

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
MAY 12, 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, May 12, 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 May was called to order by President Keith Guidry. SLLD Acting Operations Superintendent Kevin Terrebonne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Guidry directed the secretary to call roll.

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

Board members absent: Brett DeRoche

Also present were:

Executive Director Nicholas Matherne

Executive Assistant Mary Punch

Administrative Assistant Amy Gisclair

Acting Operations Superintendent Kevin Terrebonne

Engineering Personnel:

Joe Picciola, Picciola & Associates

Neil Angelette, Angelette Design

John Plaisance, GIS Engineering

Kyle Pierce, Delta Coast Consultants

CPRA Daniel Dearmond

Russ Gisclair, Danos Coastal Restoration

News media

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Gavin Callais and seconded by Scott Theriot.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ALBL WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

President Guidry stated that the ALBL Workshop in Baton Rouge was very informative. He urged any board members who were unable to take the Ethics or Sexual Harassment Prevention trainings to get with the SLLD office to schedule online or in person trainings.

President Guidry informed the board that he had been approached by landowners regarding water seepage on the east side of the borrow canal where we had placed 8 ft. sheet piles. He added that we would investigate that area and get back to the board with any recommendations for improvements.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF May 6, 2025

Chairman Scott Theriot reported on the following items:

- **Progress of E-North, Construction Site Specialties Contract Status**

Under the advice of Picciola & Associates and board attorney, the Committee recommended meeting in person with the contractor to discuss their plans to complete the project.

- **LT Lock Repairs**

Work was delayed due to Contractor equipment failure.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Russ Gisclair with Danos Coastal Restorations addressed the board with slides showing 3-D printed ExoForms by Natrx used for artificial reefs or coastal erosion prevention. The forms are produced at a facility in Amelia, La. He indicated that the forms were safer and faster to install than traditional methods, and cost-effective. They also promote habitat growth with ecological benefits and become stronger over time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SHEET PILE INSTALLATION

Executive Director Nic Matherne discussed the areas around A-East and B-North & South where the largest issues with erosion had occurred and where we would be installing sheet piles.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mr. Matherne announced that the Projects Committee would meet on May 27th at 8:00 a.m. with the Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting on May 27th at 3:00 p.m.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Mr. Matherne explained that with the approaching hurricane season, our gates were tested successfully last month. The Leon Theriot Lock was being repaired. In addition, Section E-North crown and protected side berm would be reinforced. As part of the Emergency Preparedness meeting, we will discuss Dynamics' intent to have their equipment available for the coming hurricane season.

Mr. Matherne further explained that Jay Grymes at the ALBL Workshop stated they anticipated a normal to slightly higher than normal hurricane year. Mr. Matherne conditioned the prediction by reminding the public that a season could have several named storms and none make landfall or one storm that could be devastating. He added that we would prepare as strongly as possible and recommended the public do the same.

APPROVAL OF IGA TE-0180 (A-WEST) \$4.4M CONSTRUCTION FUNDS

Mr. Matherne stated that IGA TE-0180 would add \$4.4 million for improvements to A-West. He stated that the board attorney had reviewed and recommended approval by the board.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Scott Theriot, the board unanimously approved IGA TE-0180 for \$4.4 million in construction funds for the A-West Improvements project.

APPROVAL OF IGA BA-0231 (E-NORTH) AMENDMENT NO. 6

Mr. Matherne explained that Amendment 5 had expired, so CPRA was presenting Amendment No. 6 to extend that agreement. He stated that the board attorney had reviewed and recommended approval by the board.

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously approved IGA BA-0231 Amendment No. 6 to extend the agreement for the E-North Improvements project.

APPROVAL OF IGA BA-0273 (A-EAST) TO MOVE FUNDS FROM D-NORTH RAMP

Mr. Matherne explained that funds left from D-North Ramp project were being moved to the A-East project. He stated that the board attorney had reviewed and recommended approval by the board.

Moved by Brian Marts and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved IGA BA-0273 to move funds from D-North Ramp project to A-East Improvements projects.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond had nothing to discuss.

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. CSS is back on site hauling 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. 14 in the amount of \$11,662.20.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 14 in the amount of \$11,662.20.

Compeaux and Sons, LLC has submitted Pay Application No. 7 in the amount of \$68,025.00.

Moved by Mc Neely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$68,025.00.

- **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 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.

- **Corner Plate at the south Floodgate (LT Lock)**

The boat company anticipates making the repairs starting next week on May 12, 13 & 14 from 7 am to 6 pm with a 12 pm to 1 pm opening during lunch.

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

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

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

Due to a landowner's concern with having a portion of the levee on his property, the alignment was shifted south to avoid his property. We are currently awaiting approval from the "new" landowner to the south for the revised alignment.

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

The construction of the bypass road is complete and in use.

Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$45,695.00 is presented for board approval.

Moved by Scott Theriot, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$45,695.00.

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

We received quotes for a trash screen, but after seeing the weir in operation, we have determined that a screen may not be needed. We will monitor the weir for now and come back to the board for approval if we see the trash screen is needed.

- **D-South Floodwall at Crawfish Farms, Phase III Improvements – GIS# 39130-1485**

Construction is complete. Contractor requested substantial completion on Monday, April 7, 2025.

Pay Application No. 5 in the amount of \$46,977.50 is presented for board approval.

Moved by Mc Neely Rome, seconded by Gavin Callais and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$46,977.50.

LEEVE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-DESIGN, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **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 #1396 in the amount of \$19,597.50 and Invoice #1397 in the amount of \$49,297.50.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice No. 1396 in the amount of \$19,597.50.

Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice No. 1397 in the amount of \$49,297.50.

- **B-North & B-South Levee Maintenance**

NEWGEM Construction, LLC, is working on the protected side berm for this levee section. We are recommending approval of Invoice #1050 in the amount of \$72,240.00 for this work.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Scott Theriot and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice No. 1050 in the amount of \$72,240.00.

Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC is also working on this levee segment for flood side maintenance work and on the protected side berm. We are recommending approval of Invoice #1395 in the amount of \$14,480.00 for the flood side work and Invoice #1399 in the amount of \$78,982.50 for the protected side berm work.

Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice No. 1395 in the amount of \$14,480.00.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Scott Theriot and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice No. 1399 in the amount of \$78,982.50.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Kyle Pierce)

- **Reach L Pipeline Floodwall**

The IGA is in the works now for the Reach L Pipeline Floodwall. Work should start soon.

- **Reach L – Apache Farms Area**

Our plans are to raise the levee to an 11 or 12 ft elevation with stockpiled materials that are already in place. We anticipate the cost to be \$300K to cap the levee.

We anticipate having a rating on the bridge near the pump station later this month.

- **Water Monitoring System**

The SLLD legal team is working to answer some questions proposed by Facility Planning for Capital Outlay funding. Mr. Matherne explained the issues and said that Attorney Ryan Collins would be sending a letter to Facility Planning to hopefully answer their questions so the funds could be released and work on the system could start.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

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

Mr. Matherne explained that neither Melanie Caillouet nor Stevie Smith were able to attend, but sent their update on Reach K Levee. They stated that there had not been much movement on Reach K Levee and that they were trying to get funding from the state during this legislative session, but wouldn't know anything for a few weeks. They anticipate having more to report by the June meeting.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that five permit requests were received for review, and that none interfered with the levee.

On a motion of Scott Theriot, seconded by Gavin Callais and unanimously carried, the board approved Letters of No Objection for the following requests:

1. PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA LLC

CUP NO: 20230077 (EXTENDED)

LOCATION: Lat. 29-16-09 N, Long. 90-12-53 W; Section 14 T21S-R22E; Near Bayou Lafourche; Approx. 1.6 miles northwesterly from Leeville, LA.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed propwashing and structures for drilling the Olivia Prospect. Approx. 3065 cy of material will be propwashed.

REVISION 1: A request for extension of the permit term has been received.

2. CANTIUM LLC

CUP NO: 20230266 (EXTENDE)

LOCATION: Lat. 29-4-10.66n, Long -90-9-34.33W; Section N/A (offshore waters) TN/A RN/A; Lot# N/A;

DESCRIPTION: Conduct geophysical seismic survey in the Bay Marchand.

REVISION 1: A request for extension of the permit term has been received.

3. BAYOU BOULLION OPERATING LLC

CUP NO: 20250115

LOCATION: Lat. 29-25-25.31 n, Long 89-59-35.34 W; Section 23, 22, 27, 28, 32, 33, T19S-R24E

DESCRIPTION: Proposed to dredge, drill 5 well prospects, and install associated shell pads, flowlines, and structures within Hackberry Bay. Approx. 27,701 cy will be excavated and placed on site, and approx. 11,556 cy of crushed stone or gravel fill will be required.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ryan Collins reported that he was working to remove the "Jason Adams" case from the agenda soon.

An upcoming mediation for LA Contracting will take place in July.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

INVOICES

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

On a motion of Scott Theriot, seconded by McNeely Rome, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

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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 McNeely Rome and seconded by Mitch Danos.

/s/Keith Guidry, President

/s/Nicholas Matherne, General Manager