

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 18, 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, November 18, 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
 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 Ben Hodson, Neil Angelette, Stevie Smith, John Picciola and Kevin DeZarn (Aptim); LPC Daniel Lorraine; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ALBL CONFERENCE DEC 4-5, 2019

President Callais reminded the board of the upcoming ALBL Conference in New Orleans.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no audience comments.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole showed photos of wall failures contributed to Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He explained the reasons for the erosions around the walls which lead to some walls collapsing. He also showed the photos of the before and after where water overtopped the levee, but the levee still stood. He explained the reason for the photos was that he had been speaking with the engineers on ways to improve on our levee floodwalls.

Mr. Curole showed slides of work progress on the Larose A-Frame wall and explained the benefits of the A-Frame wall over a standard straight wall. Work along levees in C-North, B-North and B-South followed. Other slides included the B-North terraces, erosion repairs near PS No. 8, and photos of completed levees now covered in grass. The LOOP wall was expanded to reach the 17 ft. height of the levee on either side. Mr. Curole showed a slide of the newly installed overhead crane in PS No. 4 which will offer a much safer way of moving heavy equipment for the employees.

Mitigation work on Reach K levee, along with recent levee work along Reach L, showed progress being made in those areas. Final slides showed damaged sheet piles along A-East that occurred during Hurricane Barry. Mr. Curole informed the board that we would need to bid out the project, but that we would also be filing a claim with FEMA for the replacement of those sheet piles. He recommended the board authorize the advertising for the replacement of the sheet piles.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Bob Faulk, the board unanimously agreed to advertise A-East Sheetpile Replacement.

D-SOUTH CRAWFISH FARM FLOODWALL IMPROVEMENT

Mr. Curole explained that the project was near the Chouest Crawfish Farm and it would involve raising the floodwall from 13 ft. to 17 ft. He recommended the board authorize President Callais to sign any documents or agreements necessary to allow GIS Engineers to start working on the project.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously authorized the president to sign documents to allow GIS Engineering to begin working on the D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall Improvement.

C-SOUTH LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS, ELEVATION TO 18 FT

Mr. Curole explained that the C-South levee project was just north of PS No. 2 on the west side levee system. He stated that engineer Neil Angelette would be advertising for bid for that project soon.

E-SOUTH LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 2

Mr. Curole stated that the E-South project was under construction. He stated that the area was one of the lower areas that could lead to flood insurance issues, if not addressed. The project should be complete by next hurricane season.

CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST

Mr. Curole stated that SLLD had submitted a Capital Outlay Request for \$12M with the majority earmarked for the Larose Lock. He added that some funding for the lock had already been secured, but more was needed.

GOLDEN MEADOW PUMP STATION FLOODWALL, ELEVATE TO 18 FT.

Located behind the Golden Meadow Junior High School, Mr. Curole explained that the Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall would be elevated up to 18 ft. He recommended the board allow President Callais to sign any and all documents necessary to proceed with that project.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously authorized the board president to sign any and all documents necessary for the construction of the Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall project.

LAMP PROGRAM AND FEMA

Mr. Curole stated that before the LAMP program, FEMA required a Corps' authorized levee system before they would include your system on the map for flood insurance. However, Congress said that all levees should be included. This resulted in the LAMP program consisting of 25 test projects throughout the country, with five participants in Louisiana, including Lafourche and Terrebonne. Mr. Curole presented a LAMP map which showed the various elevations inside

our system. He explained the various heights to which new homes and businesses inside our levee system would be required to build. A brief discussion pursued.

LETTER, LAFOURCHE-TERREBONNE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Mr. Curole stated he had received a letter from Jerome Cantrelle (Soil and Water Conservation District) from Lockport complementing our work.

ON-CALL WORK SCHEDULE

Mr. Curole informed the board that field employees currently volunteer to be on a rotation system for on-call duty. He added that field employees were on-call and working 24/7, and when called out to work, it would sometimes be quite demanding on the employees. Mr. Curole stated that they were looking to improve the system for on-call duty.

LAROSE LOCK, ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

Mr. Curole recommended the board authorize the president to sign an engineering agreement with Picciola & Associates for the Larose Lock.

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously authorized President Ronald Callais to sign the engineering agreement with Picciola and Associates for the Larose Lock.

BID RESULTS FOR SALE OF USED 2007 DODGE RAM PICKUP

Mr. Curole announced that we had received one bid for the sale of one used surplus pickup truck in the amount of \$1,092.00, and requested the board accept the bid.

On a motion by Roland Guidry and seconded by Clarence Marts, the board unanimously accepted the bid for one used surplus 2007 Dodge Ram Pickup at the bid price of \$1,092.00 from Lynn's Enterprise, LLC of Purvis, MS.

LETTER OF THANKS TO CONOCOPHILLIPS

Mr. Curole stated that ConocoPhillips had worked closely with the Levee District in setting up environmental projects and terraces. They've also donated right-of-way and property for levee projects. Mr. Curole stated that he would be sending a letter thanking ConocoPhillips for their part in our projects. Mr. Curole added that there were many other people who donated rights-of-way for levee work, for which the board was extremely grateful.

RESOLUTION 19-04, ED PREAU

Mr. Curole stated that he was working on a resolution for Ed Preau. Mr. Curole stated that Mr. Preau had been a great asset in flood protection and would be greatly missed.

QUOTES OR BIDS FOR A-EAST SHEETPILE REPLACEMENT (Hurricane Barry)

Mr. Curole stated that the sheet pile damage was shown and discussed earlier in the meeting, and that quotes would be obtained.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond was not in attendance.

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 are complete with the project and in the Clear Lien period. We are discussing the final balancing change order and stipulated damages with the contractor.

- **Larose Floodgate Improvement and Protection – A Frame and I Wall**
Sealevel Construction, Inc. is the contractor. The contractor is currently driving H-Piles on the job site. They are about a week behind schedule but will be bringing in a second crew to get back on schedule.

- Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$196,588.25

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$196,588.25.

- **Section E-South Grading & Shaping-Ph 2**
Low Land Construction, Co., Inc. was the low bidder. We held a pre-construction meeting and the Notice to Proceed for the project will be issued on Dec. 2, 2019.

- **Section E-North Levee Improvements**
The project surveying and plans/specifications are complete. We submitted the plans/specifications to the state for approval. We are ready to advertise for bids once we receive approval.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board authorized the board president to sign any and all agreements and documents, and to advertise for bid upon State approval, for the Section E-North Levee Improvements project.

- **Section D-South Levee Improvements**
We accepted bids on November 8, 2019. SBL Construction, LLC was the low bidder in the amount of \$582,501.37.

Moved by Clarence Marts, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board agreed to award the contract for Section D-South Levee Improvements to SBL Construction, LLC at the low bid price of \$582,501.37.

On this project there are also two rights-of-way that need to be approved. The first is with ConocoPhillips, and the second is with Galliano Cattle Company, LLC. Attorney Ray Collins has prepared the agreement for Galliano Cattle Company, and ConocoPhillips is preparing the other one.

Attorney Ray Collins recommended the board approve the agreements, subject to attorney review.

Moved by McNeely Rome, and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board authorized President Ronald Callais to sign the Galliano Cattle Company and the ConocoPhillips right-of-way agreements, upon the final review and recommendation of the board attorney.

- **Section A-East Levee Improvements**
We were recently awarded this project. We are finished with the survey and the drawings will be complete within the next month.

- **Section F Levee Improvements**
We were recently awarded this project. We will finish the surveying tomorrow. A set of plans will be provided next month.
- **Golden Meadow PS Floodwall**
We were recently awarded this project. We will submit a set of preliminary plans to you in the next two weeks.

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**
We provided requested information to the Corps about a month ago, and have been corresponding with them through emails, with no results. I feel it's time to draft another letter to the Corps.

LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **B-North & B-South Levee Improvements**
The contractor, Pontchartrain Partner's, LLC, is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 29 in the amount of \$159,516.27.

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Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 29 in the amount of \$159,516.27.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**
We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 23 in the amount of \$132,914.08 (retainage) along with approval of Clear Lien Certificate.

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Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 23 in the amount of \$132,914.08.

- **Morganza to the Gulf, Reach L**
We are finalizing plans and specifications for levee construction from Apache Farm to Grand Bayou, including options for the Bayou L'Bleu structure based on our meetings last month with the Levee District and the CPRA.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)
There was no one from Delta Coast in attendance.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

Reach K Hurricane Barry Rehabilitation

- The SLLD authorized the engineering contract with All South at its October meeting.

- All South has acquired the necessary survey data for this work.
- All South is developing a program to address the low area of Reach K in a phased approach.

Reach K Marsh Mitigation

- The contractor has been constructing containment dike for the last 30 days. This work is expected to be completed in the next two weeks.
- The dikes will be allowed to settle for 30 days once completed.

APTIM ENGINEERS

Kevin DeZarn reported the following:

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**
The IGA administered by CPRA for the construction of the floodgate has been executed effective Nov. 1st. We have a proposal in to Mitch Marmande to review the bidding phase of the contract.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that 3 permit requests were received for review, and that none 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. SHELL PIPELINE COMPANY LP

CUP NO: P20190972

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Proposed new platform on Cypress Lumber Canal @ Lat. 29-51-10N, Long. 90-18-55W (see plats for coordinates of Bayou Couba platform expansion) St. Charles Parish / Proposed new platform near Dixie Delta Canal @ Lat. 29-35-03N, Long. 90-16-42W (see plats for coordinates of anomaly repair site) Lafourche Parish.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed construction of two cathodic protection platforms, expansion of an existing platform, and an anomaly repair on the existing Clovelly – Norco 24” pipeline. Approx. 205 cy. yds. of native material will be displaced during this project activities. Approx. 0.90 ac. of fresh marsh habitat may be impacted as a result of this proposed activity.

2. Gremillion, Steve

CUP NO: P20190798

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-33-52.7 N / Long -90-23-12.68 W; Section 44 T17S-R20E, Larose LA 70373.

DESCRIPTION: The project will consist of reclaiming land lost to the Intracoastal Waterway in Larose by placing approx. 10,000 cu yds of dirt and 6,700 cu yds of rock to control future erosion; along with placement of mooring buoys. As much as 1.78 acres of riverine canal water bottom and 3.52 acres of urban habitat could be impacted by this project.

3. HARVEST MIDSTREAM

CUP NO: P20190997

LOCATION: Jefferson, Lafourche Parishes, LA; Dig 113-5: Lat. 29-38-43.4, Long. 90-2-33.3; Dig 113-6: Lat. 29-38-42.5, Long. 90-2-34.78; Dig 113-7: Lat. 29-37-42.4, Long. 90-4-39.2; Dig 113-8: Lat. 29-37-43.1, Long. 90-4-37.6; Dig 113-9: Lat. 29-37-46.2, Long. 90-4-30.8; Dig 113-11: Lat 29-37-47.5, Long. 90-4-28.0; Dig 113-10: Lat. 29-29-39.1, Long. 90-13-

27.4; between Galliano and Belle Chasse; Section 47, T16S-R24E; Section 6, T17S-R24E: Section, T18S-R22E.

DESCRIPTION: Proposal to conduct seven anomaly repairs along the existing 24-inch Clovelly to Meraux pipeline. This work was authorized under OCM permit P20180566 and COE number MVN-2012-02082 (CAM Repair Digs 113-5 to 113-11). A 20' x 40' x 8' work area is required for each site. Approximately 1,659 cubic yards of material will be excavated, temporarily sidecast, and used as backfill immediately upon project completion. All sites will be access through open water and tugboats will be confined to areas with sufficient water depths. The repair sire on marsh will be accessed by airboat only, using the most direct route to the sire to perform the excavation, repairs, and backfill to minimize impacts to wetlands. The marshbuggy will remain in the water and will be access land at any pint. For work on the marsh, an airboat will be used for the excavation. Approximately 0.47 acre of marsh, waterbottom and upland habitat may be impacted by the

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ray Collins stated he 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

GOMESA: Mr. Curole stated that a bill was passed 10 years ago that allowed for offshore oil revenue funding to the state at 37% with a \$500M cap. He stated that while other states had been allowed to spend offshore oil revenues on anything they needed, we were restricted to coastal erosion and flood protection. He explained that there was a bill that would be up for vote by a congressional committee tomorrow and that could change the amount received by the state from 37% to 50%. It would also remove the \$500M cap and increase the area subject to revenue sharing. He further explained that the bill was important and could be very beneficial for us if passed.

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