

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
MARCH 9, 2020**

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, March 9, 2020 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 March was called to order by President Ronald Callais. Commissioner Roland Guidry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Callais directed the secretary to call roll.

Board members present: Ronald Callais
 Roland Guidry
 Bob Faulk (*arrived at 3:04*)
 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 Ryan Collins; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, John Plaisance, Neil Angelette, Stevie Smith, Mitch Marmande, Mike D'Angelo, Laura Barnes; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; LPC Daniel Lorraine; Jimmy Badaeux, Dickie Bouvier, and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by McNeely Rome and seconded by Keith Guidry.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ALBL WORKSHOP

President Callais reminded the board of the upcoming ALBL Workshop that would be held May 7-8, 2020 in Baton Rouge.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole showed videos of past storms, and photos of current and upcoming projects. The first video, courtesy of Mr. Pete Melancon, was filmed during Hurricane Ike (2008) at Clovelly. Mr. Curole explained that there was a 6 ft. storm surge with the levee at a +9 ft. elevation at that time. Mr. Curole showed another video of the same area during Hurricane Rita (2005), with still shots, and flooding in Leeville from Tropical Storm Bill (2003). Mr. Curole then showed photos of the locations of new projects and explained the work that would be needed in each. He also stated that he would be recommending board approval for engineering contracts on each project later in the meeting. Other photos, supplied by engineers Neil Angelette and Joe Picciola, showed progress of current projects

around the levee system. Mr. Curole showed a map provided by Mr. Angelette of areas where additional materials could be removed at the continued low cost of \$3 per cubic yard. Mr. Angelette stated that more information would be explained later during his section.

2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Curole presented the 2021 Proposed Budget for the board and gave a brief description. He recommended the board accept the budget as presented.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Bob Faulk, the board unanimously accepted the Proposed FY 2020 Budget as presented.

BID RESULTS FOR REPAIRS OF FPI PUMP

Mr. Curole announced that the low bidder for repairs to the spare pump was from Wisconsin. There were concerns with sending the pump so far away without being able to do weekly inspections in person as we had for the other pumps. After meeting with the board president and attorney it was advised that the board should reject all bids.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously agreed to reject all bids for the repairs of the FPI Pump.

APPROVAL FOR ALL PROJECT AGREEMENTS, ENGINEERING TO CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Curole referred to the slides for each of the projects listed and requested the board authorize the board president to sign engineering agreements for each.

- Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall
- D-South Levee Elevation
- D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall
- Section F Berm
- A-East Bayou Lafourche Water Retention
- D-North Ramp
- C-South Levee Shaping
- A-East Berm
- Larose Floodwall Vessel Impact Barrier
- Larose Navigational Lock

Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board authorized the President to enter into agreements with board engineers for the proposed projects.

MORGANZA ACTION COALITION: AUTHORIZE BOARD PRESIDENT TO NEGOTIATE UPCOMING DUES

Mr. Curole recommended the board allow President Callais to negotiate whether or not to continue the agreement with Morganza Action Coalition.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board authorized President Ronald Callais, upon recommendation of board attorney, to negotiate the continuation of the agreement and dues with the Morganza Action Coalition.

LEASE AGREEMENT FOR BOAT DOCK RENTAL IN LAROSE

Mr. Curole explained the benefit of leasing the boat dock located in Larose that would allow contractor access to the Morganza projects. He recommended the board authorize President Callais to sign the agreement, based upon the recommendation of our board's attorney, and concurrence of TLCD Director Reggie Dupre and Program Manager Mitch Marmande.

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board authorized President Ronald Callais to enter into an agreement with Grantly, LLC and Richmond Trees, LLC to lease a boat dock at the end of Tamplet Lane in Larose, LA.

Mr. Curole offered his gratitude to Mr. Pete Melancon and explained that Mr. Melancon would be providing for levee district use, a copy of the YouTube video that was shown earlier during the slide presentation.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond reported that he had spoken with, and received email from, CPRA Project Manager James McMenis. He explained that there was GOMESA funding tied to some of our SLLD projects. Mr. Curole explained that since four (4) projects using GOMESA funding would not be available for at least a year, we would like to shift that money to future projects and use our available funds for the immediate projects.

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 the Lien Period has expired. The Clear Lien Certificate was presented to us in January. We have agreed to a change order to charge 36 days of stipulated damages.

We are presenting Change Order No. 2 for a deduction of \$36,000.00 and twenty-five (25) days of contract time.

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Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 2 for a deduction of \$36,000.00 and twenty-five (25) days of contract time.

- Pay Request No. 11 in the amount of \$90,024.11

Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 11 in the amount of \$90,024.11.

- **Larose Floodgate Improvement and Protection – A Frame and I Wall**
Sealevel Construction, Inc. is the contractor. The steel work is done. The contractor is currently forming the concrete cap on the west side and the concrete I-wall on the east side.

- Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$382,113.27

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$382,113.27.

- **Section E-South Grading and Shaping-Ph 2**
Low Land Construction Co., Inc. was the low bidder. The contractor is currently on-site moving material on the levee section. They have graded, shaped and compacted roughly 5,000 linear feet of levee thus far, with four (4) miles remaining.

- Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$33,903.13

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$33,903.13.

- **Section E-North Levee Improvements**
We have received approval from the State for the plans/specifications. We are currently advertising for bids and will receive bids on April 8th at 10 a.m.

- **Section D-South Interim Levee Improvements**
SBL Construction, LLC was the low bidder in the amount of \$582,501.37. The contract documents are complete, and we held the pre-construction meeting last week. We will be issuing a Notice to Proceed soon.

- **Section F Levee Improvements**
Field surveying is complete. We met with District Management to discuss the project and we are currently working on finalizing the project plans.

- **Section A-East Levee Improvements**
Field surveying is complete. We will begin working on the project plans soon.
- **Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall**
The preliminary project plans are complete. We submitted the project plans and design calculations to the State for approval.

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **Bayou Lafourche Water Level Control**
We continue to wait for the Corps' 408 permit on this project.
- **Section D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall**
We are close to finalizing the design, and with approval from CPRA, we are hoping to advertise next month.
- **Grand Bayou Floodgate**
The mandatory Pre-bid meeting was held last week with four (4) contractors in attendance. We will be receiving bids on March 18th.

Mitch Marmande stated that he had met with Chip Kline the previous week on funding for the Grand Bayou Floodgate project. He stated that they had \$18.5M set aside for the project, but were expecting the bids to come in under that amount. Any excess funds would go towards Reach L.

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 Mo. 32 in the amount of \$269,124.45.
 - Pay Request No. 32 in the amount of \$262,124.45

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 32 in the amount of \$269,124.45.

As explained by Mr. Curole during his slide presentation, there is additional material that can be used to finish the project. We recommend the board authorize the additional 85,000 cy of material at \$3 per cubic yard for total a \$255,000. This will give us the opportunity to address major deficiencies on our way out.

Moved by Bob Faulk and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously authorized the contractor, Pontchartrain Partners, to remove an additional 85,000 cubic yards of material at \$3 per cubic yard, for a total of \$255,000.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**
We are currently advertising to receive bids on March 31, 2020 on this project with a project estimate of \$1,094,000, with the intent to raise the levee from 15 ft to 19 ft above sea level.
- **Morganza to the Gulf, Reach L**
Plans and specifications for the levee construction from Apache Farm to Grand Bayou, including options for the Bayou L'Bleu structure, are currently being reviewed and will be ready to submit to CPRA this month for approval.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande) reported on the Grand Bayou Floodgate during GIS Engineering's section.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith) reported the following:

Reach K Marsh Mitigation

- Contractor began dredging on 1/25/2020. Average dredging rate is approximately 5,500 CY/Day.
- Dredging is expected to be completed by March 20, 2020. After completion of dredging, there is a 30-day settlement period to ensure the area has achieved the required elevation.
- Contractor has dredged approximately 200,000 cubic yards of material. Plan quantity is 287,000 cubic yards.

Reach K Reshaping

- Plans and specifications for Phase 1 (From lower end to first water control structure) delivered to SLLD for review. Comments received from both Delta Coast, and CPRA. This project includes reshaping that portion of levee to 9.5' elevation. Anticipate this project being on the street by the end of March 2020.
- Phase 2 includes lifting tie in levee close to floodgate to 9.5'. This phase is in design and will be ready for advertisement in March. This phase will also include hauling 55,000 yards of material on site to replace material lost in Hurricane Barry.
- Phase 3 includes reshaping work north of the first water control structure. These plans will be developed after bidding for Phases 1 and 2.

APTIM ENGINEERS

Mike D'Angelo reported the following:

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**
We've prepared a draft amendment for engineering and record services for this project and have submitted it to Mitch Marmande. I will get with Mr. Marmande, and once approved, we will submit for board approval. Mr. Marmande added that pending legal and program management approvals, we'd like to recommend authorizing President Callais to sign the agreement between Aptim and SLLD, based on attorney comments.

On a motion by Mitch Danos and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously agreed to authorize President Ronald Callais to sign the amended agreement for engineering and records services between APTIM and the South Lafourche Levee District, contingent upon board attorney comments.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that one permit request was received for review, and that it would not interfere with the levee.

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

1. LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT

CUP NO: P20191059

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; POB Lat 29-25-19.8N / Long -90-26-55W; POE Lat 29-26-57.9N / Long -90-27-55.6W; Oak Point Road, Pointe Aux Chenes, 70377

DESCRIPTION: After the fact permit for construction of a barrier to prevent flooding due to storm surge. The barrier measures approximately 11,879 ft. in length and consists of three alignments. The first alignment 4,723 ft. long and consist of Hesco baskets aligned in a single row over an existing levee. The second alignment is approximately 3,227 ft. long and consist of Hesco baskets arranged in a pyramid fashion with two baskets at the bottom and one stacked on top. The third alignment is approximately 3.929 ft. long and was constructed by dredging fill material from Bayou Pointe Aux Chenes. Approximately 15,900 cy native material was excavated and placed onsite. Approximately 4,830 cy of sand was hauled in as fil material. Approximately 12 acres

consisting of uplands, non-vegetated water bottoms, and vegetated wetlands were impacted by the proposed activities.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ryan 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

APPROVAL OF REVISED PERSONNEL POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the Personnel Committee had met the previous month and reviewed and approved updates to the Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual. He recommended the board accept the revised manual as presented.

On a motion of Monty Vegas, seconded by Mitch Danos, and unanimously approved, the board accepted the revised 2020 Personal Policies & Procedures Manual as presented.

FILL VACANT POSITION OF NAVIGATIONAL LOCK OPERATOR 1

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that 15 applications had been received for the position of Navigational Lock Operator 1. He recommended the board allow Levee Board Operations Superintendent Drake Baudoin and General Manager Windell Curole to further review the applications and to hire based on their recommendation.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously authorized General Manager Windell Curole and Levee Board Operations Superintendent Drake Baudoin to interview applicants and fill the position of Navigational Lock Operator 1 based on their recommendation.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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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