

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 9, 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, September 9, 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 September 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 6 Mary Punch; Administrative Assistant 3 Amy Gisclair; Levee Board Operations Superintendent Drake Baudoin; Attorney Ray 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; Marla Abel candidate for judge, René Gautreaux candidate for judge, Ernest Boudreaux candidate for State Representative, Joe Fertitta candidate for Parish President, Dickie Bouvier, and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Bob Faulk and seconded by Mitch Danos.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ALBL 2019 ANNUAL MEETING – DEC 4-5, 2019, HILTON RIVERSIDE, NEW ORLEANS

President Callais announced that the December ALBL Conference would be held on Dec. 4th and 5th. He requested each member contact Ms. Mary Punch to make arrangements to attend.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

René Gautreaux

Mr. Gautreaux announced that he was running for District Judge. He gave a brief background of his qualifications and thanked everyone in advance for considering him for the position.

Marla Abel

Ms. Abel announced that she was running for District Judge. She gave a brief background of her qualifications and thanked everyone in advance for considering her for the position.

Ernest Boudreaux

Mr. Boudreaux announced that he was running for State Representative District 54. He gave a brief background of his qualifications and thanked everyone in advance for considering him for the position.

Joe Fertitta

Mr. Fertitta announced that he was running for Parish President. He gave a brief background of his qualifications and thanked everyone in advance for considering him for the position.

Daniel Lorraine

Mr. Lorraine announced that he was running for re-election of Parish Councilman. He gave a brief background of his qualifications and thanked everyone in advance for considering him for the position.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole started the presentation with slides of Hurricanes Betsy and Juan, showing the flooding and damage that occurred for both. From there he showed work around the levee system which included aerials of Larose Floodgate Area A-Frame Wall, updates on work around Sections B-North and South which included marsh growth and terraces. Aerials provided by Picciola and Associates showed the new floodgate and realignment of LA Hwy 1 south of Golden Meadow. Mr. Curole then moved into Morganza to the Gulf (MTG) with a map that outlined the project in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes. Other slides showed water control structures, project updates and storm damage that occurred in the MTG project from Hurricane Barry.

GOVERNOR'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON GOMESA FUNDING

Mr. Curole announced that several board members had attended the Governor's Press Conference announcing some of the GOMESA funds that were available. He stated that he would like to use the GOMESA funds designated to the South Lafourche Levee District for the Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall, and requested board authorization for the project. He explained that the project would raise the floodwall to 17 ft which would match the height of the levee adjoining it.

President Callais questioned whether it would be feasible to raise to over 17 ft. to avoid having to go back later and raise again. Mr. Curole stated that we would do whatever was feasible. He explained that since the new sheetpile would be attached to the current sheet wall, there would be limitations on the height that could be structurally obtained.

On a motion by Roland Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously agreed to authorize the board President to sign any documents and agreements necessary to move forward with the Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall project.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE EXCAVATOR FOR PUMP STATION

Mr. Curole informed the board that Pump Station No. 4 by Yankee Canal was built a little higher than the other pump stations. The small excavators do not have a long enough reach to extract vegetation and debris. Mr. Curole requested the board authorize President Callais to decide what method to use in obtaining an excavator, whether it be on State Contract, bid or lease purchase.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board authorized President Ronald Callais to determine the best method of purchasing an excavator to use at Pump Station No. 4 from the options of (1) advertising for bid, (2) governmental lease purchase, or (3) State Contract.

PRESIDENTIAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION – HURRICANE BARRY

Mr. Curole announced that the Presidential Emergency Declaration was opened now to levee repairs. He explained that we would file claims with FEMA who usually provides 75% reimbursement for work associated with Hurricane Barry.

GOLDEN MEADOW PUMP STATION FLOODWALL ELEVATION

The Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall Elevation was discussed under the Governor's Press Conference on GOMESA Funding.

CPRA AGREEMENT FOR GRAND BAYOU FLOODGATE

Mr. Curole stated that the agreement with CPRA for the floodgate was fully executed. He requested the board authorize President Callais to work with APTIM on advertising the project.

On a motion by Mitch Danos, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously carried, the board agreed to authorize the board president to work with APTIM in moving forward with the advertising of the Grand Bayou Floodgate project.

LA HWY 1 SWING GATE

Mr. Curole announced that the swing gate was in place and ready to work.

HURRICANE DORIAN

Mr. Curole stated that Hurricane Dorian was a powerful storm that reeked destruction in the Bahamas. He compared it to Isaac's lingering over our area for about 36 hours as only a Cat 1 hurricane, as opposed to if it had been a Cat 4 or 5. Mr. Curole stated that when we go through a hurricane, we wait for the wind to change direction because it would be pushing from the land. When living on an island, the winds from a hurricane hit you from all directions. Mr. Curole added that we had been fortunate to not receive powerful lingering storms such as Dorian.

ASCE CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY DISASTER AID, REACH K

Mr. Curole stated that we would be contracting for Emergency Disaster Aid for Reach K and would like the board to authorize the Executive Committee to choose a contractor. He added that we would put out an RFP for FEMA work, and the Committee could make the decision on who would get the job.

Moved by Bob Faulk, and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board authorized the Executive Committee to make a decision on choosing the contractor for FEMA disaster relief work.

PS NO. 4 OVERHEAD CRANE INSTALLATION

Mr. Curole stated that the crane had been installed and, as of today, was in working order. A photo of the crane was placed in board member packets.

B-NORTH & SOUTH: APPROVAL TO ADD ADDITIONAL 67,000 CU YDS OF MATERIAL FOR \$200,000

Mr. Curole stated that at \$3 per cu yd, it would be hard to find material at that low of a cost in the future. He recommended the board expand the quantity for the B-North and South project by adding an additional 67,000 cubic yards of material at a cost of \$3 per cubic yards for a total \$200,000.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Bob Faulk, the board unanimously authorized the extension of B-North & South project to add an additional 67,000 cubic yards of material at a total cost of \$200,000.

E-NORTH TEMPORARY SERVITUDE AND R-O-W AGREEMENT

Mr. Curole explained that the levees at Clovelly Farms had subsided by two feet and that we had been working to get a right-of-way agreement to dig material to bring the low areas back up to their previous height. He further explained that the area was lower than the flood insurance allowed so that could affect the ability to have Preferred Risk for a lot of people. Mr. Curole stated that the agreement had been signed and that we were ready to move forward with the project. He requested the board authorize the advertisement to bid for the project.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board authorized Picciola and Associates to advertise for bid, the E-North Levee Improvements Project.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond reported the following:

Reach L (TE-078)

Photos were shown of Reach L earlier during the slide presentation. Phylway Construction is almost complete with the embankment and the elevation is ready to shape. They will demobilize soon after seeding the levee.

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 putting the gate in place and laying asphalt. They will be striping, putting in guard rail and tearing out the old roadway this week.
 - Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$305,184.44**Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$305,184.44.**
- **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. Test Pile program is complete
 - Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$24,999.06**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$24,999.06.**
- **Levee Section E-South Excavation Along Borrow Canal**
Southern Delta Construction, L.L.C. is the contractor. The contractor is complete with the project and we are in the lien period.

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC

Engineer Ray Mayet reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**
The Corps continues to analyze the two main tie-ins to the levee.
- **Pump Station No. 4 Upgrades**
Relocation of engine exhaust and building lights are complete. The crane and structural components have been prefabricated and assembled in the PHD shop. Field installation is scheduled to commence on Sept. 9, 2019.

LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **B-North & B-South Levee Improvements**
The contractor, Pontchartrain Part, LLC, is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 28 in the amount of \$98,052.65.
 - Pay Request No. 28 in the amount of \$98,052.65**Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 28 in the amount of \$98,052.65.**
- **Morganza to the Gulf, Reach L**
We met last week with the Levee District and the CPRA to finalize the scope and budget for this project. We are finalizing plans and specifications 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**
The mitigation project has been on hold while the marsh buggies have been busy in other areas with emergency work. To supplement terrace work, we will try to add to the marsh creation.

We plan to go to bid on Reaches K & L in a couple months. That will bring us under construction from Point Aux Chene to Larose.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

Reach K & L On Site Excavation

K and L Hurricane Barry Response

- Hurricane Barry overtopped several areas along Reach K, which allowed water in to the Point Aux Chenes community.
- The FROGCO buggy has been working in the overtopped areas since the week of July 22. The buggy has performed emergency repairs to most of the overtopped areas, and is working in the southernmost overtopped area.
- The Terrebonne Parish Government provided a marsh buggy for this operation as well. This buggy was used primarily to remove the debris from the outside of the levee. This work is completed.
- SBL is shaping the southernmost 2,700' of levee. This work has been significantly impacted by rain in the last month. There should be good progress this week.

Reach K Marsh Mitigation

- Pre-construction meeting scheduled for September 10. Project duration set for 150 calendar days.
- Bid opening was held on June 18, 2019, and SLLD awarded bid to Coastal Dredging in the amount of \$1,850,000.

APTIM ENGINEERS

Laura Barnes reported the following:

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**
APTIM received confirmation from CPRA that all comments have been closed out. Waiting on fully executed IGA to advertise bids.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that three permit requests were received for review.

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

1. **COALITION TO RESTORE COASTAL LOUISIANA**
LOCATION: Jefferson Parish, LA; Lat. 29° 22' 44.31"N and Long. 90° 01' 3.35"W"; Hackberry Bay, Section 3; T20S-R24E; and Section 4; T20S-R24E
DESCRIPTION: As part of our oyster reef restoration efforts, the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana will use up to 1,270 cubic yards of oyster shell, crushed limestone, recycled concrete, or a combination of those materials placed in low profile gabion units to protect up to 5,676 linear feet of shoreline in Hackberry Bay. The reef will be constructed in segments to allow gapping for fish passage, promote oyster growth, and reduce shoreline erosion.
2. **CAILOUET LAND LLC**
CUP NO: P20131126 (Extended)
LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29° 08' 17"N and Long. 90° 13' 06"W; POE Bulkhead: Lat. 29° 8' 34"N and Long. 90° 13' 06"W; POB bulkhead: Lat. 29° 8' 00"N and Long. 90° 13' 07"W; POE Beneficial Use of Dredged Material: Lat. 29° 08' 34"N and Long. 90° 14' 01"W; Bayou Lafourche; Sections 3 and 10; T23S-R22E; Port Fourchon; approximately 9 miles southerly from Leeville.
DESCRIPTION: Proposed port-development project (Caillouet Land Bulkhead, Reclamation and Beneficial Use of Dredge Material plan which includes: (1) the construction of a previously permitted bulkhead, (2) construction of four boat slips (3) the dredging of portion of Bayou Lafourche and the Flotation Canal and (4) the restoration of +/-14.3 acres of marsh in an abandoned pipeline canal located west of Bayou Lafourche through the Beneficial Use of Dredge Material (BUMAT) plan. Approximately 108,000 cubic yards to be excavated for boat slips and

placed in stockpile area. Approximately 317,000 cubic yards to be excavated from Bayou Lafourche and placed in stockpile area. Approximately 42,000 cubic yards to be excavated from Flootation Canal and place in stockpile area. Approximately 250,370 cubic yards of the excavated material to be suction dredged and used as backfill in an existing abandoned pipeline canal (+/- 130') to restore and create marsh. Approximately 216,630 cubic yards of the excavated material to be stockpiled onsite. Approximately 80 acres of waterbottom and land may be impacted as a result of the proposed excavation and fill activities.

REVISION 1: Permit extension

3. Entergy (After the Fact)

Emergency repair of the Barataria-Golden Meadow Transmission Line Structure 55 and 62 located in Lafourche Parish. This work involved marsh buggy access and 100-foot wide by 100-foot long work areas. No subsurface work was performed. The closest work location was approximately 278-feet from the centerline of the levee. All work occurred on the flood side of the Larose to Golden Meadow – East, Sections A, D, E and F Levee in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the Personnel Committee had met earlier to review the completion of Six Month Probational Status for MEO 1 Mason Snell. Mr. Vegas recommended moving Mr. Snell to Permanent Status in the MEO 1 position.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously agreed to move Mobile Equipment Operator 1, Mason Snell, to Permanent Status.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Curole announced that tomorrow, Sep 10th, would be the middle of hurricane activity.

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