

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
AUGUST 12, 2024**

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 12, 2024, 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 Keith Guidry. Commissioner Brett DeRoche led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Guidry directed the secretary to call roll.

Board members in attendance: Keith Guidry
Roland Curole
Brett DeRoche
Mc Neely Rome
Scott Theriot
Monty Vegas

Board members absent: Mitch Danos
Brian Marts

Also present were:

Executive Director Nicholas Matherne
Executive Assistant Mary Punch
Administrative Assistant Amy Gisclair
Operations Manager Drake Baudoin
Engineering Personnel:
Joe Picciola, Picciola & Associates
Neil Angelette, Angelette Design
Kevin Dezarn, GIS Engineering
Morgan Degruise, GIS Engineering
Stevie Smith, All South Consulting Engineers

CPRD Daniel Dearmond
Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine
Elaine Callais and family of Ronald Callais
Pat Theopolis, Theopolis Oil, Gas & Land Svc
Robert Theriot, Ted Orgeron, Mike Callais, and
News media

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the July 8, 2024, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by McNeely Rome and seconded by Brett DeRoche.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.02, RONALD CALLAIS

President Guidry honored the passing of former Commissioner, Ronald Callais, with the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Callais served with distinction, diligence, and vigor to achieve the goals of the South Lafourche Levee District since his appointment to the Board of Commissioners in 1984, serving in the capacity of President of the Board for twenty-one years and Vice President for over three years; and

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Callais demonstrated unwavering dedication, wisdom, and leadership, leaving an indelible mark on our community and on the South Lafourche Levee District, which, under his passionate leadership, greatly improved the level of protection for the residents and businesses of the South Lafourche Community against the threat of flooding from hurricanes and tropical storms; and

WHEREAS, the passing of a great community leader and public servant has left a deep void in the South Lafourche community;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District extend a formal expression of their profound sorrow at the death of their colleague Ronald L. Callais and do hereby note in the Minutes the passing of a man who was appointed to the Board in July 1984, served faithfully until his death in May 2024, and was highly esteemed by his associates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the original of this resolution is to be tendered to his family as an expression of the Board's heartfelt sympathy.

On a motion by McNeely Rome and seconded by Monty Vegas, Resolution No. 2024.02 was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED on this 12th day of August 2024.

President Guidry presented a plaque to Mrs. Elaine Callais and sons in gratitude for Mr. Callais' 40 years of service on the board and his work throughout the community.

PROPOSED RENAMING OF PS NO. 1 – RONALD CALLAIS

President Guidry announced that Pump Station No. 1, which was located at the Golden Meadow Park, would be renamed to the Ronald L. Callais Pump Station. Details of the event will be announced later. Mrs. Callais thanked the board. Commissioner Monty Vegas added that Mr. Callais had always given to the community so this was the Board's way of giving back.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2024

At President Guidry's direction, Executive Director Nic Matherne reported on the following items:

- MAC agreement
- State's IGA for D-South Crawfish Farms Floodwall Phase III (TE-0154)
- State's IGA for D-North Ramp (BA-0246)
- Updated Emergency Operations Manual 2024.03
- Discussion of Naming PS 4 after Ronald Callais
- MVFCA – September 23-24
- Larose Floodwall Urethane Injection – Python Corporation
- Larose Floodgate Emergency Closure Project
- Upcoming Priority Meetings with Project Engineers

A copy of the Executive Committee minutes was provided to each board member.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no audience comments.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ACCEPTANCE OF MAC AGREEMENT WITH AUTHORIZATION TO SGIN

Executive Director Nic Matherne briefed the board on the benefits of joining the Morganza Action Coalition (MAC) and informed the board that the agreement with MAC had been reviewed by legal counsel and was ready for board acceptance and authorization to execute. He recommended that the Board join MAC at the \$10K per year participation level.

Moved by Scott Theriot and seconded by McNeely Rome the board unanimously authorized the participation in the Morganza Action Coalition at the \$10K per year level and authorized the board president or executive director to sign and execute the agreement.

ACCEPTANCE OF STATE'S IGA (TE-0154, D-SOUTH FLOODWALL) WITH AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN

Mr. Matherne explained that an agreement was already in place, but that contact information had to be updated on the agreement. He recommended the board execute the agreement.

On a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Brett DeRoche, the board unanimously authorized the president or executive director to sign and execute the State's IGA Agreement #TE-0154 for the D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall.

MINERAL LEASE NOMINATIONS – AWARD LEASE

Mr. Matherne announced that a bid opening for the Mineral Lease Nominations had occurred at 2:00p that day. One bid submitted by TP Panther Dome, LLC, provided a bonus of \$1,950, or \$650 per acre with annual rentals in the amount of \$975. The bid was reviewed by Land Consultant Lee Bloch and confirmed to be in order. Mr. Matherne recommended awarding the bid to TP Panther Dome, LLC.

On a motion of Monty Vegas and seconded by Roland Curole, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The South Lafourche Levee District has advertised for an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease on some of the lands that it owns in Section 28 Township 19 South Range 24 East that were not previously leased; and

WHEREAS, TP Panther Dome, LLC has submitted a bid providing for a bonus of \$1,950.00 or \$650.00 per acre, with annual rentals of \$975.00 and royalties of 25% for the minerals provided for under the lease; and

WHEREAS, the afore-described bid provides for the following acreage to be leased:
"All of the Lands currently not under Mineral Lease from the South Lafourche Levee District situated within Section 28, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana being more fully described as follows: Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X = 2,412,347.70 and Y = 270,497.39; thence East 1,456.95 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 2,413,804.65 and Y = 270,497.39; thence South 1,192.04 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 2,413,804.65 and Y = 269,305.35; thence West 1,456.95 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 2,412,347.70 and Y = 269,305.35; thence North 1,192.04 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately **3 acres**; and

WHEREAS, the South Lafourche Levee District has reviewed the bid and voted to accept the bid, subject to the approval of the State Mineral Board; and, Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Lafourche Levee District Board does hereby authorize its President or General Manager to execute the mineral lease in favor of TP Panther Dome, LLC.

ACCEPTANCE OF STATE’S IGA (BA-0246, D-NORTH RAMP) WITH AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN

Mr. Matherne explained that the contact information also had to be updated on this agreement. He recommended the board execute the agreement.

On a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously authorized the president or executive director to sign and execute the State’s IGA Agreement #BA-0246 for the D-North Ramp project.

LAROSE FLOODWALL URETHANE INJECTION –PYTHON CORPORATION

Mr. Matherne deferred the Larose Floodwall Urethane Injection by Python Corp to Engineer Neil Angelette of Angelette Design to be discussed later.

LAROSE FLOODGATE EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROJECT

Mr. Matherne reminded the board of the issues that arise when the Larose Floodgate must stay open for periods of time during high water levels. Mr. Matherne stated that if a cable should snap during an opening and the gate cannot be closed, it could cause flooding inside the system. Picciola and Associates has offered a proposal for up to \$50K of design fees to create an emergency winch system to give our employees a backup plan to close the gates. With no objections from the board, Mr. Matherne stated that he would move forward with Picciola & Associates’ proposal adding that the fees were within the executive director/general manager’s and board president’s spending abilities without further board authorization.

MILLAGE REASSESSMENT VALUES

Mr. Matherne announced that the reassessment values had just been received by the assessor’s office. He briefed the board on the current and assessed rates and stated that there was a deficit in this year’s reassessment of properties. He stated that a roll-forward would only provide an increase of \$131,918.14 per year, which would be passed on to the taxpayers. Mr. Matherne stated that he would like to meet and discuss further with the Finance Committee and announced that a Public Hearing on the millage would take place at 3:00 p.m. on September 9, 2024, with the regular meeting immediately following.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond had nothing to report.

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, LLC are 95% complete. All permitting is complete. We are now preparing the Final Plans and Specifications for Issuance Bid and Right of Way Plans.
- **Section E-North Levee Improvements Southeast Corner to Northeast Corner**
Construction Site Specialties, LLC, is the contractor. The Notice of Proceed was issued on June 19th. The contractor is on-site moving material when the weather permits. Construction Site Specialties, LLC has submitted Pay Application No. 7 in the amount of \$81,227.61.
Moved by Brett DeRoche, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Construction Site Specialties, LLC's Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$81,227.61.
- **A-East Interim Levee Improvements**
Project Plans and Specifications are complete. They have been submitted to CPRA for approval. We spoke to CPRA and requested Eustis Engineering provide a proposal for an additional geotechnical analysis. Eustis has completed all the fieldwork and is complete with the engineering analysis. We submitted the engineering analysis to CPRA for review and approval.
- **Repairs to North Gate Structure**
TLP Construction Co., LLC, is the contractor. The Notice to Proceed was issued on July 8, 2024. The contractor moved on site on July 15th and is complete with the project.

TLP Construction Co., LLC, has submitted the Certificate of Substantial Completion.
Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Scott Theriot and unanimously accepted, the board accepted the Certificate of Substantial Completion from TLP Construction for the Repairs to the North Gate Structure of the Leon Theriot Lock.

TLP Construction Co., LLC, has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$103,500.00.
Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved TLP Construction Co., LLC's, Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$103,500.00.
- **Repairs to Pump No. 1 at Pump Station No. 2**
Boland Marine is the Contractor. They are working on repairing the pump.

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC

Engineer Kevin Dezarn reported the following:

- **A-East Bayou Water Retention – GIS# 39130-1251/1252**
USACE issued their permit for the project on November 29, 2021. The USACE permit expires on August 31, 2026. LDENR issued their permit for the project on March 5, 2024. The LDENR permit requires that work begin by March 5, 2026.

GIS has coordinated with pipeline and utility companies to acquire Letters of No Objection.

GIS developed servitude requirements for the project and presented the proposed maps to the SLLD attorney.

Plans and specifications for the project have been completed. We can begin advertising bids once the servitudes are acquired.

- **D-North Ramp Lift (Material Stockpile) – GIS# 39130-1249/1457**
Outer Limit mobilized in July and has begun stockpiling material along the southwestern bank of the triangular pit. Little progress has been made, however, due to high water events in the area. Change Order No. 1 for an additional 15 weather days is being presented for board approval due to high water and rain events throughout the month.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 1 to add 15 weather days at no additional cost.
- **Reconnection of Breton Canal to Bayou Lafourche – GIS# 39130-1329**
SLLD has awarded the construction contract to Garden Environments, Inc. in the amount of \$999,000.00. Equipment has arrived on the jobsite to begin clearing vegetation along the canal.
- **D-South Floodwall at Crawfish Farms, Phase III Improvements – GIS# 39130-TBD**
Project is currently advertising. Anticipated Bid opening Date: August 27, 2024. Estimated Construction Cost: \$785,000

LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-DESIGN, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **C-North Levee Improvements**
The contractor, Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC is continuing work on the project to shape the levee to +13.5'. We are recommending approval of Invoice #1283 in the amount of \$48,427.50.

The contractor has submitted Invoice No. 1283 in the amount of \$48,427.50.

Moved by Scott Theriot, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice #1282 in the amount of \$48,427.50.
- **C-South Floodside Repairs**
The contractor, Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC is continuing work on the project to build the flood side berm of the levee as well as hauling materials from the area behind the shooting range. We are recommending approval of Invoice #1284 in the amount of \$42,305.00, Invoice #1285 in the amount of \$130,460.00, and Invoice #1292 in the amount of \$16,662.50.

The contractor has submitted Invoice No. 1284 in the amount of \$42,305.00.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice #1284 for \$42,305.00.

The contractor has submitted Invoice No. 1285 in the amount of \$130,460.00.

Moved by Brett DeRoche, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice #1285 for \$130,460.00.

The contractor has submitted Invoice No. 1292 in the amount of \$16,662.50.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Scott Theriot and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice #1292 for 16,662.50.
- **Larose Floodwall Vessel Impact Barrier**
The contractor, Low Land Construction Company, Inc. is currently in the clear lien period.
- **Section F Berm Improvements**
The contractor, Sealevel Construction, Inc. is continuing with work on the project to improve the protected side berm. We are recommending approval of Application for Payment No. 10 in the amount of \$83,989.02.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 10 in the amount of \$83,989.02.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$89,989.02.

Mr. Angelette reminded the board that Mr. Matherne had deferred the Larose Floodwall Urethane Injection by Python Corp to his engineering report. Mr. Angelette explained that the old floodwall in Larose was built in the 1980s and had some seepage in some areas. He stated that it was not a flood issues, but from rainwater that accumulated between the old and new floodwalls which were about 10 feet apart. Python Corporation sealed the worst of the cracks with a urethane injection.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

No one was in attendance.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

Reach K Terraces Repairs (Project #041-11-01)

- Approximately 8000 linear feet of terraces had a crown elevation of less than +2.0 feet.
- TLCD began rehabilitation work in mid-April. They are elevating the crown and reestablishing the slope to the berm.
- Approximately 6680 linear feet are completed. The last two terraces (northwesternmost) are being worked on now and should be done by mid-September.
- Final construction cross sections were done last week for approximately 75% of the completed terraces.

Reach K Levee (Project #041-10-01)

South

- Reach K – South – from floodgate to access road was elevated to +12.
- Reach K from Station 7+50 to South Water Control Structure was elevated to +11.
- From access road north to Station 7+50 (first bend) was not elevated due to being used for hauling. Material is stored adjacent so it can be lifted if a storm comes.

Center

- Reach K – Center is between South Water Control Structure (Station 105) and the north water control structure (Station 209).
- Mats were installed so trucks can cross the South Water Control Structure.
- The contractor began working south of Discovery Pipeline (Station 169+00) today due to us not having permission to cross it yet.

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

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

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

1. CANTUM

CUP NO: P20240297

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-6-22.5N, Long. 90-11-40.88W

DESCRIPTION: Installation of an 8-inch pipeline (approx. 1,020ft.). 670 ft. of pipeline will be installed in open water and 350ft. will be laid on top of the marsh. Approx. 2,407 cy will be excavated and used for backfill.

2. DOWN THE BAYOU CHARTERS LLS

CUP NO: P20240463

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-6-55.26n, Long. 90-11-49.1W

DESCRIPTION: Proposal to develop waterfront property along Pass Fourchon. The slip will be expanded and dredged to an elevation of -7'. The spoil from dredging activities will be placed onsite (16,800 cy) and covered with aggregate (4,400 cy). Within the slip, a bulkhead is proposed (760' long), shoreline protection, wharves, and boat slips and wharves. Along Pass Fourchon, shoreline protection, wharves, and piles are proposed. The shoreline protection will require 950 cy of fill, and an additional 370 cy will be excavated for the installation of tie-back piles.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ryan Collins reported the following:

- LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC: Oral arguments t First Circuit Court were continued. We are awaiting the new date. I will update the board once we know more.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

INVOICES

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the Finance Committee had reviewed the invoices and recommended they be paid.

On a motion of Brett DeRoche, seconded by Roland Curole, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF REVISED EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINARY ACTION PLAN

Mr. Vegas stated that a copy of the revised Disciplinary Action Plan was provided to each board member. He explained the changes are recommended they be accepted.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Scott Theriot, the board unanimously adopted the revised Disciplinary Action Plan, Appendix "A" of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

Mr. Vegas informed the board that there were two vacant positions in the field that needed to be filled soon. Ads had been run and applications had started coming in. He added that both positions would need to be filled soon.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Scott Theriot stated that the Insurance Committee had met with insurance carriers and were exploring a possible buy-back option that would offer lower deductibles. The Committee will meet again and bring their findings to the full board.

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 McNeely Rome and seconded by Brett DeRoche.

/s/Keith Guidry, President

/s/Nicholas Matherne, Executive Director