

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
AUGUST 12, 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, August 12, 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 August 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; Attorneys Ray Collins and Ryan Collins; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, Marc Picciola, Neil Angelette, Ray Mayet, Stevie Smith, Mitch Marmande, Laura Barnes; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Attorney General's Office Doug Cheramie; LPC Daniel Lorraine; Lori Leblanc of Lori Leblanc, LLC; GLPC Mike Callais, and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the July 8, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Bob Faulk and seconded by McNeely Rome.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Callais announced that a request was made to amend the agenda to add Emergency Declaration.

Upon a motion by Bob Faulk and seconded by Clarence Marts, a rollcall vote was taken. With 9 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absent and 0 Abstained, Emergency Declaration was added to the agenda.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

President Callais read the declaration as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-03
DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY –
IMMINENT THREAT OF FLOODING DUE TO HURRICANE BARRY**

WHEREAS, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 111 JBE 2019 on July 10, 2019, declaring a state of emergency for Louisiana due to the imminent threat of emergency conditions from storm surge, hurricane/tropical force winds, and heavy rains associated with Invest 92L (Hurricane Barry), and

WHEREAS, the South Lafourche Levee District acknowledges the severity of the continuing flood threat as a direct result of Hurricane Barry, the damage caused by its landfall along the Louisiana coast, and key vulnerabilities in the levee system requiring immediate action for the protection of the people and property of South Lafourche, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Lafourche Levee District Board of Commissioners hereby declares a state of emergency, retroactive July 10, 2019, due to the imminent threat of emergency conditions associated with Hurricane Barry, the continuing flood threat as a direct result of Hurricane Barry and the damage caused by its landfall along the Louisiana coast.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Roland Guidry, Resolution 19-03 Emergency Declaration was unanimously accepted.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

COUNCILMAN DANIEL LORRAINE

Councilman Lorraine complimented the SLLD for its accomplishments. He stated that he was running for re-election for Councilman District 9 and would appreciate consideration.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole stated that for Hurricane Barry we received six feet of storm tide and high winds, with continuous winds up to 40mph and gusts up to 50mph. Mr. Curole informed the board that we had pumped the borrow canals down to -7.0 with two people on each side of the bayou working during the storm. Mr. Curole then showed photos that were taken around the levee system during and after the storm. The slides showed the water over LA 1 south of the Leon Theriot Lock, located two miles south of Golden Meadow, and water at various areas. Additional photos showed storm debris against the levee and stated that pilings and heavy objects would be removed first to avoid damage to the levee should another storm come through. Construction slides showed photos of areas where the levee was lowered in two areas to allow the contractors' equipment to be moved across the levee. The levee alteration near Pump Station No. 1 in Golden Meadow was complete and had been closed. The one near Pump Station No. 2 would be closed within the next week or two. Mr. Curole reiterated that a backup plan to use Hesco Baskets and other methods was in place should another storm threaten our area. Photos of the LA 1 Hwy Realignment and Floodwall followed with Mr. Curole updating the board on the construction progress. He showed photos of the gate which had been delivered to the work site. Mr. Curole showed samples of the new camera system that was in place at the Ted Gisclair Floodgate in Larose. Final slides shown were of storm damage to Reaches K & L of the Morganza to the Gulf project. A lengthy discussion pursued.

HURRICANE BARRY RERORT

Mr. Curole reported water levels at the lock (5 ft) and floodgate (2.6 ft.) during the storm. There was no real threat from water around the system. Mr. Curole stated that he had spoken with people with the LAMP process and learned that the 100-year rainfall for our area is 14 inches in 24 hours. We will continue to improve our system in anticipation of greater surge from a more powerful hurricane.

DAMAGE TO LAROSE FLOODGATE

Mr. Curole announced that a boat had hit the floodgate in Larose back in June. He stated that we were attempting to get repairs made by the vessel owner, but that had not occurred. Attorney Ray Collins was now working to get the owner to pay for damages which were estimated to cost approximately \$9,000.

AGREEMENT WITH CPRA AND SLLD FOR LAROSE TO GOLDEN MEADOW PROJECTS; E-SOUTH & LAROSE FLOODGATE, STATE# TE-0154

Mr. Curole stated that an agreement was needed between the levee district and CPRA for Section E-South and Larose Floodgate. He stated that he had met with CPRA last week and was trying to have Section E-North added to the agreement with E-South and the Larose Floodgate. Mr. Curole added that there was enough money available from the state through CPRA to take care of all three projects. Permission to sign the agreement, upon attorney approval, was already obtained from the board. Mr. Curole stated that he was expecting the agreement to come in soon.

CPRA AGREEMENTS WITH:

- 1. SLLD (Grand Bayou Floodgate) State# TE-0151, and**
- 2. NLLD, TLCD & SLLD (Reaches K & L, Grand Bayou Floodgate) CEA**

Mr. Curole stated that all agreements were ready to be signed. Prior approval from the board had already been obtained. Attorney Collins recommended the agreements be signed.

AGREEMENT WITH LAFOURCHE PARISH, TERREBONNE PARISH, NLLD, TLCD AND SLLD FOR INTERIM PROTECTION OF POINT-AUX-CHENE LEVEE, IGA & CEA

Mr. Curole explained that there was some flooding to the Point-Aux-Chen community, and the agreement with Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes, Terrebonne Levee, North Lafourche Levee and South Lafourche Levee Districts would join together on the interim protection project. He added that Attorney Collins had reviewed the agreement and it was acceptable to sign. Mr. Curole recommended the board approve the signing of the agreement with the five entities for the interim protection of Point-Aux-Chene Levee.

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board authorized the General Manager to sign the agreement with Lafourche Parish, Terrebonne Parish, Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District, North Lafourche Levee & Drainage District, and South Lafourche Levee District.

CAPITAL OUTLAY 2019-2020

Mr. Curole explained that \$1,000,000 had been funded through Capital Outlay and it was being used for the La 1 Hwy Realignment and Floodwall Project. He added that we were still waiting to see if any additional money would become available.

COST-SHARE AGREEMENT WITH GLPC FOR LEON THERIOT LOCK OPERATIONS

Mr. Curole informed the board that an agreement for lock operations we had with the Greater Lafourche Port Commission would be up for renewal in September. He added that the Port had been very helpful in the past donating \$200,000 per year to cover labor costs to operate the lock. He added that the total cost of lock operations was approximately \$225,000 per year, but that the Levee District would continue to cover the difference. He stated that he would be speaking to the Port Commission about renewing the agreement for an additional five years.

E-SOUTH INTERIM IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 2 - COSTS

Mr. Curole stated that the dredging portion of the project was finished, and we now needed to hire a second contractor to shape the levee.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond gave the following report:

On Reach L (Apache Farm) we've had some delays with Phylway due to the weather after Barry making everything too wet. They are back now moving dirt, clearing debris and degrassing. They are delayed with the embankment by about a month. We are looking at Sept 1st for possible embankment, and Oct 1st for demobilization if the weather holds. There has been lots of ponding, but no major issues. Most everything has drained well. No constructed levees overtopped. The old levee is at variable heights and there was some overtopping. Some areas were as low as 3 and 4 feet which resulted in overtopping and the loss of some material.

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 completed pouring concrete. The gate will be set in place this week. Roadway tie in will be a nighttime operation beginning on Wednesday this week. They will not work on Friday and Saturday night.
 - Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$130,184.70

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$130,184.70.

- **Section E-South Excavation Along Borrow Canal**

Southern Delta Construction, L.L.C. is the contractor. The contractor is complete with the project. We have the final balancing Change Order and Certificate of Substantial Completion on the Agenda for approval.

- Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$15,953.31
- Change Order No. 1 for a deduction of \$35,999.20

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$15,953.31, and Change Order No. 1 for a deduction in the amount of \$35,999.20.

- **Section E-South Shaping & Grading, Ph 2**

The project will be to take materials from first phase and put it on the levee to bring the elevation to a +15'. This project will be from PS No. 6 north to the turn at Clovelly Farms. Plans are complete and approval has been received from CPRA. We will advertise for bids starting this Friday. Estimated cost is \$400,000. Recommendation to advertise for bids.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board authorized Picciola & Associates to design and advertise for bid, Section E-South Interim Improvements, Phase 2 Shaping and Grading.

- **Larose Floodgate Improvement and Protection – Ph 4, Steel Parapet Wall**

Sealevel Construction, Inc. is the contractor. The contractor has submitted the Clear Lien Certificate and Request for Retainage.

- Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$10,840.00

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$10,840.00.

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

Sealevel Construction, Inc. is the contractor. The contractor is currently prepping and coating the steel H-Beams and sheet pile. They are also prepping to do the test piles next week.

- Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$75,240.00

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$75,240.00.

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC

Engineer Ray Mayet reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**

We received DNR permit, but not from USACE. We have supplied additional geotechnical information that was requested.

- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**

Levee District personnel have relocated the exhaust and lights. The crane is currently being fabricated in Houston and should be complete mid-September.

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. 27 in the amount of \$244,510.99.

- Pay Request No. 27 in the amount of \$244,510.99

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 27 in the amount of \$244,510.99.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

RLB Contracting, Inc. has completed the work on this project and is starting to de-mobilize from the site. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 22 in the amount of \$364,117.52. We are also recommending approval of the Certificate of Substantial Completion as of July 8, 2019.

- Pay Request No. 22 in the amount of \$364,117.52

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 22 in the amount of \$364,117.52.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously approved, the board accepted the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

General Manager Windell Curole stated that the contractor had completed placing the material to be used to raise C-South. He recommended the board authorize Angelette-Picciola to design, advertise and award the project which would involve placing the material on the levee to bring the height up to approximately 18 ft. from Bully Camp to Apache Farm. Mr. Angelette stated that the estimated available material was around 400,000 cu. yds.

Moved by Clarence Marts and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board authorized Angelette-Picciola to design, advertise and award to move available material onto Section C-South Levee to bring the levee height up to approximately 18 ft.

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

We are currently finalizing the review of the plans and specifications on this project to begin advertising for levee construction from Apache Farms 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**

The terraces were damaged by Hurricane Barry and we are currently assessing how much material was lost. Our intent is to file FEMA claims on all mitigations. TLCD had lot of damage to Reach J-2 which connects Montigue and Point-Aux-Chene and affects Reach L levee. We are considering redirecting some of the Morganza funds making Point-Aux-Chene area more of a priority. Nothing has been finalized as we are still in discussions with CPRA, but we'll keep the board informed. We may also consider using some of the GOMESA funds that are coming to us. Some may be used to reshape Reaches K & L to help protect Point-Aux-Chene.

Grand Bayou Floodgate will move forward as soon as we have the agreements signed.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

Reach K & L Hurricane Barry Response

- Hurricane Barry overtopped several areas along Reach K, which allowed water into the Point Aux Chene community.
- All South worked with SLLD, TLCD, and NLLD to devise and implement a plan to address low and overtopped area.
- TLCD allowed FROGCO marsh buggy to move to site to begin recovering washed out material on July 21. This work continues to this day.
- TPCG buggy arrived on site last week. Clearing debris off the face of the site.
- Solicited quotes for shaping and grading of southern most section on July 23, 2019. SBL awarded bid of \$10,250.00, and began work this week.

Reach K Marsh Mitigation

- Bid opening was held on June 18, 2019, and SLLD awarded bid to Coastal Dredging in the amount of \$1,850,000.
- Due to Hurricane Barry, and the need for other funds along Reach K, the SLLD, TLCD, NLLD, and State have been investigating other options for funding this project.
- Expect we'll have concurrence from all parties on the appropriate funding stream this week, and will exchange contract paperwork, and schedule pre-construction.

Reach K Access Road

- Clear Lien – release retainage to Weeks Marine, Contractor: Pay Request No. 18 in the amount of \$135,542.19

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously agreed to release retainage to the contractor, Weeks Marine, through Pay Request No. 18 in the amount of \$135,542.19.

APTIM ENGINEERS

Laura Barnes reported the following:

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**

APTIM received the USACE permit for the project. Responses were submitted to CPRA. We are still awaiting comment closeout. The IGA is in the process of being executed by SLLD.

