

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING  
OF  
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District met in a regular session at its regular meeting place, 17751 Highway 3235, Galliano, Louisiana, on Monday, September 12, 2022, 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 March was called to order by President Keith Guidry. Commissioner Roland Guidry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Guidry directed the secretary to call roll.

Board members in attendance: Keith Guidry  
Ronald Callais  
Roland Curole  
Mitch Danos  
Brett DeRoche  
Roland Guidry  
Brian Marts  
Mc Neely Rome  
Monty Vegas

Board members absent: None

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, Trey Middleton, Stevie Smith, CPRA Daniel Dearmond; 17<sup>th</sup> District Judge Steve Miller; District 54 Representative Joe Orgeron; and news media.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

**The minutes of the August 8, 2022, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by McNeely Rome and seconded by Ronald Callais.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**ALBL CONFERENCE: NOV 30 THRU DEC 1, 2022**

President Guidry reminded the board of the upcoming ALBL Conference and stated that information had been provided with their meeting packets. Any questions could be directed to SLLD Office Staff, Mary Punch or Amy Gisclair.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Ronald Callais announced that the Executive Committee had met at 10:00 a.m. on September 6, 2022. The Financial Report was reviewed by line items. The purchase of a new tractor and maintenance plan was referred to the Maintenance & Equipment Committee for further review. Repairs to the main office were discussed along with a new budget of \$500,000. The committee agreed to the new budget amount and recommended the president and general manager be authorized to work with the engineers in moving forward with the repairs to the office building.

**On a motion by McNeely Rome and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously accepted the Executive Committee report and authorized President Keith Guidry and General Manager Windell Curole to work with the engineers and the \$500,000 budget in moving forward with advertising, awarding of the main office building repairs.**

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

**JUDGE STEVE MILLER**

17<sup>th</sup> District Lafourche Parish Judge Steve Miller addressed the board saying he was a candidate for the First Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Miller gave a brief history of his background experience and commended the SLLD Board for its accomplishments over the years.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SLIDE PRESENTATION - ONE YEAR AGO, REPAIRS FOR TODAY**

General Manager Windell Curole presented side by side images of Hurricanes Katrina and Ida as they each moved across the screen in almost identical paths. After a brief discussion, Mr. Curole showed slides of areas around the levee system indicating the progress that had been made since Hurricane Ida's damages one year ago. The last slide was a map that showed the southern portion of the levee with lines along the west side indicating where Ducks Unlimited planned to do more marsh creation.

The engineers were asked to comment on how high the levees could be built. The highest elevation would be 18 feet without adding to the width of the levee. The challenge would be to maintain that height because most of the material in the borrow canals had been exhausted, and with subsidence issues, the levees would need to be raised by a couple of feet every few years to maintain the 18 ft. height. The consensus was that the 18 ft. height would work well for the next 10 to 20 years. A brief discussion pursued.

**ARRIVAL OF NEW PORTABLE GENERATOR, 60KW DIESEL - \$44,959.46**

Mr. Curole announced that the portable generator that was approved at the August meeting had arrived.

**SALES TAX COMPARISON – APPROXIMATELY \$2 M INCREASE**

Mr. Curole announced that the property tax received by SLLD was about \$2 million less than the previous year, but that the increase in Sales Tax had mostly covered that loss.

**MAIN OFFICE – REQUEST TO INCREASE BUDGET TO \$500K AND ADVERTISE REPAIRS**

Mr. Curole stated that the main office repairs were discussed during the Executive Committee meeting.

**CPRA AMENDMENT TO EXTEND E-NORTH DEADLINE**

Mr. Curole presented an amendment to the CPRA agreement BA-231 to extend the construction deadline on Section E-North. He stated that the work had been delayed and that the amendment would add more time to the funds contract. He recommended the board accept the amendment as presented.

**Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved the CPRA amendment to extend the construction deadline for Section E-North Levee work.**

**C-SOUTH, OUTSIDE BERM**

Mr. Curole stated that work on the C-South berm would commence this winter.

**408 PERMITS**

Mr. Curole updated the board on the levee district's obtaining 408 permits from the Corps. Mr. Curole stated that he and local engineers had been meeting with the Corps in an attempt to get back into their rehabilitation program.

**SECTION D-NORTH OVERTOPPING AREA**

Mr. Curole requested the board approve up to \$250,000 to elevate the area on D-North where overtopping had occurred during Hurricane Ida.

**Moved by Brett DeRoche and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved spending up to \$250,000 to elevate the D-North area that was vulnerable to overtopping.**

**SUPPORT OF DUCKS UNLIMITED, LA 1 TERRACE PROJECT**

Mr. Curole stated that the Ducks Unlimited, LA 1 Terrace Project was discussed during the slide presentation.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

**OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**

Mr. Daniel Dearmond stated that CPRA was working on the amendments to the D-North Ramp agreement, and also the E-North amendment that Mr. Curole had reported on earlier.

**CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

There was no one in attendance from the Corps.

**PROJECT ENGINEERS**

**PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES**

Engineer Joe Picciola gave the following report:

- **Larose Lock Project**  
Project Plans and Specifications are complete. They have been submitted to US Army Corps of Engineers and CPRA for approval.
- **Section F Levee Improvements**  
We have completed the 95% set of plans. We are now scaling back the size of the project to fit proposed budget. We are waiting on geotechnical information to complete the plans. Estimated Advertise Date 10/1/2022. Estimated Completion Date 10/1/2023, Proposed Elevation Top of Levee +14.00.
- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Pump Stations and Floodgates**  
Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC is the Contractor. We held the Pre-construction meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The Notice to Proceed was issued on December 6, 2021. The contractor is complete with the sheet metal work on Pump Stations No. 1, 4, 7, 8 & 2. They are currently working on electrical component replacement on Pump Stations No. 1, 6, 4, 7, 8 & 2.

The contractor has submitted Change Order No. 2 in the in the amount of **\$47,733.14** for additional gutters at Pump Stations No. 4, fog signal installation, and repair navigation aid light system at Leon Theriot Lock.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$47,733.14.**

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$6,637.14.

**Moved by Brett DeRoche, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$6,637.14.**

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Main Office**  
We have completed mold remediation treatment to the building. Enviro-Clean Services, Inc. was the Contractor.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$8,239.70

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$8,239.70.**

As requested earlier, we are requesting authorization to re-bid the reconstruction of the office with budget of \$500,000. Authorization was received earlier in the meeting.

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Mechanic Shop**  
Frisco Industrial Contractors, LLC is the Contractor. The Notice to Proceed was issued on May 31, 2022. They are currently working on repairing the building interior walls, electrical wiring, rollup doors and waiting on the doors.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$37,505.25.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$37,505.25.**

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to the Warehouse**

Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC is the Contractor. They have completed and work on the canopy and trim.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$13,926.41

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$13,926.41.**

The low bid received for replacement of one overhead door and repair of one overhead door was Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC in the amount of \$24,731.00.

**Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board accept low bid from Grand Isle Shipyard in the amount of \$24,731.00**

- **Section A-West Corner Elevation**

Compeaux and Sons Construction, LLC is the Contractor. They are complete with elevation of the first corner of the project and near completion of the second area. Estimated Completion Date 10/1/2022, Proposed Elevation Top of Levee +20.00.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$51,520.00.

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$51,520.00.**

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

We are currently surveying the borrow area to determine the availability of material in the target excavation area. Estimated Advertise Date 10/1/2022, Estimated Completion Date 4/1/2023, Proposed Elevation Top of Levee +16.00.

**GIS ENGINEERING, LLC**

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

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

USACE issued the permit for the project on November 29, 2021. GIS is coordinating with DNR to extend that previously issued 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 had developed servitude requirements for the project and forwarded the proposed maps to the SLLD attorney.

Plans and Specification for the project have been completed. We can begin advertising for bids once the permitting and land issues are resolved.

GIS is currently surveying adjacent Chevron pipeline to locate and received Letter of No Objection.

Estimated Advertise Date: Q1 2023

Estimated Completion Date: TBD

Proposed Elevation: +3'

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

Phase 1

The project is complete.

Hurricane Ida Efforts

Current Hurricane Ida related work for the project is complete and GIS continues to provide information and coordinate with All South as needed for the ongoing FEMA claim.

Phase 2

Sealevel has completed construction of the project.

The project is Substantially Complete and of Thursday, July 21, 2022

GIS issued a Punch List, with all items complete except for fertilizing/seeding which is to be completed when weather allows.

Pay App No. 5 and Pay App No. 6 have been submitted to GIS and is pending submission/approval of Certified Payroll, prior to submission to SLLD for approval

Change Order No. 2 to add six (6) weather days to the contract time.

**Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 to add six weather days to the contract time.**

- **D-North Ramp – GIS# 39130-1249/1250**

GIS finalized the new design package to rebid the project without the asphalt work, with the intent to open the project up to additional bidders.

The package has been submitted to SLLD and CPRA for review and approval to advertise.

The current opinion of probable construction cost estimate is \$584,365.

Estimated Advertise Date: November 2022

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023

Proposed Elevation: +16'

Engineering Amendment No. 5 in the amount of \$19,660.00 for additional design and survey efforts.

**Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Brett DeRoche, the board unanimously approved Engineering Amendment No. 5 in the amount of \$19,660.00.**

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

The project is complete, and the flood control structure remains operational.

A couple minor items were noted during the One Year Warranty inspection, pending completion of these three items by the Contractor's subcontractors.

Floodwall & Receiving Structure

Barge Gate (Sealevel – Conrad)

The project is complete.

GIS received the remaining information from the contractor and the Project O&M Manual has been prepared. Hard copies and digital copies will be bound and delivered to SLLD, TLCD, and NLLD. CPRA will be provided a digital copy.

The One Year Warranty Inspection was held on Thursday, July 21, 2022, and included a maintenance closure of the gate. All components functioned properly, and the closure was successful. A couple of small items were noted that the Contractor is addressing.

There are hydraulic, electrical, and mechanical components on the Gate that will have an extended warranty through March 2023. Once finalized, this list of items will be provided.

Hurricane Delta/Zeta

There has been no further requested data/info at this time.

Hurricane Ida

All Hurricane Ida work is complete, and GIS is coordinating with All South in order to provide the required back-up documentation for the SLLD FEMA Claim. Additional information provided.

- **Reconnection of Breton Canal to Bayou Lafourche – GIS# 39130-1329**

GIS Engineering has submitted the Bid Package inclusive of plans, specifications and cost estimate to SLLD and the landowner for review and comment.

The current opinion of probable construction cost estimate is \$730,000.

**LEEVE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC**

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **C-South Levee Reshaping and Compaction**

The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC is continuing with construction on this project to raise the levee of +18' from Pump Station No. 2 to the Apache Farm Levee. We estimate this project will be complete in approximately 2-3 months.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC is continuing work on the project to shape the levee to +18'. We estimate this project will be complete in approximately 1 month.

- **B-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC is continuing work on the project to shape the levee to +18', and we are recommending approval of payment for Invoice #1080 in the amount of \$9,870.00. We estimate this project to be complete in approximately 1 month.

**Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice No. 1080 in the amount of \$9,870.00.**

- **C-North Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC is continuing work on the project to shape the levee to +16', and we are recommending approval of payment for Invoice #1079 in the amount of \$18,270.00. We estimate this project will be complete in approximately 1 month.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice No. 1079 in the amount of \$18,270.00.**

- **Yankee Canal & Section A-East Erosion Repairs**

A pre-construction meeting was held September 7, 2022, and the contracts and Notice to Proceed are being finalized.

- **Larose Floodwall Vessel Impact Barrier**

This project is currently in the permit phase, and we estimated starting the advertisement in about 1 to 2 months.

- **Section F Berm Levee Improvements**

The project will address berm improvements to the section F levee and will be ready to advertise later this month.

- **Section C-South Levee Re-Shaping**

Grand Isle Shipyard is the contractor. This project will shape the levee from Bason's to the south side of Apache. This work will bring the levee up to a +18 ft.

### **MORGANZA TO THE GULF**

#### **DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS**

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

- No one was in attendance

#### **ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS**

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

- **Golden Meadow Marsh Terraces**

All South has completed capturing initial survey data of project's site.

Some additional data may be captured; however, a set of preliminary plans are being developed from initial survey.

- **Reach K Terraces Repairs**

All South to conduct site visit on 9/8/2022 to outline final scope of work requirements for survey team.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that two permit requests were received for review, and that neither interfered with the levee.

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

1. **TERREBONNE LEVEE & CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**CUP NO:** P20220639

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-25-22n / Long -90-26-44W; Section see attached drawings; Pointe Aux Chene

**DESCRIPTION:** TLCD will continue construction of Reaches K & L of the Morganza to the Guld Hurricane Protection System. This project is a continuation of the same footprint previously permitted under P20110563. The total levee project area is approx. 132ac for the levee construction and 210 ac of excavation – approx. 69ac of wetlands, 150ac of non-wetlands, and 120ac of waterbottoms will be impacted by the proposed work. The terrace mitigation project may affect approx. 150ac of waterbottoms, and the marsh creation mitigation project may affect approx. 100ac of waterbottoms. The project is located on and/or near the Pointe-Aux-Chenes WMA

**2. SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT**

**PERMIT REQUEST:** LONO #19292

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; All work to occur on the protected side of the Larose to Golden Meadow – West sections A, B and C in Lafourche.

**DESCRIPTION:** Install a steel barge floating gate structure to form a lock on Bayou Lafourche. This will involve: 1) dredging Bayou Lafourche, beginning 750-feet East of the centerline, to -17.5 feet at 60-feet wide from 244-feet 2) sloping Bayou Lafourche bottom, from endpoint of last dredge, from -17.5 feet to -25.0-feet for 20-feet and widening from 60-feet to 148-feet 3) dredging Bayou Lafourche, from endpoint of last dredge, to -25.0-feet at 148-feet wide for 222-feet 4) covering dredged area with two feet of riprap, extending to shorelines on either side 5) driving 209.74-linear feet of PZC-18sheet piling 50-feet long and 147-linear feet of PZ-22 sheet piling 55-feet long 6) construction of fenders, guidewalls, dolphins, and caissons with some of the fenders and portions of the guidewalls being removable. The closest work location will be approximately 50-feet from the centerline of the levee.

**BOARD ATTORNEY**

Attorney Ryan Collins 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 Ronald Callais, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.**

**MAINTENANCE & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**

**PURCHASE OF TRACTOR WITH 5-YEAR MAINTENACE PLAN**

Chairman Ronald Callais announced that the Maintenance & Equipment Committee had met earlier and reviewed the option to purchase one tractor on State Contract at the price of \$86,000. In addition to the tractor, the committee reviewed an optional five-year maintenance plan with extended warranty for an additional \$5,000.00.

**Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board authorized the purchase of one new tractor on State Contract at \$86,000, and a five-year maintenance plan for an additional \$5,000.**

Mr. Callais presented the bid results for the sale of surplus lawnmowers as follows:

BIDDER NAME	INV #342	INV #365	INV #383
Barry Baudoin	\$351.00	\$851.00	\$1,051.00
<b>JJ Merchant</b>	<b>\$377.77</b>	<b>\$1,377.77</b>	<b>\$1,577.77</b>
Jenakalyn Wunstell	No Bid	\$706.00	\$1,051.00

**Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board accepted the highest bids for the sale of three surplus lawnmowers from JJ Merchant.**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chairman Monty Vegas announced that Operating Engineer 2 Roudy Pierce had successfully completed his six months of probational service and recommended he be moved to permanent status.

**Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Ronald Callais, the board unanimously approved the move to permanent status for Operating Engineer 2 Roudy Pierce.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Guidry recognized Representative Joe Orgeron. Rep. Orgeron stated that he would like to stay in contact with Ducks Unlimited on their terrace project. Mr. Orgeron briefed the board on a bill passed by Rep. Jerome Zeringue that would cover FEMA's 10% non-covered cost-share funding. He explained what was available and how it would be divided among the parishes.

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

/S/Keith Guidry, President

/S/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary