

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
DECEMBER 11, 2023**

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, December 11, 2023, 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 December was called to order by President Keith Guidry. Commissioner Brian Marts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Guidry directed the secretary to call roll.

Board members in attendance: Keith Guidry
Roland Curole
Mitch Danos
Brett DeRoche
Brian Marts
Scott Theriot
Monty Vegas

Board members absent: Ronald Callais
Mc Neely Rome

Also present were:

| | |
|---|---|
| General Manager Nicholas Matherne | Kevin Dezarn |
| Executive Secretary Windell Curole | Stevie Smith |
| Administrative Assistant 6 Mary Punch | Mitch Marmande |
| Administrative Assistant 3 Amy Gisclair | Aric Gisclair |
| Levee Board Operations Superintendent Drake Baudoin | Kyle Pierce |
| Attorney Ryan Collins | Kurt Crosby, Crosby Tugs |
| Engineering Personnel: | Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine |
| Joe Picciola | News media |
| Ben Hodson | |
| Neil Angelette | |
| John Plaisance | |

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the November 13, 2023, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CLARENCE MARTS, JR MEMORIAL HWY – DEC 15, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M.

President Guidry announced the dedication ceremony of the Clarence Marts, Jr. Memorial Highway, named after former commissioner and Vice President, Mr. Clarence Marts, Jr. Commissioner Brian Marts, son of the late Mr. Clarence Marts, announced that the ceremony would take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 15th at the intersection of LA 1 and Hwy 657 in Larose. President Guidry urged all who were available to attend the renaming of the highway in honor Mr. Clarence "CJ" Marts.

President Guidry announced that Executive Secretary Windell Curole had received an Award for Distinguished Service for his part in Leadership Louisiana for the past 20 years. Mr. Curole added that both he and Stevie Smith had received the same award and described the service they provided in speaking to bus tours each year.

RESOLUTION 2023.07, APPRECIATION TO MR KURT CROSBY

President Guidry recognized Mr. Kurt Crosby of Crosby Tugs and presented him with the following resolution that was unanimously adopted on the 9th day of October 2023:

RESOLUTION No. 2023.07

WHEREAS, the main office of the South Lafourche Levee District sustained substantial damage as a result of high winds and rainfall which occurred during Hurricane Ida;

WHEREAS, Mr. Kurt Crosby did offer his building and facilities as a temporary office space for the employees of the South Lafourche Levee District;

WHEREAS, due to Mr. Crosby's support, the South Lafourche Levee District was able to direct its efforts toward recovering from Hurricane Ida by restoring the hurricane protection to pre-storm conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District does hereby express its sincere gratitude to Mr. Kurt Crosby, representing Crosby Real Estate, LLC, for his generous contribution in providing ample office space to the Levee District, its employees, and the community it serves and in further providing the use of facilities to conduct business and meetings while repairs were being made to the South Lafourche Levee District's main office building.

President Guidry informed the board that Commissioner Ronald Callais was ill and in the hospital. He asked that everyone keep Mr. Callais in their prayers.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2023

In the absence of Chairman Ronald Callais, General Manager Nic Matherne briefed the board on the following items that had been discussed:

- Disaster Debris Removal Contractor Recommendation
- Updated Larose Lock Cost Estimate
- New Website and Hosting
- AM General Humvee Auction Results
- 2024 MVFCA Spring Meetings
- 2024 National Hurricane Conference
- ALCO Agreement (Allain-LeBreton, Co.), D-North
- Change Order for Vessel Impact Barrier
- Damages and repairs to Larose Westside Ramp (La 1 Bridge area), waterline at PS No. 8 and LT Lock.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine addressed the board saying the Parish and Levee District had always had a good working relationship. He added that the Parish would continue to pay for fuel for the pump stations in 2024.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDED SALES AND USE TAX ORDINANCE

General Manager Nic Matherne stated that a request for multiple changes to the ordinance was presented by the Sales Tax and Use Board. He briefed the board on the changes and recommended they adopt the ordinance as presented. He added that no new taxes were added and that it was only a consolidated list that was put together for the entire Lafourche Parish.

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Brett DeRoche, the board unanimously adopted the Lafourche Parish Sales and Use Tax Ordinance as revised and amended effective January 1, 2024, and authorized the General Manager to sign the resolution on behalf of the South Lafourche Levee District's Board of Commissioners.

PS NO. 8 DISCHARGE PIPE: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT QUOTES

General Manager Nic Matherne announced that we had requested quotes from qualified contractors to replace the discharge pipes at Pump Station No. 8. He stated that they would receive quotes on Dec. 19th and recommended the board authorize the General Manager or President to accept the lowest quote contingent up on the engineer's review.

Moved by Scott Theriot and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously agreed to allow the General Manager and/or President to accept the lowest quote under \$250,000 for PS No. 8 discharge pipe replacement, based upon the recommendation of the engineers.

SURPLUS PROPERTY AUCTIONS

General Manager Nic Matherne stated that the Humvee sold for just under \$3,800 over the price that the Levee District had paid for it. He added that the next truck to be sold on the online auction would be the dump truck. He added that after speaking with representatives from both Terrebonne Levee and Grand Isle, neither was interested in purchasing the truck. That truck will be placed on auction in the coming weeks. After that, the 1965 Transport truck would be placed on auction.

ALBL CONFERENCE

General Manager Nic Matherne briefed the board on the ALBL Conference that was attended the week prior to the meeting. He added that he had good conversations with the Corps of Engineers.

DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL CONTRACTS

General Manager Nic Matherne reminded the board that we had previously sought bids for debris removal pre-positioning contracts, but the contractors who bid did not have a working knowledge of what was needed to remove large amounts of debris, so no bid was awarded at that time. We again advertised and accepted bids for the project and we held a pre-bid meeting to discuss what was needed for debris removal. We would like to award the contracts to two contractors and have them both on standby. Mr. Matherne requested the pre-positioning debris removal contracts be awarded to Dynamic and to KDF Enterprise.

On a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously agreed to enter into agreements for the pre-positioning of Disaster Debris Removal Contracts with Dynamic Group and KDF Enterprises and authorize the President and General Manager to sign any and all documents necessary, contingent upon the advice and recommendation of legal counsel.

DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING CONTRACTS

General Manager Nic Matherne explained that the contract for Debris Monitoring was accepted, but board authorization to sign the contracts had not yet been obtained. He recommended the board authorize the President or General Manager to sign all contracts associated with the pre-positioning of debris monitoring contracts.

On a motion by Brett DeRoche and seconded by Scott Theriot, the board unanimously authorized the President and/or General Manager to sign all contract documents associated with the pre-positioning of the debris monitoring contract that was previously awarded to Metric.

D-NORTH BORROW PIT AGREEMENT

General Manager Nic Matherne stated that in speaking with GIS Engineering, they realize they will need additional material to complete the D-North Ramp. We are currently working with the Allain-LeBreton Co. as to where the extra material may be obtained. Mr. Matherne requested the board authorize entering into agreement with Allain-LeBreton in excavating additional earthen borrow material needed for the D-North ramp, pending legal counsel review.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Brett DeRoche, the board unanimously authorized the President and/or General Manager to enter into agreement with Allain-LeBreton to excavate additional earthen borrow material to be used on the D-North Ramp project, contingent up on legal counsel review and recommendation.

LA HWY 1 MARSH TERRACING AND LIVING SHORELINE

General Manager Nic Matherne informed the board that Ducks Unlimited had been successful in a grant application they submitted through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's National Coastal Resilience Fund. They were awarded \$6.5M from that fund to construct 88,650 linear feet of earthen terraces in Golden Meadow. Mr. Matherne demonstrated the area on a map where the terraces would be built beginning in the fall of 2024.

LEON THERIOT LOCK SILL REPAIR

General Manager Nic Matherne stated that we had received a report that one of the sills at the Leon Theriot Lock had broken off so quotes were received and accepted, and the repair has been made. The cost was roughly \$6,500 and took one day to complete with no navigational interruptions.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

General Manager Nic Matherne announced that Mr. Daniel Dearmond was not in attendance due to his father being seriously ill. He asked that those in attendance remember Mr. Dearmond's father in their prayers.

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 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 19th. The contractor has been on-site excavating and moving dirt onto the levee section. Outer Limit has been placing material on the crown to +14 feet NGVD.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$ 331,281.84.

Moved by Brian Marts, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$331,281.84.

Outer Limit Contractors, LLC has submitted Pay Application No.1 in the amount of \$ 32,340.00.

Moved by Scott Theriot, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$32,340.00.

- **HURRICANE IDA STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS TO PUMP STATIONS AND FLOODGATES**

Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC is the Contractor. The project is complete and the Lien Period is complete. There is no pay application this month.

- **HURRICANE IDA STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS TO MAIN OFFICE**

Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC is the Contractor. The project is complete and the Lien Period is complete. There is no pay application this month.

- **MAINTENANCE OF NORTH SECTOR GATES AT LEON THERIOT LOCKS**

Project Plans and Specifications are complete. We are currently advertising for bids and will receive on December 19th.

- **SECTION A-EAST LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS**

Project Plans and Specifications are complete. They have been submitted to CPRA for approval.

- **REPLACEMENT OF DISCHARGE PIPE AT PUMP STATION NO. 8**

Project Plans and Specifications are complete. We are currently advertising for bids and will receive them on December 19th at 10:00 am.

LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – 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 permitting and land issues are resolved.
- Estimated Advertise Date: Q1 2024
- Estimated Completion Date: TBD
- Proposed Elevation: +3'

- Amendment No. 3 in the amount of \$249,090.21 for additional work.

Moved by Brett DeRoche and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved Amendment No. 3 in the amount of \$249,090.21 for additional work and engineering services.

- **D-NORTH RAMP – GIS# 39130-1249/1250**

- Contractor: LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC
- Original Contract Amount: \$692,710.00
- Notice to Proceed: February 13, 2023.
- Termination Date: May 25, 2023
- This project has been Terminated for Convenience per the contract documents, effective 5/25/2023. LA has demobed from the site.

- **D-NORTH RAMP LIFT (MATERIAL STOCKPILE)– GIS# 39130-1457**

- Based on discussions and negotiations with the on-site pit landowner, SLLD asked that Outer Limits hold their bid until landowner negotiations have been completed. Outer Limits agreed to hold their price until February, 2024.

- **D-NORTH RAMP LIFT – GIS# 39130-1457**

- GIS began design of completion of the ramp lift work.
- Amendment No. 1 for the contract in the amount of \$170,080.00 has been submitted to SLLD for processing. The amendment includes fees associated with ramp lift scope.

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Brett DeRoche the board unanimously accepted Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$170,080.00.

- GIS is waiting for landowner negotiations on the material stockpile to be completed to finalize base bid scope.
- Estimated Advertisement Date: January 2024 (Pending Landowner Negotiations)
- Estimated Completion Date: May 2024 (Pending Landowner Negotiations)
- Proposed Elevation: +16.0'

- **RECONNECTION OF BRETON CANAL TO BAYOU LAFOURCHE – GIS# 39130-1329**

- GIS submitted the Preliminary Design Report, which included plans and a cost estimate, on October 6, 2023.
- GIS is preparing Final Design plans and specs for the weir gate design.
- Estimated Submittal Date: December 8, 2023

- **D-SOUTH FLOODWALL AT CRAWFISH FARMS – PHASE III IMPROVEMENTS – GIS# 39130-1485**

- GIS is preparing Final Design calculations, plans and specifications for the levee tie-ins.
- Estimated Construction Cost: \$785,000

LEEVE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **C-SOUTH LEEVE RESHAPING AND COMPACTION**

The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC, has completed this project and has submitted the clear lien certificate along with the final Application for Payment. We are recommending approval of Application for Payment No. 18 (Final) in the amount of \$249,090.21.

On a motion of Brett DeRoche, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously carried, the board approved Pay Request No. 18 (Final) in the amount of \$249,090.21.

- **C-NORTH LEEVE 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 #1205 in the amount of \$82,485.00.

On a motion of Monty Vegas, seconded by Scott Theriot and unanimously carried, the board approved Invoice No. 1205 in the amount of \$82,485.00.

- **C-SOUTH FLOODSIDE REPAIRS**

The contractor, Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC is continuing work on the project to rebuild the flood side berm of the levee. We are recommending approval of Invoice #1206 in the amount of \$55,405.00.

On a motion of Mitch Danos, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously carried, the board approved Invoice No. 1206 in the amount of \$55,405.00.

- **LAROSE FLOODWALL VESSEL IMPACT BARRIER**

The Notice to Proceed was issued to the contractor, Low Land Construction Co., Inc. on December 8, 2023, and the contractor has started purchasing and storing materials at their yard in Houma. We are recommending approval of Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$238,165.00.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Roland Curole, with one opposition by Mitch Danos, the motion carried, and Pay Request No. 1 was approved in the amount of 238,165.00.

- **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. 2 in the amount of \$500,289.95.

On a motion of Brian Marts, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously carried, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$500,289.95.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

- **Morganza to the Gulf**

We are trying to tie-in the Morganza project on both sides of the Larose to Golden Meadow levee system. Work is progressing on Reaches K and L to get that area to a 12 ft. elevation. The Corps is beginning the design of the Intracoastal Floodgate near Pump Station No. 7 which may need to be relocated at no cost to SLLD. A lengthy discussion pursued.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

- **Golden Meadow Marsh Terraces**

GOHSEP has a funding program that may be appropriate for this project. The deadline to submit to the State is the end of January if the board decides to submit an application.

- **Reach K Marsh Mitigation Emergency Rehabilitation Phase II**

The board approved an agreement with the Terrebonne Levee District for TLCD to act as a contractor on SLLD's behalf to repair the terraces. This project has not yet started.

- **Hurricane Ida Response**

We are still working with SLLD to get costs reimbursed to you that have not yet been covered by FEMA due to the issues with the Corps' Rehabilitation and Inspection Program (RIP). Mr. Matherne is working with Joey Wagner at the Corps to get a letter drafted that can be submitted to FEMA.

The other issue we are still working on is the debris from the laydown yard at Grand Bayou. We will continue to work to get the claims approved and reimbursements processed.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that no permit requests were received for review.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ryan Collins updated the board on items that were being reviewed for the Reconnection of Breton Canal to Bayou Lafourche project, and the hearing with LA Contracting for D-North Ramp project that was terminated.

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.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS

President Guidry commended the engineers for the work that they were doing for the board and expressed his appreciation for their hard work.

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

/S/Keith Guidry, President

/S/Nicholas Matherne, General Manager