Mr. Windell Curole requested the board authorize the advertisement for bid once all items were resolved.

On a Motion by Mitch Danos and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board authorized APTIM, upon resolution of all outstanding issues, to advertise for bid the Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that five permit requests were received for review, and that none interfered with the levee.

On a motion of Mitch Danos, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously carried, the board approved Letters of No Objection for the following requests:

1. GRAND ISLE SEA FARM LLC

CUP NO: P20190443

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-09-55.9N / Long -90-08-57.2W; Port Fourchon, 70357

DESCRIPTION: Proposed installation of on-bottom and off-bottom oyster aquaculture cages. The proposed cages will measure approximately 41 inches x 48 inches and will be strung together along 44 lines varying length. Approximately 49 acres of open water habitat will be impacted by the proposed activities.

2. DISCOVERY GAS TRANSMISSION LLC

CUP NO: P20190702

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Begin P/L lowering (location 1) – Lat. 29-13-25.08 N / Long. 90-17-02.64 W; End P/L lowering (location 1) – Lat. 29-13-17.07 N / Long. 90-17-0170 W (see plats for specific project coordinates); approximately 10.5 mi. south of Golden Meadow, LA.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed lowering of an existing 30" pipeline in 2 locations. The pipeline will be lowered utilizing a self-propelled jack up barge equipped with pumps. The pumps will displace approximately 1,040 cu yds of native material which will be excavated and placed onsite (sidecast) in open water. Approximately 2.00 acres of non-vegetated waterbottoms may be impacted as a result of this proposed activity.

3. HARVEST MIDSTREAM

CUP NO: P20190589

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-22-27.79, Long. 90-17-4.45; Sections 5 and 6, T20S-R22E; Sections 1 and 2, T20S-R21E; Sections 6, 7, 17, 18, 20-23, 25, 26, T19S-R20E; Sections 16 and 17, T19S-R21E; Sections 1-4, 22-34, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, 65, T18S-R19E; Sections 2 and 3, T18S-R18E; Sections 11, 12, 22, 23, 30, 31, 37, 40, 41, T17S-R18E; Sections 22-24, T17S-R17E; Sections 72-77, T19S-R21E;

DESCRIPTION: Proposed cline lowering along the 12" Golden Meadow to Houma pipeline. Approximately 2,256 cubic yards of waterbottoms will be jetted to lower the line. Additionally,

approximately 3, 907 cubic yards of dredged material will be used to cover the line neat the marsh. Approximately 58 cubic yards of concrete required. Approximately 35 cubic yards of sand required. Approximately 0.91 acre of waterbottom and 0.01 acre of marsh may be impacted by the proposed project.

4. CRIMSON MIDSTREAMLLC

CUP NO: P20190518

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; POB of 20" line Lat 29 28 34.18N, Long -90 15 40.84W, POE Lat 29 27 14.53N, Long -50 15 58.20W; Section 31, T18S-R22E; Section 7, T19S-R22E; see plats for additional coordinates.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed to install approximately 1.85 miles of a 20" pipeline to support the transport of product between existing facilities. Approx. 38,488 cy of material may be displaced by operations. Approx 22 acres of uplands, bottomland hardwood, open water and fresh marsh habitat may be impacted by proposed activities.

5. ACE PIPELINE LLC

CUP NO: P20181347

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 30-00-20.72 N / Long -90-51-34.92 W (Point of Beginning Station 0+00); Lat 29-28-19.29 n / Long -90-15-06.92 W (Point of Ending Station 3074+16-see drawing, Sheet 43 for all Station coordinates)

DESCRIPTION: Proposed construction of approximately 306,761 feet (58.1 miles) of 30-inch diameter crude oil pipeline from an existing terminal in St James, LA to the LOOP Facility near Galliano LA. A total of approximately 1,905,885 cubic yards of excavation/filling may impact a total of 820 acres of wetlands, non-wetlands and waterbottom for this project (see application and drawing for details).

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.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Monty Vegas reported that the Personnel Committee meeting had been rescheduled for next month.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Mitch Danos requested Levee District employees park in back parking on meeting days to allow commissioners to park under the trees and not on the road.

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