

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 14, 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, September 14, 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 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
 Bob Faulk
 Mc Neely Rome
 Roland Curole
 Keith Guidry

Board members absent: Monty Vegas (Zoom)
 Mitch Danos (Zoom)
 Roland Guidry (Zoom)

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 (Zoom), Neil Angelette (Zoom), Stevie Smith, John Plaisance (Zoom); CPRA Daniel Dearmond; TLCD Reggie Dupre; Alex Curole, Ray Cheramie, and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATES FOR THE YEAR 2020

President Callais announced that the year 2020 was a reassessment year and that millage rates and values had been received. He explained that due to loss of property value in the district, taxing at a higher level would be necessary to receive the same income. For that reason, the assessor calculated our two millage tax rates would have to be raised. One would be raised from 4.86 to 5.4, and the other would be raised from 5.0 to 5.6. President Callais stated that after speaking with the general manager and board members, they felt they should keep the previous year's millage rates of 4.86 and 5.0 and accept the lower revenues that would be received by the Levee District. This action is resulting in approximately \$600,000 less to construct flood protection over the next 10 years. President Callais then read Resolution 07-2020 and took a roll call vote to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION NO.: 07-2020

MOTION: Bob Faulk

SECOND: McNeely Rome

SECTION 1: BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District of the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana held a public, in a public meeting held on September 14, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, that the following millages are hereby levied on the 2020 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by South Lafourche Levee District:

MILLAGE

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| Ad Valorem (1047 007): | 4.860 mills |
| Construction and Maintenance (1047 086): | 5.000 mills |

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District of the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2020 and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0
ABSENT: 3

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Cattle rancher Ray Cheramie addressed the board with a concern over standing water in his cattle pasture. Mr. Cheramie explained the situation while Mr. Windell Curole showed slides of the area in question. A lengthy discussion pursued. President Callais recommended Engineer Joe Picciola meet with Mr. Cheramie and Field Supervisor Drake Baudoin at the Cheramie property to see firsthand what was taking place and how to best resolve the issue.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole presented slides of TS Marco and Hurricane Laura showing track scenarios that simulated peak water levels. He then showed slides from around the levee system showing high water areas that occurred around the system during Hurricane Laura. Project updates followed with levees being raised up to 18 ft. in some area. Other slides included the land bridge behind the SLLD buildings, terraces and marsh creation, upcoming projects including elevations of floodwalls and ramps. Mr. Curole showed the widening of the drainage canal that was donated by ConocoPhillips in Section D-South.

FACILITY PLANNING & CONTROL, AMENDMENT NO. 7, CEA UPDATED PROVISIONS

Mr. Curole announced that Facility Planning and Control submitted Amendment No. 7 of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Capital Outlay funding, and recommended the board authorize President Callais to sign.

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Bob Faulk, the board authorized the board president to sign Amendment No. 7 for overseeing the disbursements of Capital Outlay funds for the Larose to Golden Meadow Hurricane Protection System.

PURCHASE OF NEW BUSH HOG

Mr. Curole informed the board that we would be using parts from two broken bush hogs to make one good one, but that we needed to purchase a new one. A new bush hog had been located on State Contract for around \$16,000. Mr. Curole requested permission to purchase.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board agreed to purchase a new bush hog on State Contract for up to \$16,000.00.

HURRICANES MARCO AND LAURA

Mr. Curole explained that the pumps had been running before the hurricanes hit, but that the heavy rainfall amounts came after the storms had passed. We had one closure of the floodgate in Larose for around 24 hours, but no other closures were needed or made inside the system.

RAIN EVENT OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

Mr. Curole stated this item was discussed during the slide presentation.

FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECTS UPDATES

Mr. Curole stated this item was discussed during the slide presentation. He added that while not yet started, construction at the Golden Meadow Boat Launch would raise the ramp to an 18 ft. elevation.

LEON THERIOT LOCK MAINTENANCE OF SOUTH FLOODGATE

Mr. Curole stated that it was time to pull the gates for maintenance due to excessive use. Mr. Curole said he'd like to start the process in November and that it would take about four months to complete. He added that the project would be going out to bid soon. and recommended the board authorize the engineers to advertise. In addition, Mr. Curole requested the board authorize awarding the project based upon engineers' recommendations, and allow the board president or general manager to sign any documents necessary for the construction of the project.

Moved by Bob Faulk and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board authorized Picciola and Associates to advertise the maintenance of the Leon Theriot Lock's south floodgate, to award, under the recommendation of the engineers, to the lowest acceptable bidder, and to authorize the board president and/or general manager to sign any documents necessary for the awarding and construction of the project.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond reported the following:

- BA-0247 D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall: CPRA has provided the backcheck on comments and is waiting for GIS' review and responses.
- BA-0246 D-North Ramp Improvements: SLLD should expect CPRA comments by the end of this week on the plans and specifications.

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.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 9 in the amount of \$51,537.50.

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$51,537.50.

- **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. 4 in the amount of \$24,256.54.

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$24,256.54.

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

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No.6 in the amount of \$8,370.09

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$8,370.09.

- **Section D-South Interim Levee Improvements – Phase 2**

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

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$2,700.00.

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$2,700.00.

- **Section F Levee Improvements**

- Field Surveying is complete. The Project Plans are complete and are being sent 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**

WE accepted bids on August 18th at 10:00 am. Sealevel Construction, Inc. was the low bidder in the amount of \$926,364.00. We have awarded the Contract and they are currently preparing the Contract Documents.

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

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

- We are still waiting on USACE to issue the permit.
- GIS has completed the topographic survey.
- GIS continues discussions with LOOP and other pipeline companies to satisfy requirements necessary to cross their pipelines.
- GIS continues to develop the plans and specifications to begin advertising for bids once the permitting issues are resolved.

D-South Floodwall Improvements – GIS# 39130-1215/1216

- GIS is addressing the comments from CPRA on phase I design package. GIS held a conference call with CPRA to review some details; GIS is addressing those comments.
- The second phase is in being prepared and GIS will coordinate with CPRA for them to review the Phase II design package when the CPRA review of Phase I is complete.

Golden Meadow Boat Launch Ramp – GIS# 39130-1166

- The low quote was received from Low Land Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$99,976.00. The pre-construction conference is scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2020.

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.
- SLLD is coordinating with property owner to provide a borrow pit on site.
- GIS has submitted plans and specifications to CPRA for their approval.

General Manager Windell Curole stated that attorney Ray Collins had reviewed the State's Intergovernmental Agreement BA-0246 and had no objections to our acceptance and execution of the agreement.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously authorized the board president and general manager to execute the agreement with State CPRA (BA-0246) for the funding of the D-North Ramp.

Grand Bayou Flood Control Structure – GIS# 39130-1238/1239

- Floodwall/Receiving Structure
 - Sealevel has completed the dredging at the site of the receiving structure. Preparation of the wick drain installation for the east and west levee tie-ins is progressing.
 - Barge Gate
 - GIS continues to review submittals and RFI's from Sealevel; no site work has begun at Conrad.
- Pay Application No. 1 – Sealevel Construction \$313,470.88
Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$313,470.88.
- Change Order no. 1, Survey Credit (\$48,000)
Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 1 for a reduction in amount of \$48,000.00.

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. 37 in the amount of \$37,999.99.

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 37 in the amount of \$37,999.99.
- **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. 4 in the amount of \$152,759.78.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$152,759.78.
- **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. 2 in the amount of \$57,700.49.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$57,700.49.
- **Morganza to the Gulf, Reach L**
Potential Borrow Site borings were taken last week for the project, and 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.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

- _Not in attendance

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

Reach K Marsh Mitigation

- Contractor has completed work on the site.
- Substantial Completion awarded at last meeting.

- Contractor is in clear lien period
 - Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$58,888.12

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$58,888.12.

Reach K Reshaping – Low Land

- Contractor assisted SLLD in preparing for Hurricane Laura last month. SLLD, working with TLCD mobilized people and equipment to shore up low areas prior to Hurricane Laura. As a result of these efforts, there was no overtopping of Reach K.
- The contractor has focused on moving material into the low gap area over the last month. The contractor has moved all of the material from the southern stockpile area and has begun moving the material from the north into the gap. Approximately 7,400' of the project area is at or above the design lines and grades and approximately 1,300' of the project area remains to be constructed.

Reach K Reshaping – Phase 2

- All South has distributed a solicitation for shaping work between southern water control structure and the floodgate location. These quotes are due Sept. 17, 2020.

Reach K Levee-Ph 3, Emergency Rehabilitation

- FEMA has agreed to fund the replacement of approximately 55,000 yards of material on Reach K.
- All South is preparing a solicitation for delivery of this material. This solicitation will be advertised in October.
 - Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$20,550.00 – TS Cristobal

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$20,550.00 in response to Tropical Storm Cristobal.

- Change Order No. 2 in a reduction amount of \$115,795.00, Low Land Construction

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 2 in the reduced amount of \$115,795.00, Low Land Construction.

- Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$370,454.88

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$370,454.88 to Low Land Construction.

- Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$357,131.13

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$357,131.13.

Amendment to Engineering Agreement – FEMA Program and Grants Management

We have been filing FEMA claims on behalf of the South Lafourche Levee District for Hurricane Barry. Since that time, we've had to deal with Hurricanes Laura and Marco, so we will be making a FEMA claim for flood protective measures in connection with those storms. We are requesting an additional \$20,000 on our engineering contract to help process those FEMA claims.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously agreed to increase the FEMA Program and Grants Management for engineering services by an additional \$20,000 in association with Hurricanes Laura and Marco.

Hurricanes Marco and Laura Emergency Work (Marsh Buggy)

Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$13,200.00 to Sealevel Construction is being submitted today. Sealevel Construction mobilized ahead of Hurricanes Marco and Laura to shore up low areas on Reach K in anticipation of those storms. These costs will be submitted as a FEMA claim for reimbursement.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$13,200.00.

Reach K Shaping

There is another area that has not been worked for the past couple of years since Weeks Marine did the dredging job there. We are soliciting quotes for contractors to provide equipment to shape the material that has been stacked and dried in that area. Quotes are due Thursday, Sept. 17th at 10:00 a.m. We are requesting authorization for the general manager and board president to award the project to the lowest affordable and responsible quote based on the recommendation of the engineers. The job is estimated at around \$1M.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board authorized the board president and general manager to accept and award to the lowest responsible quote, and to sign any documents necessary for the shaping of Reach K levee.

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

In the absence of Chairman Mitch Danos, General Manager Windell Curole announced that five permit requests were received for review, and that none interfered with the levee.

On a motion of Bob Faulk, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously carried, the board approved Letters of No Objection for the following requests:

1. CANTIUM

CUP NO: P20181129 (Extended)

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; POB northernmost line of three, Lat. 29° 6' 22.67"N / Long. -90° 8' 36.14"W; POB southernmost line of three Lat. 29° 3' 26.67"N / Long -90° 10' 6.03"W. See plats for other details.

DESCRIPTION: Installation of (3) 4" flowlines in the Bay Marchand Field. Approximately 2,785 cu. Yds of water bottom material would be disturbed by jetting, then expected to settle back in place. Approximately 107.9 yds of sand and 107.9 yds of concrete would be mixed and placed at line crossing. As much as 0.65 acres of estuarine open water could be impacted by this project.

REVISION 1: Extension of permit term requested.

2. CASTEX ENERGY INC

CUP NO: P20180320 (Extended)

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Approximately 5.0 miles Southeasterly of Golden Meadow LA; Bayou Ferblanc Field. Sections 14, 15 & 23; T20-R22E. Flowline POB: Lat 29-20-02 N, Long 90-11-47 W; POE: Lat. 29-20-43 N, Long 90-12-4W.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed installation of two 6" flowlines (7,420') to serve the Castex Lafourche LP 23 No. 002 Well. Approximately 793 cubic yards of material will be displaced for boring, jetting and bankline stabilization.

REVISION 1: Extension of permit term.

3. SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT

CUP NO: P20200678

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29°34' 13.85"N, Long. -90 22'49.16"W; Section 45 T17S R20E; Larose LA 70373.

DESCRIPTION: Installation of a floating lock on Bayou Lafourche in Larose, LA. Approximately 32408 cubic yards of material will be excavated and hauled offsite and approximately 9680 cubic yards of rock will be hauled in and placed onsite. Approximately 0.13 acres of marsh, 2.31 acres of riverine, and 0.35 acres of upland habitats may be impacted as a result of the proposed activities.

4. PLAISANCE, GLEN

CUP NO: P20200745

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29 33' 41"N, Long. -90 21' 29"W; Section 5 T17S R21E; Larose LA 70373.

DESCRIPTION: Proposal to dredge material and place within a barge on the bank to reclaim property lost due to erosion. Approx, 2275 cubic yards will be excavated and placed onsite. Approx. 0.12 acres of uplands, 0.11 acres of riverine and 0.01 acres of marsh may be impacted as a result of the proposed activities.

5. COLUMBIA GULF TRANSMISSION LLC

CUP NO: P20200748

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29 34' 27.45"N, Long, -90 35'50.15"W; Parcel #0110793700; 70373

DESCRIPTION: Proposal to conduct an anomaly dig investigation and repair at one dig site along an existing 20-inch natural gas pipeline near Bourg, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. Approx. 0.23 acres of bottomland forest and 0.18 acres of upland habitats may be impacted as a result of the proposed activities.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ryan Collins stated he nothing to report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

INVOICES

In the absence of Commissioner Monty Vegas, General Manager Windell Curole announced that the Finance Committee had reviewed the invoices and recommended they be paid.

On a motion of McNeely Rome, seconded by Keith Guidry, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

WADE RODRIGUEZ

Commissioner Keith Guidry reported that Navigational Lock Operator 1 Wade Rodriguez had completed his six months probational status and recommended he be moved to permanent status.

Moved by Bob Faulk and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board authorized moving NLO-1 Wade Rodriguez to full-time permanent status.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary