

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
JUNE 8, 2020**

In accordance with Section 2 of Proclamation No. JBE 2020-59 the Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District conducted its meeting by video/teleconference at its regular meeting place, 17904 Highway 3235, Galliano, Louisiana, on Monday, June 8, 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 June was called to order by President Ronald Callais. Chairman McNeely Rome lead 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, Stevie Smith, John Plaisance, Laura Barnes; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Leah Long, Megan Archer, and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the May 11, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by McNeely Rome and seconded by Monty Vegas.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER CLARENCE MARTS, JR

President Callais announced Commissioner Clarence Marts had tendered his letter of resignation from the board. He also stated that Commissioner Roland Guidry would replace Mr. Marts on the Executive Committee.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Roland Guidry, in honor of Commissioner Clarence Marts, Jr., the following resolution was read and unanimously accepted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06

WHEREAS, Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr. has served as Commissioner of the Board for the South Lafourche Levee District for the past 16 years;

WHEREAS, Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr., having served in the capacity of Vice President and as Chairman of the Maintenance & Equipment Committee, has worked diligently and to the best of his ability whenever the work needed to be accomplished for the South Lafourche Levee District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District commends Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr. for his many years of loyal service to the Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District.

President Callais stated that the resolution would be presented to Mr. Marts when convenient.

President Callais announced and read Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 75 which stated the urging of naming the Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure to the "Reggie P. Bagala Floodgate" upon its completion of construction. President Callais read the resolution in its entirety as follows:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SCR NO. 75

ENROLLED

To urge and request the Grand Bayou Floodgate in Lafourche Parish be named the "Reggie P. Bagala Floodgate" in honor of the late District 54 state representative.

WHEREAS, Reggie Paul Bagala was elected in 2019 to serve as the state representative for District 54 which includes Central and South Lafourche Parish as well as the town of Grand Isle; and WHEREAS, Representative Bagala was sworn in on January 13, 2020, and passed away on April 9, 2020, after a battle with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature desires to honor the passing of this public servant by naming a new floodgate in District 54 in his honor; and

WHEREAS, the South Lafourche Levee District (SLLD), on behalf of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), opened public bids for the Grand Bayou Floodgate on May 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Bayou Floodgate is located along the Morganza Spillway to the Gulf (MGT) Hurricane Protection Alignment protecting Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes; and

WHEREAS, to date thirteen navigable floodgates have been constructed along this federal alignment using only state and local funding; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Bayou Floodgate will become the fourteenth floodgate along the MTG alignment and the first to be totally within House District 54 in Lafourche Parish; and

WHEREAS, besides CPRA and SLLD, the North Lafourche Levee District (NLLD) and Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District (TLCD) have been involved in the planning and construction of this vital floodgate; and WHEREAS, with the concurrence of CPRA, NLLD, and TLCD; SLLD plans on awarding the bids for this \$18.5 million floodgate and it is expected that this floodgate will be completed by late 2021; and

WHEREAS, the bidding and construction of this major flood protection structure will be done within the four-year term for which Reggie Bagala was elected.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the South Lafourche Levee District, the North Lafourche Levee District, and Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District agree to name the Grand Bayou Floodgate in Lafourche Parish the "Reggie P. Bagala Floodgate" in honor of the late state representative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the South Lafourche Levee District, the North Lafourche Levee District, and Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole started the slides with a map of recent storm surges from Tropical Storm Cristobal. He also showed slides Hurricane Andrew in 1992 and flooding of the airport. There was no flooding inside the levee system. Two years later the airport was included inside the levee system. He then showed slides of ongoing and completed projects within the system.

FY 2020 AMENDED BUDGET

Mr. Curole discussed the amended budget for Fiscal Year 2020 and recommended the board accept as presented.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously accepted the FY 2020 Amended Budget as presented.

FPI PUMP REPAIRS – ADDITIONAL COST OF \$60,009 FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$94,499

Mr. Curole informed the board that the repairs to the spare pump had revealed more damage than originally assessed. The cost to repair would be an additional \$60,009 for a total cost of \$94,499. He stated that the cost of a new pump would be over the original cost of \$240,000. Mr. Curole explained that it was difficult to get an accurate account of all damages without the pumps being adequately opened. He added that the FPI pump was the final pump in repairs. He recommended the board approve the additional cost for repairs.

Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously agreed to the increase cost of repairs to the FPI pump.

REPAIRS TO GEARHEAD #3 AT PS NO. 4

Mr. Curole announced that the estimated cost for repairs of the gearhead at Pump Station No. 4 was \$29,000 and requested the board approve those repairs.

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously approved the repairs by Boland Marine to Gearhead #3 at Pump Station No. 4 at the estimated cost of \$29,000.00.

404 PERMITTING INSIDE THE LEVEE SYSTEM

Mr. Curole informed the board that everything inside the levee right-of-way was mitigated in 1987, along with everything inside the levee system, not just inside the right-of-way. The board at that time made the decision to mitigate so we would not have to go through the permitting process for future projects. The Corps is now telling us that, although we don't have to mitigate since we've already mitigated all the damages, we still have to go through the 404 process to make sure that what we are doing is the least damaging. We have no objection to that, but it has sometimes taken the Corps several years to permit. With the changes we are having in south Louisiana, this is a major problem.

GLPC FUNDING OF LOCK OPERATIONS

Mr. Curole announced that the Greater Lafourche Port Commission had agreed to another five-years of funding for lock operations. A letter of thanks was sent to GLPC acknowledging our board's gratitude.

SHEET PILE WALL TO PREVENT EROSION

Mr. Curole announced that this item was discussed during the slide presentation.

CPRA AMENDED AGREEMENT TO ADD PROJECT (TE-0154)

Mr. Curole stated that CPRA was amending the State Agreement TE-0154 which would transfer money to the Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall project. This project would involve raising the wall from 13 ft. to a 17 ft. elevation.

CPRA AMENDED AGREEMENT TO ADD PROJECT (BA-0247)

Mr. Curole stated that there was an agreement for D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall. Mr. Curole described the location as the pump station and floodwall at the Chouest Farm. Mr. Curole recommended the board authorize he and President Callais to sign any agreements for the construction of the D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall.

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously authorized the board president and/or general manager to sign all agreements and documentation necessary for the construction of the D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond updated the board on CPRA agreements. TE-0154 will shift money to the Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall. CPRA Program Manager James McMennis has informed me that the agreement is being routed for signatures now. The BA-0247 D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall agreement was just emailed by Mr. McMennis to Mr. Curole with SLLD's attorney recommended changes. The BA-

0231 E-North agreement was being amended to match the two-phase project as per Mr. Curole's recommendation.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

There was no one in attendance from the Corps.

President Callais recognized Ms. Leah Long, representative to Senator John Kennedy, and offered the floor for discussion.

Ms. Long stated she was the representative for the bayou area and would send out her contact information to everyone. She then offered her services for anyone with questions or a need that should be addressed.

PROJECT ENGINEERS

PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES

Engineer Joe Picciola gave the following report:

- **Larose Floodgate Improvement and Protection – A Frame and I Wall**
Sealevel Construction, In. is the contractor. The contractor is substantially complete with the Project as of April 9th.

We are recommending Change Order No. 1 for balancing of Contract Quantities or a deduction \$16,498.14 and twelve (12) days of Contract Time.

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 1 to reduce contract price by \$16,498.14.

The contractor has submitted Pay Applications No. 11 in the amount of \$7,415.14.

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 11 in the amount of \$7,415.14.

- **Section E-South Grading and Shaping-Ph 2**
Low Land Construction Co., Inc. is the contractor. The contractor is currently on-site moving material on the levee section. They have graded, shaped and compacted roughly 12,000 linear feet of levee thus far.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 6 in the amount of \$79,978.13.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$79,978.13.

President Callais offered his condolences to the family of Mr. Bubba Robichaux who had passed away recently. He stated that Mr. Robichaux was at one time the owner of Low Land Construction and had remained active in the company.

- **Section E-North Levee Improvements**
Grand Isle Shipyard, Inc. is the contractor. The contractor is currently on-site prepping the borrow area and haul route.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$48,773.00.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$48,773.00.

- **Section D-South Interim Levee Improvements, Ph 1**
SBL Construction, LLC is the contractor. The contractor is currently working on excavating and hauling of material.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$10,173.50.

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$10,173.50.

- **Section D-South Interim Levee Improvements, Ph 2 (Grading and Shaping)**

SBL Construction, LLC is the contractor. The contractor is currently working on grading and shaping material.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$4,050.00

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$4,050.00.

- **Section F Levee Improvements**

Field Surveying is complete. The Project Plans are complete and are being send to the State CPRA for approval.

- **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 are awaiting the completion of the CPRA Agreement with the Levee District then we will advertise for bids.

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC

Engineer Laura Barnes reported the following:

- **A-East, Bayou Water Retention**

- We are continuing to wait on USACE to issue the permit.
- GIS is scheduling the survey to begin in the next couple of weeks.
- GIS is meeting with LOOP to get permit/permission requirements necessary to cross their pipelines.

- **Section D-South (Crawfish Farm) Floodwall Improvements**

- GIS completed design of the floodwall and submitted final plans and specifications to SLLD for Phase 1 on May 29, 2020. This project will be separated into 2 phases. The first phase is raising the braced and unbraced sheet pile sections to elevation +18'. The second phase is in the early stages of design and will include increasing the current concrete T-wall section to elevation +18' by construction a new concrete T-wall or braced sheet pile wall.

- **Amendment No. 2 – Professional Engineering Services**

We are submitting D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall Amendment No. 2 for additional engineering services in the amount of \$45,570.

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall Amendment No. 2 for additional engineering services in the amount of \$45,570.00.

- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure**

- GIS began advertising the project in the Daily Comet and on Central Auction House on April 23, 2020.
- GIS held a mandatory pre-bid conference on both the Receiving Structure & Floodwall and the Barge Floodgate contracts via WebEx/Conference call on May 7, 2020.

Addendums No. 1 & 2 were drafted and issued, addressing all bidding questions that were received.

Bids were opened and publicly read on May 19, 2020.

- Receiving Structure & Floodwall – 3 bids were received.
- Barge Floodgate – 4 bids were received.

The apparent low bidder on both contracts is Sealevel Construction, Inc.

Both the Receiving Structure & Floodwall, and the Barge Floodgate projects were approved for awarding under the Emergency Declaration at the April 13, 2020 Regular Meeting.

- **Amendment No. 2 – Professional Engineering Services**

We are submitting Grand Bayou Floodgate Amendment No. 2 for additional engineering services to bid out two separate projects as was approved in the April 13, 2020 meeting for a total increase of \$147,890.

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Grand Bayou Flood Control Amendment No. 2 for additional services in the amount of \$147,890.00.

- **Golden Meadow Boat Launch Ramp – GIS# 39130-1166**
 - The survey is complete.
 - GIS is working on final design to raise the ramp over the levee to elevation +18'. The design should be completed in the next 2 weeks.
- **D-North Ramp – GIS# 39130-1249/1250**
 - The objective is to raise the asphalt ramp over the levee to elevation +16' in the area of the LOOP Road in Galliano.
 - The survey is complete.
 - GIS is proceeding with final design of plans and specifications to bid in July.

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. 35 in the amount of \$19,009.05.

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 35 in the amount of \$19,009.50.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

A pre-construction meeting was held on May 27, 2020 with the contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC. Construction began on the project that same week. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$3,420.95.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$3,420.95.

- **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 revised based on the available budget.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

Mr. Marmande was not in attendance.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

- **Reach K Marsh Mitigation**
 - Contractor, Coastal Dredging, has completed dredging operations as of week of May 11th. The contractor dredged the entire quantity of 289,000 cubic yards.
 - Contractor has degraded dikes and moved most of his equipment from site.
 - Substantial Completion Walk-thru held on June 4, 2020
 - Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of 296,828.61

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$296,828.61.

• **Reach K Levee, Ph 3 – Emergency Rehabilitation**

- Low Land Construction began hauling material to tie in section on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. As of Wednesday, May 27th, 5,452 CY (vehicular measure) have been delivered to date. This work was temporarily halted from 05/08/2020 to 05/27/2020 so that the contractor could haul to the shaping project site. Contractor can now continue with tie-in section work.
- Low Land began hauling material to the shaping project site on Friday, May 8th. As of Wednesday, May 27th, 15,665 CY (vehicular measure) have been delivered to the project site. Contractor has mobilized equipment and began construction stakeout and de-grassing operations.
- Phase 3 includes reshaping work north of the first water control structure. The surveying portion of this project has been coordinated to be performed.
- Amendment to contract for additional survey work

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Reach K, Ph 3 Emergency Rehabilitation Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Contract to add additional survey work.

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

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

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

1. UNITI dba HUNT TELECOM LLC

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat: 29-34-7.47; Long -90-22-28.47

DESCRIPTION: HDD 2-HDPE-1 ¼" SCR-11, fiber optic communication cables. Bayou Lafourche parallel to LA 657 in Larose to serve Vision Communications CPE-398947

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ray Collins reported on House Bill 758 saying because of the liquidated damages we'd had with one of our contractors recently, we approached our representatives and have sought and obtained a final version of the House Bill that will allow any projects of flood control or coastal work to recover liquidated damages if the contractor is running behind on the project and is exposed to liquidated damages based on delay of performance. It started out as a broad bill, but we have been able to craft a bill that will apply to levee construction which is our main concern. We've addressed the issue, and this will allow us to withhold liquidated damages on our projects which are time-sensitive, as was proved this past weekend. Mr. Curole added that the bill had been signed by the governor, and that it would benefit all in the fight for flood protection and restoration.

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.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

POLICIES UP FOR RENEWAL

Commissioner Roland Guidry announced that the Insurance Committee met earlier that day and that they were still waiting for quotes to come in. He stated that as soon as the quotes were in, another committee meeting would be called to review and accept the quotes.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Curole updated the board saying the budget in the first session did not go through so now they were working on the second session. In that session \$1.8M in bond money was approved through Capital Outlay. In addition, the governor promised us \$4M from surplus funds which was still there. There is a good chance those funds will come through.

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

Ronald Callais, President

Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary