

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

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, February 10, 2025, 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 February was called to order by President Keith Guidry. Commissioner Monty Vegas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Guidry directed the secretary to call roll.

Board members in attendance: Keith Guidry
Gavin Callais
Roland Curole
Brian Marts
Mc Neely Rome
Monty Vegas

Board members absent: Mitch Danos
Brett DeRoche
Scott Theriot

Also present were:

Executive Director Nicholas Matherne
Executive Assistant Mary Punch
Administrative Assistant Amy Gisclair
Operations Manager Drake Baudoin
Board Attorney Ryan Collins

CPRD Daniel Dearmond
Doug Cheramie, Governor's Office
News media

Engineering Personnel:

Joe Picciola, Picciola & Associates
Neil Angelette, Angelette Design
John Plaisance, GIS Engineering
Morgan Degruise, GIS Engineering
Corbin Hebert, Delta Coast Consultants

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the January 13, 2025, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Brian Marts.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MARCH MEETING DATE CHANGE

President Guidry announced that he and Executive Director Nic Matherne would be in meetings in DC the week of the regularly scheduled March 10th board meeting. He announced that the meeting would be held the following week on March 17th.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2025

In the absence of Chairman Scott Theriot, Executive Director Nic Matherne reported on the following items that were discussed at the February 3rd Executive Committee meeting:

- Proposed Committee Meeting Schedule
- RFP for Borrow Sources
- LA 1 Coalition Dues

- Larose Lock Funding Update
- LT Lock Impact – Adam J Daigle (Trinity Tugs)
- Aptim FEMA Consulting Services Proposal
- Restore or Retreat Annual Agreement
- Hamilton Street IGA
- Quote for Water Monitoring Equipment Installation
- Quote for Camera Installations at Pump Stations
- Quotes on Bathroom Options at Pump Stations
- Safety Inspection Update – deferred to Building, Equipment, and Maintenance Committee
- Dedication of Ronald Callais Pump Station
- Other items included a legal matter on D-North Ramp, repairs to PS No. 4 discharge pipes, and the bridge status going to PS No. 4

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SALES OF SURPLUS EXCAVATOR – APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE

Executive Director Nic Matherne requested authorization to advertise for sale the 2015 Volvo Long Reach Excavator.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Gavin Callais, the board unanimously declared the 2015 Volvo LR Excavator, Inventory No. 361, as surplus and authorized its sale at public auction.

DC TRIP FOR LEGISLATIVE MEETING & SHORES COALITION

Mr. Matherne announced that the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association fly-in would be on March 10th, 11th, and 12th. He stated that he and President Guidry would be meeting with congressional delegation mostly on FEMA reimbursement issues. Mr. Matherne addressed other items that would be addressed while in DC. He also mentioned that the SHORES Coalition would be flying-in to DC for meetings on March 26th to advocate for passage of the BREEZE and RISEE Acts to increase funding for coastal protection and restoration throughout south Louisiana.

CEA WITH RESTORE OR RETREAT FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP - \$500 DUES

Mr. Matherne announced that Restore or Retreat had invoiced the Levee District for the annual membership dues and recommended the board authorize the signing of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and pay the annual membership dues in the amount of \$500.00. He reminded the board of the restoration work that Restore or Retreat performs during the year to help improve our coastal areas.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously authorized the Executive Director to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Restore or Retreat, and approved payment of the annual membership dues in the amount of \$500.00.

LA 1 COALITION AGREEMENT

Mr. Matherne presented the annual dues and agreement with LA 1 Coalition and explained that this was for the elevation of the LA 1 Hwy. Mr. Matherne recommended the board authorize the signing of the agreement and payment of the dues in the amount of \$750.00. Mr. Matherne explained the benefits of the project during an issued evacuation to levee district constituents who live and/or work south of the levee system.

Moved by Gavin Callais and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously authorized the Executive Director to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with LA 1 Coalition, and approved payment of the annual dues in the amount of \$750.00.

APTIM CONSULTING SERVICES PROPOSAL (SQRA & FEMA REMAPPING)

Mr. Matherne presented a proposal from APTIM Consulting Services for a Master Services Agreement and the first two tasks under the agreement for services related to the ongoing FEMA Flood Remapping for Lafourche Parish and how those efforts relate to SLLD's efforts to be reinstated into the USACE Rehabilitation & Inspection Program, as well as the ongoing USACE Semi-Quantitative Risk Assessment. Mr. Matherne explained the tasks would be paid on a time and materials basis not to exceed the amounts listed in the task orders, and recommended the board approve their Master Services Agreement.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved the proposal from APTIM Consulting Services for the Master Services Agreement and Task Orders 1 & 2, and authorized the board president or executive director to sign the agreement and any relative documents.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond reported on the following:

- **A-West Agreement**
We have received SLLD comments, and this agreement is now under review by our legal team.
- **Two Amendments**
The first amendment we are working on is for additional time on E-North. The second amendment will be to add time to A-East and will also move funds from D-North Ramp to the A-East project.

Mr. Matherne further explained the funds moving process and the reasoning behind it.

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 95% complete. All permitting is complete. We are now working on Hydraulic Modeling of the area for submittal to FEMA and preparing the Final Plans and Specifications for Issuance to 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 to Proceed was issued on June 19, 2023. The contractor has not been on-site because of the weather. He will mobilize on-site when weather permits. Compeaux and Sons, LLC has been on-site shaping material on the levee crown and protected side berm.

Construction Site Specialties, LLC has submitted Pay Application No. 13 in the amount of \$126,266.68.

Moved by Brian Marts, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 13 in the amount of \$126,266.68.

Compeaux and Sons, LLC has submitted Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$45,200.00.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Gavin Callais and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$45,200.00.

- **A-East Interim Levee Improvements**
Project Plans and Specifications are complete. They have been submitted to CPRA and the US Army Corps of Engineers for approval. We spoke to CPRA and requested Eustis Engineering provide a proposal for additional geotechnical analysis. Eustis has completed all of the fieldwork and is complete with the engineering analysis. The engineering analysis was approved by CPRA and submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers for 408 Permit review and approval. The US Army Corps is still reviewing the submittal.
- **Emergency Gate Closure at Larose Floodgate**
TLP Construction Co., LLC is the contractor. A conditional Notice to Proceed was issued on January 6, 2025, for ordering of the equipment. Once the equipment is delivered, we will issue the formal Notice to Proceed to begin the project. The winches have been approved and ordered.
TLP Construction Co., LLC has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$87,383.25.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$87,383.25.

- **2025 Centerline Survey:**

We began surveys last week and should complete the field work and drawings by the end of February.

- **Corner Plate Repair at the South Floodgate:**

We submitted plans for the repairs to the Levee District. The boat company will hire a contractor to make repairs. P&A will inspect the repair work as it progresses.

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC

Engineer Mogan Degruise reported the following:

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

We continue to work on acquiring servitudes.

A landowner recently indicated some concern with having a portion of the levee on his property. Depending on the outcome of that meeting, a portion of the northern levee segment may need to be shifted south.

On January 17, 2025 GIS submitted SLLD with an alternative analysis to adjust the alignment, if necessary.

- **D-North Ramp Lift – GIS# 39130-1249/1457**

Contractor has submitted the clear lien certificate as of February 2, 2025.

The project is Substantially Complete.

Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$32,218.10 for the retainage to closeout the project is being presented.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$32,218.10 to Outer Limit Contractors.

- **D-North Ramp Lift – GIS# 39130-1249/1457**

The project was awarded to Onshore Materials, LLC in the amount of \$650,312.00 for the Base Bid and Alternate No. 1.

The partially executed contracts have been received and forwarded to SLLD for execution. We recommend the board authorize the execution of those contracts.

Moved by Gavin Callais and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously authorized the board president and executive director to sign and execute the contract with Onshore Materials, LLC for construction of the D-North Ramp Lift project.

A Pre-Construction meeting has been scheduled for February 11, 2025 at SLLD's office.

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

The weir gates were all successfully tested in the presence of GIS and SLLD.

The contractor is now working on punch list items. This includes installing the rip rap and removing the dam to allow water to flow through the gates.

Change Order No. 1 to add 8 weather days to the contract is being presented for approval.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Brian Marts, the unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 to add 8 weather days to the contract with Garden Environments.

Recommendation for Substantial Completion

Moved by Gavin Callais and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously approved Substantial Completion for the Breton Canal Weir.

- **D-South Floodwall at Crawfish Farms, Phase III Improvements – GIS# 39130-1485**
Construction is ongoing. The contractor, Sealevel Construction, has installed all sheet piling and plans to begin grading the site.

The contractor is ahead of schedule and plans to complete construction by the end of February.

Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$166,774.87 is presented for board approval.

Moved by Brian Marts and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously approved Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$166,744.87 to Sealevel Construction.

Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$9,200.00 is presented for board approval. This change order is for additional work required to cut unused sheets, and load/unload cut sheets to Pump Station No. 4.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$9,200.00 for additional work required to cut unused sheet piles and deliver to Pump Station No. 4.

LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-DESIGN, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **C-North Levee Improvements**
The contractor, Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC is finalizing some reshaping to dress off a segment of this levee section. We are recommending approval of Invoice #1369 in the amount of \$5,805.00.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice No. 1369 in the amount of \$5,805.00 to Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC.

C-South Floodside Repairs

The contractor, Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC, is continuing work on the berms, side slopes and crown of this section. We are recommending approval of Invoice #1370 in the amount of \$34,177.50.

Moved by Gavin Callais, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice No. 1370 in the amount of \$34,177.50 to Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC.

- **B-North Levee Maintenance**
The contractor, NEWGEM Construction, LLC, is working on the protected side berm for this levee section. We are recommending approval of Invoice #1045 in the amount of \$26,025.00 for this work.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice No. 1045 in the amount of \$26,025.00 to NEWGEM Construction, LLC.

- **Section F Berm Improvements**
The contractor, Sealevel Construction, Inc., has completed work on the project to improve the protected side berm. Substantial completion was approved at the November meeting, and we are currently in the clear lien period.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Corbin Hebert)

- **Water Monitoring Station**
The IGA with Terrebonne Levee has been executed. This agreement will allow the SLLD to piggyback off TLCD's previous procurement so that all the equipment can be of similar compacity, model, etc. We now have the final quote from YSI on the equipment in the amount of \$197,175.00 which will cover equipment to be installed at eight monitoring sites. We recommend approval so equipment can be ordered.

Mr. Matherne reminded the board that costs for the equipment would be covered under Capital Outlay funds.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously approved the quote from YSI for the water monitoring system in the amount of \$197,175.00.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

In the absence of Mr. Stevie Smith, Mr. Matherne reported the following:

- **Reach K Terraces Repairs (Project #041-11-01)**
Terrace work is complete, and the reimbursement process is underway.
- **Reach K Levee (Project #041-10-01)**
Work is currently halted as Terrebonne Levee works with Lafourche Parish Government to secure additional funding through CPRA.

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

In the absence of Chairman Mitch Danos, Mr. Matherne announced that four permit requests were received for review, and that none interfered with the levee.

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

- 1. LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT**
CUP NO: 20230193 (Extended)
LOCATION: Lat 29-24-38.99N / Long 90-08-56.09W; Section 20 T19S R23E; Section 21 T19S R23E; Galliano LA 70354
DESCRIPTION: Coastal restoration project consisting of the creation of earthen marsh terraces near Galliano, Louisiana in Lafourche Parish. This is a continuation of work initiated under P20120215 amended, expired, and continued under P20200204. This new project area was previously fragmented marsh which was converted to open water as a result of impacts of Hurricane Ida. Approx. 631,368 cy material will be excavated and placed onsite. Approx. 204.04 ac of unvegetated water bottoms may be impacted by the proposed activity.
- 2. CHEVRON PIPELINE AND POWER**
CUP NO: 20240984
LOCATION: Lat 29-6-10.6n, Long -90-12-22.15W;
DESCRIPTION: Proposed pipeline Removal/ABDN project to accommodate the deep-water port project (P20200067). Approx. 24,366 cy of material will be excavated and placed onsite.
- 3. BAYOU BOULLION OPERATING LLC**
CUP NO: 20230188(Extended)
LOCATION: Lat 29-12-17.40"N / Long -90-20-19.51"W; Lake Barre Oil Field, approx. 8.2 miles southwest of Leeville, LA.
DESCRIPTION: Proposed temporary barges and structures to produce the Lake Orgeron south Prospect 1 Well. No excavation or fill required.
REVISION: Extension Request
- 4. BAYOU BOULLION OPERATING LLC**
CUP NO: 20230006(EXTENDED)
LOCATION: Lat 29-12-17.40"N / Long -90-20-19.51"W; Lake Barre Oil and Gas Field, approximately 8 miles southwest of Leeville, LA
DESCRIPTION: Proposed installation of a 4 in-8,749.02' long flowline from Lake Orgeron South Prospect Well #1 to an existing platform. Approx. 2063c.y. will be displaced by jetting operations and an additional cubic yard of material will be required for bracing.
REVISION: Extension Request

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 McNeely Rome, seconded by Brian Marts, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

BUILDING, EQUIPMENT, AND MAINTENANCE

Chairman Brian Marts reported that Gallagher Insurance representative did a walk-thru with Mr. Matherne on the safety of gates and equipment around our levee system and made some recommendations for improvements. Necessary improvements are being made and there will be another walk-through in May.

Pump Station No. 4 discharge pipes have been leaking so we will have an inspection and get quotes for possible repairs or replacement of the pipes.

A 2009 Dodge Ram pickup truck was discussed as adding to surplus. We will also be getting quotes to replace a John Deere 650 Dozer. No action is needed at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Guidry announced that the board would go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters concerning the D-North Ramp project.

Under the direction of President Keith Guidry, a motion was made by Monty Vegas to enter into Executive Session with a second by McNeely Rome.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously approved, the board exited Executive Session and re-entered Regular Session.

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

/s/Keith Guidry, President

/s/Nicholas Matherne, General Manager