

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING  
OF  
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT  
NOVEMBER 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, November 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 November 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 in attendance: Ronald Callais  
Roland Guidry  
Bob Faulk  
Monty Vegas  
Mc Neely Rome  
Roland Curole  
Keith Guidry

Board members absent: Mitch Danos (phone)

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, Neil Angelette, John Plaisance, Laura Barnes (phone); CPRA Daniel Dearmond (phone); Representative District 54 Joe Orgeron; Coastal Production Systems Jeff Brown; Brian Marts, and news media.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

**The minutes of the October 12, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Bob Faulk and seconded by Monty Vegas.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Callais stated that he had nothing to report other than we had dodged another bullet with Hurricane Zeta.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Representative Joseph Orgeron addressed the board. He stated that Terrebonne Levee District's floodgates notifications were on their website. He would suggest that our floodgate notifications could be on the same site. President Callais suggested we get pricing for the upgrade to which General Manager Windell Curole responded that we had gotten pricing a few years back at an estimated cost of \$15,000.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

General Manager Windell Curole presented slides around the levee system of Hurricane Zeta which showed minimum damage. Other slides showed progress being made in Sections C-North and South, and B-North where the levee was being raised north and south of Bully Camp area. Other slides showed storm debris and damaged plastic sheet piles on the east side of Golden Meadow from Hurricane Zeta. Final slides showed progress being made on Reach K levees of the Morganza to the Gulf Project.

**HURRICANE ZETA**

Mr. Curole remarked that Hurricane Zeta was clocked with 110 mph winds at a Category 2 storm. He added that winds of 111 mph was a Category 3, so we had some of the same force as a Cat 3 storm. Golden Meadow appeared to have suffered the worst in our area, along with Leeville and Grand Isle.

**LAROSE LOCK**

This item was discussed in the item "2021-2022 Capital Outlay Budget".

**GOLDEN MEADOW PUMP STATION FLOODWALL**

Mr. Curole informed the board that the Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall would be raised from 13 ft. to 17 ft. by next year.

**2021-2022 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET**

Mr. Curole explained that we had \$4M in Capital Outlay from last year's budget, and that another \$1.8M would be going before the bond commission this month. Both those amounts would include \$4M going to levee improvements, and \$1.8M being put toward the conversion of the Larose Lock. In addition to the \$1.8M, the parish had committed \$5M in GOMESA funds towards the lock.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 2012 PRIORITY PROJECTS**

Mr. Curole recommended the board president suggest a date to meet to discuss the 2021 priority projects and funding.

Mr. Curole stated that in the spirit of Thanksgiving, he'd like to acknowledge all the accomplishments of the levee district. He stated that he'd first like to thank all the local elected officials who have continued to appoint exceptional people to our board. He then thanked office staff and the field personnel for working above and beyond to make sure we build the best flood protection we can afford. Mr. Curole described the various operations that took place during all the recent storms. He added that most employees had volunteered to stay during the storms, sometimes putting themselves in uncomfortable situations, but were careful to avoid injury. Mr. Curole offered thanks to all the taxpayers who unselfishly passed taxes in 1996 and again in 2007 to build the levees that we have today. Others offered their gratitude to field employees, Mr. Windell Curole, and office staff, commending each for jobs well done.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

**OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**

Mr. Daniel Dearmond stated he had been busy assessing damages south of the levee system around Grand Isle and Caminada Headlands. He added that after viewing the destruction in those areas, it makes you grateful for the levee systems we have in Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes.

**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. 11 in the amount of \$38,000.00.**

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 11 to Low Land Construction in the amount of \$38,000.00.**

- **Section E-North Levee Improvements**  
Grand Isle Shipyard, Inc. is the contractor. The contractor is currently on-site hauling borrow material on the levee section.

**The contractor has submitted Pay Application No.6 in the amount of \$14,630.00.**

**Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 6 to Grand Isle Shipyard in the amount of \$14,630.00.**

- **Section D-South Interim Levee Improvements – Phase 1, Embankment**

SBL Construction, LLC is the contractor. The contractor is currently working on the excavating and hauling material. Although a grace period was offered, the contractor continues to fall behind so we suggest another meeting with the Executive Committee to discuss our next steps. The amount of material moved this month was 1,454 cubic yards.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 8 in the amount of \$4,544.48.

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 8 to SBL Construction in the amount of \$4,544.48.**

- **Section D-South Interim Levee Improvements – Phase 2, Grading & Shaping**

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

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No.6 in the amount of \$1,800.00.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 6 to SBL Construction in the amount of \$1,800.00.**

- **Section F Levee Improvements**

We are currently advertising for bids. We will accept bids on December 1st at 2:00pm.

- **Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall**

Sealevel Construction, Inc. is the Contractor. A Conditional Notice to Proceed was issued on October 12, 2020. The contractor is currently purchasing materials and pre-fabricating components of the wall. We will be issuing the Notice to Proceed on November 9th.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$32,877.27.

**Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 to Sealevel Construction in the amount of \$32,877.27.**

- **Maintenance of the South Floodgates:**

We accepted bids on October 20th. Circle, LLC was the low bidder in the amount of \$534,263.00. We recommend award of the contract.

**Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board agreed to award the maintenance of the Leon Theriot Lock's south sector gate to Circle, LLC in the amount of \$534,263.00.**

#### **GIS ENGINEERING, LLC**

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **A-East Bayou Lafourche Water Retention**

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

- **D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall Improvements**

- GIS continues to coordinate with CPRA and Eustis Engineering (geotechnical subconsultant) on the Phase I design package. Additional analysis was done by GIS and Eustis to satisfy CPRA requirements.
- The second phase design package is 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.

- **B-South Golden Meadow Boat Launch Ramp**

- The construction contract was awarded to Low Land Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$99,976.00. The Notice to Proceed was issued for September 30, 2020. Low

Land has begun the project. Weather and storms have delayed progress. Completion of project is expected by the end of the year (2020).

- **Section D-North Ramp**

- GIS is coordinating with LOOP and Eatel on relocation of fiber optic line.
- SLLD is coordinating with property owner to provide a borrow pit on site.
- GIS has submitted plans and specifications to CPRA for their approval. CPRA provided several comments, including a request for geotechnical analysis. GIS and Eustis are addressing those comments.
- Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$16,100 for Geotech investigation.

**Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved GIS Engineering Amendment No. 1 to increase amount of agreement by an additional \$16,100.00 to cover Geotech investigation of D-North Ramp.**

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

- **Floodwall/Receiving Structure**

- The wick drain installation, both horizontal and vertical, have been completed. The geotechnical settlement monitoring instrumentation has been installed on the western side. Geotechnical fabric and embankment have begun on the western side.

- **Barge Gate**

- GIS continues to review submittals and RFI's from Sealevel. Barge gate fabrication at Conrad has begun.
- Change Order No. 2, add additional Vertical Wick Drains and decrease amount of uncompacted fill. This is a no-cost change order.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 2 to add additional vertical wick drains and decrease the amount of uncompacted fill.**

- Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$673,997.88

**Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 to Grand Isle Shipyard in the amount of \$673,997.88.**

- Amendment No. 3 in the amount of \$48,000 for construction surveys.

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously accepted, the board approved Amendment No. 3 in the amount of \$48,000.00 for construction surveys.**

- Pay Request No. 1 for Sealevel on the Barge Floodgate in the amount of \$801,673.37

**Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 to Sealevel Construction in the amount of \$801,673.37.**

- Pay Request No. 4 for Sealevel on the Receiving Structure in the amount of \$1,290,669.69

**Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 to Sealevel Construction in the amount of \$1,290,669.69.**

**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. They have approximately six weeks of work left.

- **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. 6 in the amount of \$133,665.00.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 6 to Grand Isle Shipyard in the amount of \$133,665.00.**

- **Larose Floodwall Height Improvement, West End A-Phase 5**

Preliminary plans have been submitted and reviewed by the State, and final plans are being submitted this week for approval. We are recommending approval to advertise for bids, pending final approval from the State.

**Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved the advertisement for bids, pending final approval from the State.**

- **Morganza to the Gulf, Reach L**

Potential Borrow Site borings were taken 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 reviewed by the Levee District.

**MORGANZA TO THE GULF**

**DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS**

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)  
Mr. Marmande was not in attendance

**ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS**

Engineer Report (Brandon Arceneaux)

- **Reach K Reshaping, Emergency Rehabilitation – Phase 1**

Contractor (Low Land) is 95% complete with hauling all on site material to the appropriate locations. Contractor is making final pass on grading and shaping of material.

- **Reach K Levee, Emergency Rehabilitation – Phase 2**

Sealevel has begun work on the northern most area along the west bank of Grand Bayou. They have completed approximately 4,000 LF of the 23,000 LF project working from the north to the south.

Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$96,507.18

**Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 to Sealevel Construction in the amount of \$96,507.18.**

Bids are due this Thursday for material supply contract for Reach K. This project will include delivery of approximately 55,000 yards to Reach K for continued levee improvement.

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board authorized Board President and/or General Manager to accept the low bid for Reach K supply and delivery of materials, based upon the recommendation of MTG Attorney Jacob Dagate and MTG engineers.**

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

In the absence of Chairman Mitch Danos, General Manager Windell Curole announced that one permit request was received for review, and that it did not interfere with the levee.

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

1. **FORT APACHE ENERGY INC**

**CUP NO:** P20200909

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-27-27.15N / Long. 90-28-35.27 W; Section 6 T19S R20E;

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed drill of two wells and construction of ring levee with gravel access pad.

Approximately 345 cy of native material will be hauled and placed on site to construct the ring levee and 110 cy of crushed stone or gravel will be hauled in and placed on site to construct the

access road. Approximately 4.00 acres of upland habitat may be impacted as a result of this 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 Keith Guidry, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.**

**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 Monty Vegas and seconded by Keith Guidry.**

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary