

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
AUGUST 10, 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, August 10, 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 August was called to order by Vice President Keith Guidry. Commissioner McNeely Rome led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Callais directed the secretary to call roll.

Board members present: Keith Guidry
Roland Curole
Mitch Danos (telecon)
Roland Guidry
Mc Neely Rome
Monty Vegas (telecon)

Board members absent: Ronald Callais
Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr.
Bob Faulk

Also present were: Executive Secretary and General Manager Windell Curole; Administrative Assistant 6 Mary Punch; Levee Board Operations Superintendent Drake Baudoin; Attorney Ryan Collins; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola (telecon), Neil Angelette(telecon), John Plaisance, Stevie Smith, Jarret Bauer (telecon), CPRA Daniel Dearmond (telecon); District 20 Senator Mike Fesi, US Senate Office John Kennedy's Leah Long (telecon), TLCD Director Reggie Dupre, Brian Marts, SBL Frank Boura; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Roland Guidry and seconded by McNeely Rome.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

COMMISSIONER MCNEELY ROME AS A CHECK SIGNER

Vice President Guidry announced that Commissioner McNeely Rome would be added to the list of check signers and requested a motion from the board.

Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole the board, with an abstain by McNeely Rome, approved adding Commissioner McNeely Rome to the list of check signers to replace Mr. Clarence Marts who recently resigned from the board.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

General Manager Windell Curole introduced Senator Mike Fesi and offered his gratitude on behalf of the board for helping pass a bill regarding how contracts were handled. In addition, Sen. Fesi worked to get funding through the state's budget to continue building and improving our levees and flood protection.

Senator Fesi thanked the board for the opportunity to work with them.

SBL's Frank Boura addressed the board concerning his work on section D-South. Mr. Curole advised him to continue to stay in touch with the engineers and with President Callais on his work progress.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole showed slides of the progress in work that was going on around the levee system. Some of the slides included work at Section C-South near Bason where some areas were as low as 13' but would be raised to 18'. Ramp photos near Bason's Boat Launch showed progress in raising the ramp to the levee height. B-North levee had been raised to 18' in some areas. A connection behind the SLLD buildings was being constructed to make a land bridge for easy access to the levee. Mr. Curole showed several marsh creation projects that were once open water but had now filled in and was green with grass. B-South photos showed the area behind the Golden Meadow Park where the elevation would be raised to 18'.

Photos, courtesy of Picciola & Associates, showed aerials of E-South near Clovelly where work was progressing. Mr. Curole completed the presentation with slides of the Morganza levee system including Reach K levee work and marsh creation.

GOLDEN MEADOW AND BASON BOAT LAUNCH RAMP IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Curole stated that the Golden Meadow and Bason Boat Launch Ramp Improvements was discussed during the slides.

BP OIL SPILL SETTLEMENT

Mr. Curole announced that the attorney referred to us by the State had secured around \$5M for the Levee District from the BP Oil Spill settlement. About two years ago the Levee District was again contacted by the attorney that there might be additional funds available if we wanted to pursue it. We authorized the attorney to proceed, and last week we received a phone call saying we would receive approximately \$3.4M. Mr. Curole stated that we had Assessor Wendy Thibodaux to thank for her part in helping to prove that we owned the property involved. Mr. Curole informed the board that we had received the \$3.4M and we would like to put those funds toward the Larose floodgate for the conversion to a lock.

PROJECTS LIST WITH BUDGT

Mr. Curole presented a list of projects with proposed funding through Capital Outlay that would be available this year. He briefly discussed each project and the funding that was needed for each. He also presented Tier 1 and Tier 2 lists and explained the funding that would be available for those projects. Mr. Curole recommended the board accept the lists as presented with the understanding that they could be adjusted in the future, if needed.

On a motion by Roland Curole and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously accepted the Projects List and the Tier 1 & 2 lists for the funding of projects as presented.

A brief discussion pursued on the need for the lock conversion in Larose.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond updated the board on the following:

- State Contract TE-0154: Amendment No. 1, Larose to Golden Meadow, has been fully executed. This will allow the remaining funds to be used on the Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall.
- GOMESA TE-0151: Amendment No. 1 has been signed by CPRA and is ready to be signed by SLLD. Mr. Curole explained that everyone was ready to sign, but due to the funding changes, our primary agreement between TLCD, NLLD and SLLD that required a 2nd amendment before we can proceed with the State's amendment. We are hoping to have that complete this week.
- GOMESA BA-0247: This agreement has been fully executed and will provide funding for the D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall.
- GOMESA BA-0246: This is the Section D-North Ramp. This agreement is in the draft IGA stage. CPRA is waiting on comments from SLLD. We are also waiting for the plans and specs to start review.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

There was no one in attendance from the Corps.

PROJECT ENGINEERS

PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES

Engineer Joe Picciola gave the following report:

- **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 are approximately 70% complete with the project at this time with 73% if the contract time elapsed.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application no. 8 in the amount of \$19,000.00.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$19,000.00.

- **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. 3 in the amount of \$5,316.54.

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$5,316.54.

- **Section D-South Interim Levee Improvements, Ph 1**

SBL Construction, LLC is the contractor. The contractor is currently working on the excavating and hauling material. The contractor is falling behind on the project schedule. He is currently 20% complete with 74% of the contract time elapsed.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No, 5 on the amount of \$11,639.36.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$11,639.36.

- **Section D-South Interim Levee Improvements, Ph 2**

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

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$2,700.00

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$2,700.00.

- **Section F Levee Improvements**

Field Surveying is complete. The Project Plans are complete and have been sent to State CPRA for approval. We will be ready to advertise once we receive approval from the state.

Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously agreed to authorize Picciola and Associates to advertise for bid upon approval by State CPRA, and for the board president or general manager to sign any documents necessary for awarding of the project.

- **Section A-East Levee Improvements**

Field Surveying is complete. We will begin working on the Project Plan soon.

- **Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall**

We are currently advertising for bids. Bids will be accepted at 10:00 am on Tuesday, August 18th.

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **A-East Bayou Lafourche Water Retention – GIS #39130-1251/1252**

We are still waiting on USACE to issue the permit.
GIS has completed the topographic survey.

GIS continues discussion with LOOP and other pipeline companies to satisfy requirements necessary to cross their pipelines.

- **D-South (Crawfish Farm) Floodwall Improvements – GIS #39130-1215/1216**
GIS is addressing the comments from CPRA on phase 1 design package. The second phase is in Internal Technical review process and GIS will coordinate with CPRA for them to review the Phase II design package.
- **Golden Meadow Boat Launch Ramp, B-South – GIS #39130-116**
Quotes were solicited from five contractors. Two quotes were received. The low quote was received from Low Land Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$99,976.00. The construction contract paperwork has been forwarded to Low Land for processing.
- **D-North Ramp – GIS #39130-1249/1250**
GIS is coordinating with LOOP on relocation of fiber optic line and provided them with ramp improvement plans that LOOP has requested to use for applying Corps permit.
GIS also coordinating a borrow pit on site.
Internal Technical Review is on progress.
- **Grand Bayou Floodgate Structure - GIS #39130-1238/1239**
 - **Floodwall/Receiving Structure**
Sealevel has completed the dredging at the site of the receiving structure. They are currently waiting on the floating crane to be delivered to the site before proceeding.
 - **Barge Gate**
GIS had received a handful of Submittals and RFI's from Sealevel, but no work has begun yet.

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.
- **C-South Levee Improvements**
The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC, is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$79,800.95.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$79,800.95.
- **B-North Bason Boat Launch Ramp**
The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC, is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$14,166.88.

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$14,166.88.
- **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 to submit to the Levee District for review in August.

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 has completed work on site.

All South recommends approval of Change Order #2 providing additional days to the contractor

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 2 to add 79 calendar days to the contract.

All South recommends Substantial Completion as of May 11, 2020.

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Substantial Completion as of May 11, 2020.

- **Reach K Shaping**
The contractor has focused on moving material in to the low gap area during the month of July. The contractor has moved a good bit of the material from the southern stockpile area and has approximately 1,200' of the gap area up to 7.5'.

The contractor has also been working the material north of the gap area, preparing to move this material to the south as necessary. The recent heavy rains have affected the work at the site substantially.

The TLCD plans to move some equipment and personnel to Reach K in the near future to start work at the northern end of the project area.

We applied for FEMA funding to reimburse the SLLD Board for damages incurred by Hurricane Barry in 2019. \$1.9M has been obligated and will be used to move 55,000 cubic yards of material on Reach K. This will replace dirt that was washed away during the storm.

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries would like to apply for a permit to replace two water control structures on Reach K. We have applied for \$7M to replace the structures. In order to replace the structures, we have to apply for a new permit, and the best way to achieve this is to have WL&F apply since they operate the structures. We are submitting a proposal to allow All South Consulting Engineers to do the drawings. We will give those drawings to WL&F and they will then apply for the permit. The request is to cover costs in the amount of \$8,860.00 which will allow ASCE to prepare permit drawings to be delivered to La. WL&F so they can apply for the permit.

TLCD Executive Director Reggie Dupre added that North Lafourche and Terrebonne Levee Districts have agreed to reimburse South Lafourche Levee District for this cost.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board agreed to cover the cost of permit drawings by All South Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$8,860.00 with the understanding that SLLD would be reimbursed by NLLD and TLCD.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that no permit requests were received.

Mr. Curole stated that there was one extension to a permit request that had been received and asked that the board approve that request.

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

1. **LLOX LLC**
CUP NO: P20180645 (Extended)
LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; POB: Lat. 29-21-09, Long. 90-11-51, POE and Bore Entry; Lat. 29-19-47, Long. 90-14-30, Bore Exit: Lat. 29-20-08, Long. 90-13-53; Sections 14, 15, 21 and 22; T20S-R22E; Bayou Lafourche/Tidewater Canal, in Lake Enfermer Field; approximately 4 miles southeast of Golden Meadow, LA.

DESCRIPTION: Proposal to install and maintain one 6" pipeline (approximately 16,464') to produce the Castex Lafourche LP No. 1. Approximately 3,137' will be installed in open water. Approximately 8,987' will be laid on marsh. Approximately 30' will be trenched through marsh. Approximately 4,310' will be bored. Approximately 2,360 cubic yards of material will be displaced. Approximately 80 cubic yards of material displaced by pipeline crossings. Approximately 36 cubic yards of excavation in marsh. Approximately 370 cubic yards of excavation required for work area. Approximately 150 cubic yards of erosion control material required. Approximately 15 cubic yards of sandbag material required. Approximately 10 acres of marsh and waterbottom may be impacted by the proposed activity.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ryan Collins stated that 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 Roland Curole, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Approval to Hire

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the Personnel Committee had met to review applications for Mobile Equipment Operator 1 and recommended the hiring of Richard Galjour.

On a motion of Monty Vegas, seconded by McNeely, and unanimously carried, the board approved the hiring of Richard Galjour for Mobile Equipment Operator 1.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Curole took a moment to thank Tanner McGee and Jerome Zeringue, who sit on the Flood Committee, for their help on the flood issues. We also want to thank Governor JB Edwards, along with Senator Fesi and any others who were instrumental in making those decisions.

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

s/Ronald Callais, President

s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary