

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
APRIL 8, 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, April 8, 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 Ray Collins; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, John Plaisance, Stevie Smith, Mitch Marmande, Laura Barnes and Nic Matherne; Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District Ben Malbrough; MAC Melissa Cloutet; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; LPC Daniel Lorraine; LPG Tim Vedros; Mrs. Katherine Richardelle, and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Keith Guidry and seconded by Roland Guidry.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATES FOR THE YEAR 2019

- Resolution 19-02 to adopt 4.86 mills and 5.00 mills

President Callais informed the board that it was time to adopt the millages for the year 2019.

President Callais read the resolution, a vote was taken, and Resolution 19-02 was adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION 19-02

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2019 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the South Lafourche Levee District:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
Levee Operations, Repairs, Maintenance & Improvements	4.86 mills
Levee Operations, Repairs, Maintenance & Improvements	5.00 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2019, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the

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taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0
ABSENT: 1

TIER 2.1 DUE MAY 15TH

President Callais announced that all board members should review their provided Tier 2.1, and if in order, sign and get back to Ms. Mary Punch or Ms. Amy Gisclair for processing. He reminded the board that the deadline for filing was May 15th.

UPCOMING 34TH ANNUAL ALBL WORKSHOP CONFERENCE – MAY 2ND AND 3RD

President Callais announced that the 34th Annual ALBL Workshop would be held on May 2-3, 2019 at the Crown Plaza in Baton Rouge.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

SLLD FINANCES AND MAC INVOLVEMENT

Vice President Keith Guidry announced that the Executive Committee met on March 19th to discuss the financial benefits with the Morganza Action Coalition (MAC). The Committee agreed to continue their involvement with MAC until the membership was up, and re-evaluate our renewal at that time. General Manager Windell Curole explained that \$20M was granted to the South Lafourche Levee District, but that it was all for the Morganza project, and none was actually for SLLD projects. He added that very little funding from the state had come through for SLLD.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Daniel Lorraine

The parish will be receiving GOMESA funding. Mr. Lorraine stated that a meeting with Parish had taken place that morning to discuss how the funds could be used. We will meet again next Monday and present projects for possible sharing in the funds which will total around \$12M.

Mr. Curole explained that GOMESA was money would be obtained by the federal government through leases and royalties. The state would receive a large share, and that would be divided amongst each parish. He explained that the money would be bonded out over the next 15 years. We have several levee improvements we'd like to make, including a Larose lock. At the Parish's meeting next week, they will evaluate the most important projects and determine what's fair to all.

Katherine Richardelle

Mrs. Katherine Richardelle introduced herself and stated that she was involved in on organization known as Louisiana Volunteers for Family and Community. She explained that LVFC provides projects for the betterment of families and communities. Mrs. Richardelle stated that she started a project in which she was collecting discarded fabrics of knits and other absorbent materials, to be cut into rags and donated back to the Levee District in the name of LVFC. Each box of rags is valued at \$10. Mrs. Richardelle requested donations of old shirts and fabrics to be left at Levee District or at her house. Commissioner Roland Guidry suggested she place boxes at schools to collect items.

Mr. Tim Vedroz introduced himself as the new Parish Administrator, and offered his services whenever needed.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

PRESENTATION BY BEN MALBROUGH, BAYOU LAFOURCHE FRESH WATER DISTRICT

Mr. Ben Malbrough of Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District gave a slide presentation on the Reintroduction of the Mississippi River into Bayou Lafourche.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole presented slides of the LA 1 Hwy Realignment project and explained the old and future location of the highway and new floodgate that will cross the highway. Other areas showed the new parapet wall on the Larose “Ted Gisclair” Floodgate, and future A-Frame work that will begin in that area as soon as we receive the approved financial support through CPRA. Mr. Curole showed slides of C-South improvements which included erosion repairs on the west side that were made by installing sheet piles along the borrow canal’s edge. B-North improvements included more sheet piles to combat erosion, and areas around the Bason Marina and Pump Station No. 2 where the levee had been raised and covered the discharge pipes. Further to the south where more sheet piles were added along A-East, grass was growing out toward the sheet piles. Section E-South levees had dropped below elevation needed to maintain our flood insurance rating, so we have a contractor placing materials on the levee to build that area up to 14.5 to 15 ft. Mr. Curole showed slides of the Morganza to the Gulf project. He concluded his presentation with slides showing the southeastern portion of Golden Meadow, just below the lock, where CPRA has a mitigation project that will fill in the open area by dredging Bayou Lafourche, to build new marsh. Mr. Curole also showed an area on the west side where Ducks Unlimited and its partners were working on to build containment dikes, fill in and use hydraulic dredging from Catfish Lake. That project should be complete by the middle of summer.

LEVEE CENTERLINE GRAPH

Mr. Curole drew the board’s attention to the Levee Centerline Graph on the meeting room wall. He explained the areas where levee improvements had been made in comparison to the line that the flood insurance map says the levees should be. Mr. Curole pointed out the areas that were the most critical, mainly on the east side levee, and stated that those would receive priority improvements.

GIS ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENT – ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Curole requested the board pass a resolution authorizing the board president to sign upon approval of our attorney.

Moved by Mitch Danos, and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously agreed to authorize the board president to sign the GIS Engineering Professional Agreement upon the approval of the board’s attorney.

GOMESA FUNDS, STATE AND PARISH

Mr. Curole stated that Mr. Daniel Lorraine spoke on the GOMESA funds earlier in the meeting.

WEST SIDE EROSION REPAIRS: ADDITIONAL SHEET PILES AND CONTRACTOR WORK

Mr. Curole recalled the photos of erosion repairs shown during his slide presentation, and requested the board approve an additional \$35K to continue the repairs.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Keith Guidry, and unanimously accepted, the board approved spending up to \$35,000 for additional repairs to the West Side Erosion Repairs.

Mr. Curole stated that our engineers had informed us that there was more material that could be taken out of the borrow canal, up to an additional 250,000 cubic yards of excavation at the unit price of \$3/c.y. for a total not to exceed \$750,000. Mr. Curole suggested the board call Executive Committee meeting to discuss.

President Callais questioned if there were any issues with the new owner of the Eymard Shooting Academy. Mr. Curole stated there had been no problems at all. Attorney Ray Collins informed the board that he had spoken with Mr. Lee Bruce recently, and thanked him on behalf of the levee board for his cooperation. Mr. Curole added that Mr. Lee spoke with him before leasing the range, and stated his willingness to work with the levee district.

PERMIT MEETING WITH DNR SECRETARY, THOMAS HARRIS

Mr. Curole stated that with regard to the retention pond permit, he and John Plaisance met with Mr. Thomas Harris, Secretary of DNR and Chief the previous week. He explained that there was one paragraph in the permit where DNR was saying the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries wants us to do mitigation. Mr. Curole stated that he had reviewed the letter and the law states that if there was no mitigation, then there were no issues with the permit. But if there was mitigation, please do this. DNR is ignoring the fact that Wildlife & Fisheries says they are okay with the permit. John Plaisance added that they were drafting a letter to LA Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to remove that paragraph from the letter.

REACH K LEVEE – MORGANZA TO THE GULF

Mr. Curole stated that the job was complete and looked great.

GENERAL KAISER PROMOTION

Mr. Curole stated that General Kaiser was being promoted from Vicksburg to National Headquarters in DC. He has been instrumental in saving time and money on projects.

LAROSE "TED GISCLAIR" FLOODGATE IMPROVEMENT – STEEL PARAPET WALL

Mr. Curole stated this item was discussed during the slide presentation.

LA 1 HWY FLOODGATE AT THE LEON THERIOT LOCK

Mr. Curole stated this item was discussed during the slide presentation.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Regional Operations Manager Daniel Dearmond reported the following:

T-78 is the CPRA section of Reach L, Morganza to the Gulf project. Phylway Construction is the contractor. The project is 70% complete with embankment. We are expecting completion by July or August. We are waiting on CPRA to give us a geotechnical analysis on the slope so we can continue our work.

Mitch Marmande explained that the reason it was important to get the information from CPRA, was because the rest of our money for Reaches K & L was tied up in what the mitigation project was going to cost.

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 been working on the roadway base work. They will begin to drive sheet piles and the foundation work in this week.
 - Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$66,332.20

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$66,332.20.

- **Section E-South Excavation Along Borrow Canal**
Southern Delta Construction, L.L.C. is the contractor. The contractor is continuing to dredge.
 - Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$ 31,525.74

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$31,525.74.

- **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 fabrication and installation of the steel parapet wall and drilling of holes in the concrete slab are complete. They are working on punch list items now.
 - Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$ 35,901.00

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$35,901.00.

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

- We received bids on March 21st at 10:00 a.m. Sealevel Construction, Inc. as the low bidder in the amount of \$2,365,351.50 for the base bid and \$85,936.00 for the Alternate 1 bid, for a total of \$2,451,287.50.
 - Approval to award project Sealevel Construction low bid, \$2,451,387.50

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously accepted, the board authorized awarding the project subject to approval by our engineers, and funding by the State of Louisiana through CPRA.

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**
We have already discussed the meeting we had with DNR. We are progressing with the geotech work where we will tie into the levee.
- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**
We have consultants working together to get information to us on the crane.

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. 23 in the amount of \$302,091.57.
 - Pay Request No. 23 in the amount of \$302,091.57

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 23 in the amount of \$302,091.57.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**
The contractor, RLB Contracting Inc., is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 19 in the amount of \$152,537.32.
 - Pay Request No. 19 in the amount of \$152,537.32

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 19 in the amount of \$152,537.32.

- **Morganza to the Gulf, Reach L**
We are finalizing plans and specifications for this project to begin advertising in June for levee construction from Apache Farm to Grand Bayou, including options for the Bayou L’Bleu structure.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

- **Update on Reach K Mitigation Project**
NLLD machine has been broken for 90% of this project. We have a limited amount of time and resources. We are only about 65% done with the terrace work, but need to complete. We will be in touch with Windell Curole to have meeting with Dwayne Bourgeois and Reggie Dupre to discuss.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

Reach K & L On Site Excavation

- Contractor began work on August 15, 2017
- Approximately 80% of original contract time has elapsed.
- According to the most recent pay app submitted, the contractor has dredged approximately 1,516,397 cubic yards (\$1,895,496.25) of the 1.6 million plan quantity material from Grand Bayou (93%). These numbers are through February, with the survey currently being processed for the work completed through the month of March.
- Weeks completed the primary excavation work last week. Weeks is completing some minor dressing and drainage work along the alignment.
- All South expects Weeks to request substantial completion shortly.

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 June of 2019.

APTIM ENGINEERS

Laura Barnes reported the following:

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**
We are waiting to receive comments or closeout from CPRA's review of 100% package. Submitted permit modification for barge swing gate.

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 Monty Vegas and unanimously carried, the board approved Letters of No Objection for the following requests:

1. MARATHON PIPE LINE LLC

CUP NO: P20181229

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Crimson Pipeline Terminal (POB) – Lat 29-35-16.55 N / Long. 90-22-18.33 W; LOOP Clovelly Dome Storage Facility (POE) – Lat 29-2820.60 N / Long. 95-15-11.03 W; (see plats for additional information); MPL/Crimson St. James to Clovelly Hub Larose, LA 70373.

DESCRIPTION: Marathon Pipe Line (MPL) proposed construction of approximately 13 mi. of 30-inch crude oil pipeline, Main Line Valve (MLVs), origination station adjacent to the existing Capline Terminal and laydown yard. Pipeline construction will be accomplished via push lay construction. Temporary Construction ROW will be 125 ft. with a permanent ROW of 50 ft. No new access roads will be required to access the proposed work locations. Approximately 10.00 acres of upland habitat, approximately 50.00 acres of non-vegetated waterbottoms, and approximately 200.00 acres of vegetated wetlands may be impacted as a result of this proposed activity.

2. CPRA

CUP NO: P20170043 (Extended)

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-4-1.8N, Long -90-20.08W; Section 1, T24S-R21E, in Timbalier Bay near Port Fourchon.

DESCRIPTION: Proposal to complete CPRA Project TE-118; Restoring East Timbalier Island and West Belle Headland through sediment placement utilizing offshore sand resources located in federal waters (see C20170012), as well as using mixed sediment from State waters. In addition, the project includes a Feeder Beach along West Belle Headland, which would provide sediment to nourish the shoreline, as well as a re-nourishment component at the site of the previously completed West Belle Pass Project TE-52. Approx. 28,861,042 c/y. will be displaced by operations. Approx. 2,250 acres of unconsolidated waterbottoms, saline marsh, saline shoreline, and saline scrub shrub may be impacted by the proposed activities.

REVISION: Initiation extension

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ray Collins 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 Keith Guidry, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

With no further business to discuss, the board unanimously adjourned the meeting on a motion of Roland Curole and seconded by Roland Guidry.

s/Ronald Callais, President

s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary