

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
AUGUST 9, 2021**

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 9, 2021 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 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
Brian Marts
Monty Vegas
Mc Neely Rome
Roland Curole
Keith Guidry
Brett DeRoche

Board members absent: Mitch Danos

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; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, Stevie Smith, Laura Barnes; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Attorney General's Office Doug Cheramie; LPSO Brennan Matherne, SLLD Employee Berwick Cheramie; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Keith Guidry and seconded by McNeely Rome.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Callais stated that he had nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

SECTION F BERM IMPROVEMENTS

Chairman Keith Guidry informed the board that at the recent Executive Committee meeting the committee discussed several ways of improving the berm on Section F. He stated that a report was forthcoming and would be presented to the commissioners when available.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole discussed improvements made since last hurricane season. On the west side levee system, slides of C-North showed work that would bring the section of levee started at Paul Dufrene's Farm to the access bridge from 13 ft. up to a 16 ft. elevation. Additional slides showed Reach K marsh mitigation growth which overflowed and resulted into an additional 9 acres of marsh. Progress

that was being made in Section C-south would raise that levee from 13 ft. to 18 ft. Recently completed, the Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall went from a 13 ft. elevation to 17 ft.

On the east side levee system, D-South Floodwall slides showed new construction on the 14 ft. floodwall that would be raised to 18 ft. Mr. Curole showed slides of E-North and South levees. The slides showed the only areas in the levee system that were a little lower than the flood insurance program had suggested. Those areas would be brought up to approximately 14 ft. Construction on Section F levee will bring the crown of the levee from 11 ft. to a 13 ft. elevation.

On the Morganza to the Gulf project, Mr. Curole showed slides of the recently installed barge structure at Grand Bayou. He explained the elevations surrounded the structure and emphasized the benefits the floodgate would bring during hurricane season.

FY 2021 AUDIT UNDERWAY

Mr. Curole informed the board that the annual audit for Fiscal Year 2021 was underway.

CORPS QUARTERLY SPONSOR LETTER

Mr. Curole presented a quarterly sponsor letter from the Corps to each commissioner and gave a short explanation.

SECTION D-SOUTH, PHASE III, AUTHORIZE QUOTES

Mr. Curole explained that the Section D-South, Phase III project would complete the work in the Yankee Canal area that had previously being done by SBL Construction. Mr. Curole requested the board authorize himself or the board president to receive quotes and spend up to \$250,000 to complete that section of levee.

On a motion by Roland Guidry and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board authorized the general manager and board president to accept quotes to spend up to \$250,000 to complete Section D-South Levee, Phase III.

SECTION F BERM DISCUSSION

Mr. Curole stated that Vice President Keith Guidry had spoken on Section F Berm in his report, and that the reports should be available the following week from the engineers.

SECTION F BERM, GOMESA BA-250 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Mr. Curole informed the members that the Intergovernmental Agreement BA-0250 for GOMESA funds in the amount of \$1M had been received for review and comment. He stated that the funds would be put toward the Section F Berm project and that the agreement had been sent to the board attorney for his review and comments. Mr. Curole requested, upon the attorney's review and recommendation, once all comments and changes were made to satisfaction, the board authorize himself or the board president to sign the agreement to fund the Section F Berm.

On a motion by Keith Guidry and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board authorized the general manager and/or board president, upon the recommendation of the board's attorney, to enter into an agreement with the State through CPRA to dedicate \$1,000,000 in GOMESA (BA-0250) funding for the Section F Berm Improvement project.

PROTECTION IMPROVEMENTS FOR HURRICANE SEASON

Mr. Curole stated that he had pointed out the improvements for this hurricane season during his slide presentation. He added that the levees, pumps and pump stations were all in good condition and with no serious deficiencies for the 2021 hurricane season.

FUNDING FOR LAROSE LOCK

Mr. Curole stated that \$1.8M in Capital Outlay funds was on the agenda for the Bond Commission's review at their August 17th meeting. He explained that we would need a total of \$15M to put towards the construction of the Larose Lock. With the approval of the \$1.8M by the Bond Commission, those funds would be added to lock budget. These funds, along with the \$3.8M of BP Settlement funds that were received last year, would be added to the Parish's \$5M GOMESA funds for the Larose Lock project. This would leave the project short by \$5M.

SURPLUS SHEET PILES

Mr. Curole announced that after advertising, no bids had been received for the used surplus sheet piles. He explained that we had placed a minimum bid amount in the advertisement but would now like to readvertise without a minimum bid amount.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously agreed to readvertise used surplus sheet piles with no minimum bid limit.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond updated the board on the GOMESA-funded Section F Berm project saying the Intergovernmental Agreement had been submitted to the Levee District for review and comment.

The agreement for the GOMESA funding of the Larose Floodwall Vessel Impact Barrier was still being drafted.

The Intergovernmental Agreement for Reach L was also being drafted and would be submitted to both SLLD and TLCD for review and comments.

We are currently drafting Amendment No. 2 of the TE-0154 (GM PS Floodwall project) agreement for a time extension to March 1, 2023. A revised projects list will add Section F Berm project with the reallocation of unused funds.

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-North Levee Improvements**

Grand Isle Shipyard, Inc. is the contractor. The contractor is currently on-site hauling borrow material on the levee section.

There is no application for payment this month on this project.

- **Section F Levee Improvements**

Onshore Materials, LLC is the Contractor. The contractor is currently on-site hauling borrow material on the levee section.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No.5 in the amount of \$64,953.33.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$64,953.33.

- **Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall**

Sealevel Construction, Inc. is the Contractor. The project is substantially complete and, in the Lien period. Sealevel is working on the punch list items.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 10 in the amount of \$12,061.20.

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$12,061.20.

- **Larose Lock Project**

Project Plans and Specifications are complete. They have been submitted to US Army Corps of Engineers and CPRA for approval.

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

Outer Limit Contractors, LLC is the Contractor. The contractor is currently on-site beginning to excavate the borrow area and hauling borrow material on the levee section.

There is no application for payment this month on this project

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC

Engineer Laura Barnes reported the following:

- **A-East Bayou Lafourche Water Retention**
 - We are still waiting on the USACE to issue the permit.
 - GIS is coordinating with pipeline and utility companies to satisfy requirements necessary to cross their pipelines.
 - Three of the seven prospective agreements have been signed. Phillips 66 has informed us that an agreement will not be necessary.
 - GIS has developed servitude requirements for the project and forwarded the proposed maps to the SLLD attorney.
 - Plans and specifications for the project have been completed. We can begin advertising for bids once the permitting and land issues are resolved.

- **D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall Improvements (Sealevel)**
 - Notice to Proceed was issued on May 14, 2021 with a contract end date of November 9, 2021.
 - Saw cutting of the concrete mat is complete and debris was removed from the construction area.
 - Installation of East floodwall H-piles is in progress, with (4) sets of piles remaining.
 - Fabrication and painting of floodwall components is in progress at Specs & Eagle dry dock.
 - Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$291,958.75 was approved by GIS.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$291,958.75.

- CPRA comments on final design package for Phase II were addressed and returned on July 19, 2021 .

- **Section D-North Ramp**
 - The original bids were received on April 22, 2021. The low bid was substantially higher than the estimate and budget. SLLD rejected all bids.
 - GIS received quotes for Phase I on July 20, 2021 to excavate and stockpile the material from the borrow pit. Only one quote was received, which was over the limit set by the Public Bid Law. Options are being evaluated.

Grand Bayou Flood Control Structure (Sealevel)

- Floodwall & Receiving Structure
 - The Barge Gate was successfully installed.
 - The final 30" plumb/battered pile set on the west floodwall was installed with the connection plates complete.
 - Grout installations on the east jacket and seal tube assemblies are complete except for touch-ups.
 - Sheetpile installation resumed along the west side floodwall with installations nearly complete.
 - Completed fender timber installations on the west side jacket and the east jacket is nearly complete.
 - Continued installation of waler beams on the west side floodwall.
 - Upon completion of the settlement period, the west abutment was de-grassed and cutting/shaping has begun.
The excess material is being used to make the levee connection between Reach K and the abutment.
 - Pay Request No. 20 in the amount of \$427,453.19 was approved by GIS.
Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 20 in the amount of \$427,453.19.

- Barge Gate
 - Barge Gate was transported/delivered to the site and successfully installed on June 28 & 29, 2021.
 - Breasting dolphin, pull pile structure, pivot pile/bracing, and pull lug installations are complete.
 - Operational testing with equipment adjustments and repairs are underway.

- Substantial Completion Inspection was held on July 26, 2021. GIS recommends Substantial Completion of the project as of July 21, 2021.

Moved by Brian Marts, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board accepted Substantial Completion.

- Pay Request No. 10 was approved by GIS in the amount of \$283,534.15.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$283,534.15.

- Hurricane Delta/Zeta
 - There are no additional hurricane related items pending.
 - Hurricane Delta: All Hurricane Delta work is complete and the GIS continues to assist All South, providing additional information as requested by FEMA.
 - Hurricane Zeta: Limestone access road and laydown yard repairs are nearly complete, with the remainder of the in-contract limestone to be installed at a later date. Access road maintenance is being performed as needed.
 - Hurricane Zeta: GIS continues to assist All South, providing additional information as requested by FEMA.

LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **B-North & B-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Pontchartrain Partners, LLC, is complete 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. 15 in the amount of \$10,184.07.

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 15 in the amount of \$10,184.07.

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

The contractor, Sealevel Construction, Inc. is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$33,198.22.

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$33,198.22.

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

We are currently advertising to receive bids on August 19, 2021 for this project.

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)

Emergency Rehabilitation of Reach K Spoil Material (Phase II)

- Sealevel continues work on the west bank of Grand Bayou. They have completed shaping 100% of the dredge material as well as 100% of the trucked/barged material. They are currently working on capping the southern tie-in levee, +/- 1,500 LF
- Sealevel Construction, Inc. Pay Applications No. 9 in the amount of \$9,939.38 and No. 10 in the amount of \$11,853.62 are recommended for approval.

On a motion of Keith Guidry, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously carried, the board approved Pay Applications No. 9 in the amount of \$9,939.38, and Pay Application No. 10 in the amount of \$11,853.62.

Supply & Deliver Material Lost to Reach K (Hurricane Barry)

- This project is recommended for substantial completion and contractor is currently working on punch list items.

On a motion of Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously carried, the board approved Substantial Completion for Supply & Deliver Material Lost to Reach K (Hurricane Barry).

- No contractor pay applications are being requested approval at this time.

Reach K Terrace Repair

- Authorization to Solicit Quotes
Roland G/Keith G

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

In the absence of Chairman Mitch Danos, General Manager Windell Curole announced that one permit extension had been received for review, and that it would not interfere with the levee.

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

1. CRIMSON MIDSTREAM LLC

CUP NO: P20190589 (Extended)

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; POB of 20" line Lat 29 28 34.18N, Long -90 15 40.84W, POE Lat 29 27 14.53N, Long -90 15 58.20W; Section 31, T18S-R22E; Section 7, T19S-R22E; see plats for additional coordinates.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed to install approximately 9004.54 linear feet of a 20" pipeline to support the transport of product between existing facilities. Approx. 38,488 cy material may be displaced by operations. In addition, 3,801 ft of line will be abandoned. Approx. 22 acres of uplands, bottomland hardwood, open water, and fresh marsh habitat may be impacted by proposed activities.

REVISION 1: Initiation extension

BOARD ATTORNEY

Board attorney was not in attendance.

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.

MAINTENANCE & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Repairs to Pump No. 5 at PS No. 4

Chairman Keith Guidry announced that the Maintenance & Equipment Committee had met to discuss issues with the repairs to pump number 5 at PS No. 4 location. He stated that the committee was not yet ready to give a report but would be consulting with the board attorney and hopefully have a report ready for the next board meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Chairman Monty Vegas announced that the Personnel Committee had met on July 22, 2021 and recommended the board take actions on the following items:

- Promote Mobile Equipment Operator 1-Heavy, Chase Berthelot, to Mobile Equipment Operator 2-Heavy, with appropriate pay increase.

On a motion of Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Guidry, and unanimously carried, the board approved the promotion from Mobile Equipment Operator 1-Heavy, Chase Berthelot, to Mobile Equipment Operator 2-Heavy with appropriate pay increase.

- Hire Robbie Savoie to fill vacant position of Mobile Equipment Operator 1-Heavy with six-month probational period.

On a motion of Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole, and unanimously carried, the board approved the hiring of Robbie Savoie to fill the vacant position of Mobile Equipment Operator 1-Heavy with a six-month probation period.

- Move Levee Foreman B, Eric Chiasson, to vacant Mobile Equipment Operator 1 position with no pay change.

On a motion of Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Guidry, and unanimously carried, the board approved moving Levee Foreman B, Eric Chiasson, to the vacant Mobile Equipment Operator 1 position with no change in pay.

- Promote Mobile Equipment Operator 2, Allen Allemand to Levee Foreman B position, with appropriate pay increase.

On a motion of Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Guidry, and unanimously carried, the board approved the promotion of Mobile Equipment Operator 2, Allen Allemand to Levee Foreman B position with appropriate pay increase.

- Create Levee Foreman A position and promote Mobile Equipment Operator 1, Richard "Richie" Galjour, to Levee Foreman A with appropriate pay increase.

On a motion of Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Guidry, and unanimously carried, the board approved the creation of Levee Foreman A position and the promotion of Mobile Equipment Operator 1, Richard "Richie" Galjour, to Levee Foreman A with appropriate pay increase.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary