Mitigations Site and Developmental Areas to meet required plan specifications. Alleged unauthorized fill (702cy) was placed in the Slip "D" dredging area for the construction of erosion control dikes. Approx. 419.6 acres of non-vegetated waterbottoms and/or wetlands may be impacted by the proposed project activities.

Revision 1: To mitigate for 175 acres of impacts to essential fish habitat (per NMFS) approx. 626,707 cy of the original remaining material will be placed in Phase III mitigation area to create an additional ± 45 acres of saline marsh. The remaining 724,799 cy of excavated material will be

dispersed between the Phase III Mitigation Site Developmental Area to meet required plan specifications.

Revision 2: Revised project to increase development/impact area be 44.5 acres; remove 64.55 acres of proposed compensatory mitigation and replace with 98.1 acres of beneficial use marsh creation with integrated tidal creeks.

Revision 3: Request to extend permit terms.

2. SHELL PIPELINE COMPANY LP

CUP NO: P201801303

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; WC 71348.00 STA. 1105+46.65: Lat.29-39-11.67, Long. 90-29-02.69; WC 149375.83 STA. 323+39.57: Lat. 29-33-08.90, Long. 90-16-25.05; Section 6, T18S-R22E; Section 67, T16S-R19E;

DESCRIPTION: Proposed After the Fact Permit applications for two anomaly repairs on the Clovelly-Houma 24" pipeline under EUA 18-027. The Clovelly-Houma Pipeline was constructed under COE permit LMNOD-SP (L.T.M.A.) 1027. Approximately 1,685 cubic yards of material will be excavated and placed onsite. Approximately 3.48 acres may be impacted by the proposed activity.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Tyler Breaux stated that a disbursement company was taking care of the remaining landowner checks in the Adam's case. Some of the checks will be put in Registry of the Court.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

NEW FLOORING FOR MEETING ROOM

Chairman Bob Faulk announced that we need to change carpet, back door and a new keyless lock. Quotes are to be received and provided at the next board meeting for review.

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 McNeely Rome, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the Committee had met earlier and recommended promoting MEO 1 Dominick Lerille to MEO 2 position with adjusted pay increase.

On a motion of Monty Vegas, seconded by Keith Guidry, and unanimously carried, the board agreed to promote Dominick Lerille to the vacant MEO 2 position with adjusted pay increase.

OLD BUSINESS

General Manager Windell Curole gave a brief discussion on GOMESA.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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

s/Ronald Callais, President

s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary