

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
OCTOBER 11, 2021**

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, October 11, 2021, 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 October was called to order by President Ronald Callais. Commissioner Roland Guidry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Callais directed the secretary to call roll.

Board members in attendance: Ronald Callais
Roland Guidry
Brian Marts
Monty Vegas
Roland Curole
Keith Guidry
Brett DeRoche

Board members absent: Mitch Danos
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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 Ray Collins; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, Ben Hodson, Neil Angelette, Stevie Smith, Mitch Marmande, Nic Matherne, Laura Barnes; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Attorney General's Office Doug Cheramie; LPC Daniel Lorraine; Dickie Bouvier, and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the September 9, 2021, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Keith Guidry and seconded by Monty Vegas.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER EVALUATION

President Callais presented each board member with an evaluation form and requested they evaluate the general manager's work performance over the past year.

ALBL DECEMBER CONFERENCE

President Callais reminded the board of the ALBL Conference to be held in New Orleans on Dec. 8-9, 2021. He stated that reservations had been made for those who would be attending.

SLLD RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02, GRAND BAYOU "REGGIE BAGALA" FLOODGATE

Motion of Commissioner Roland Curole, seconded by Commissioner Roland Guidry and unanimously approved, the following resolution was passed without opposition:

RESOLUTION 2021-02

GRAND BAYOU "REGGIE BALALA" FLOODGATE

WHEREAS, Reggie Bagala was born in 1965 in the South Lafourche Community that he loved so dearly; and

WHEREAS, Reggie fought to champion issues that directly impacted the people in South Lafourche; and

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WHEREAS, Reggie served Lafourche first as a business owner then as the Community Services Director, Parish Administrator, Legislative Internal Auditor with passion and diligence; and

WHEREAS, Reggie realized his life's dream of becoming an elected official and was elected to represent House District 54; and

WHEREAS, one of Reggie's main focuses was the land loss that affected coastal Louisiana and Lafourche Parish; and

WHEREAS, Reggie worked as a Legislator to secure funding for hurricane and flood protection projects; and

WHEREAS, Reggie was dedicated to bring to completion the LA 1 Project; and

WHEREAS, Reggie was a profoundly honest and dedicated man, who loved unceasingly — his family, his culture, his LSU Tigers, his friends, and his home here on Bayou Lafourche; and

WHEREAS, Reggie loved all things Louisiana;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in honor of the work, support and love for the people of Louisiana, the South Lafourche Levee District, along with the support of the neighboring agencies of the Lafourche Parish Government, the North Lafourche Levee District, and the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District, do hereby name the Grand Bayou Floodgate in Mr. Bagala's memory as the Grand Bayou "Reggie Bagala" Floodgate.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Representative Joe Orgeron stated that he appreciated the board passing the resolution for the Grand Bayou "Reggie Bagala" Floodgate. He further stated that he was working, within his power, to help with storm-related repairs.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole began his presentation showing before and after Google shots of areas heavily affected by Hurricane Ida with focus on marsh areas and how they held up to the storm.

Other slides showed progress being made in the removal of debris. Mr. Curole pointed out that approximately 60,000 cubic yards of the estimated 1,000,000 cubic yards of debris had been removed. Stevie Smith with All South Consulting Engineers added that they had hired at least 30 debris monitors to ensure everything was being calculated correctly according to FEMA regulations. A brief discussion pursued.

Mr. Curole requested the board take a vote to add Capital Outlay Request to the agenda.

On a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Keith Guidry, the roll was called. With 7 Yays, 2 Absent, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstained, the Board agreed to amend the agenda to add Capital Outlay Request 2022-2023 to the agenda.

CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST 2022-2023

Mr. Curole stated that we would be requesting a large amount of funding through Capital Outlay this year for upcoming projects. He requested the board authorized himself and/or the board president to submit the request and to sign any documentation necessary to receive funding through Capital Outlay.

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board authorized the general manager and board president to submit Capital Outlay Request for the year 2022-2023 and to sign any documentation necessary to receive funding through Capital Outlay.

Rep. Joe Orgeron reminded the board to request Letters of Support for financial assistance early and stated that he would work with the board on our request.

DEBRIS REMOVAL CASH FLOW

Mr. Curole stated that the cost to remove debris from the levees would be high and that we would be looking at alternate ways to remove including burning any debris that we could to help keep costs down.

DEBRIS REMOVAL: REQUEST EXTENSION FROM FEMA

Mr. Curole presented a letter that was submitted to FEMA requesting more time to remove debris from the levee as we had already reached the deadline to receive 100% reimbursement.

DAMAGE ASSESSEMENT OF LEVEES AND STRUCTURES

Mr. Curole stated that he toured the levee with the Corps the previous week to assess the levees and hard structures.

CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS

Mr. Curole presented a congressional letter that had gone out to members of Congress. He explained that the letter was in full support of CPRA's request for emergency funding which would include \$500M for the Larose to Golden Meadow Levee System.

LAROSE LOCK UPDATE

Mr. Curole met with engineers Joe Picciola and Ben Hodson to discuss moving forward with the lock conversion in Larose. He added that the Corps seemed to be asking fewer questions and were listening more to what he and the engineers had to say.

BRIDGE SUPPORT OF LA 1 HWY IN LEVEE RIGHT OF WAY

Mr. Curole stated that the next portion of the LA 1 Elevated Highway would cross into the levee system in the vicinity of Apache Dock. He made the board aware that there would be construction going on inside the levee system for this portion of the project.

DNR PERMIT – BAYOU L'BLEU PROJECT

Mr. Curole explained that the DNR Permit was for the Bayou L'Bleu project which would connect Reach L, at Paul Dufrene's Farm, to Grand Bayou with a bridge. He requested the board authorize himself or the board president to sign this and any other documents and/or agreements necessary in moving forward with that project.

On a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board authorized the board president and general manager to sign this and any other agreements or documents necessary in obtaining the DNR Permit and construction of the Bayou L'Bleu project.

RISK RATE 2.0

Mr. Curole stated that Congressman Steve Scalise called a meeting the previous Friday to discuss the Risk Rate 2.0 program for flood insurance. He explained that the preferred risk rates we had been received over the past few years would no longer be available. He further explained that since 1989 we had appealed to our federal government that our system had reduced storm threats to our community, and that had reduced our costs on insurance premiums. Recent information from consumers inside the levee system showed that some rates were predicted to go up from \$500 per year to as much as \$5,000 per year. Mr. Curole added that insurance rates could only increase by 18% each year, but over the next several years, that could result in much higher insurance rates. A brief discussion pursued.

ROOF REPLACEMENT ON OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. Curole stated that the office building had received a substantial amount of damage. He requested the board allow him to move forward with repairs in coordination with the insurance adjuster.

Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Brian Marts, the board authorized the general manager to move forward with repairs to the office building in coordination with the insurance adjuster.

HURRICANE BARRY FEMA REIMBURSEMENTS FOR MTG 55K CUBIC YEARD

Mr. Curole announced that we had received most of the money for the Reach K Supply and Deliver of 55K cubic yards of material that was claimed on FEMA. That money would now be reimbursed to the State and TLCDC for their portions that were paid.

AUTHORIZATION FOR BOARD PRESIDENT OR GENERAL MANAGER TO APPROVE ALL EMERGENCY STORM-RELATED AGREEMENTS (HURRICANE IDA)

Mr. Curole recommended the board authorize the board president or general manager to approval and sign all storm-related agreements.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Brian Marts, the board authorized the board president and/or general manager to sign all storm-related documents or agreements associated with Hurricane Ida.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond updated the board on agreements with CPRA. BA-0249 for the Larose Floodwall Barrier, along with BA-0250 Section F Berm, and Amendment No. 2 for Larose to Golden Meadow, are all being routed internally before being sent to the Levee District for final signatures.

We are waiting for final comments for Reach L Morganza to the Gulf project before routing internally for final signatures.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

There was no one in attendance from the Corps.

PROJECT ENGINEERS

PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES

Engineer Joe Picciola gave the following report:

- **Section E-North Levee Improvements**
Grand Isle Shipyard, Inc. is the contractor. The project is substantially complete and we are in the Lien Period.

There is no application for payment this month on this project.

- **Section F Levee Improvements**
Onshore Materials, LLC is the Contractor. The contractor is currently on-site hauling borrow material on the levee section.

There is no application for payment this month on this project.

- **Larose Lock Project**
Project Plans and Specifications are complete. They have been submitted to US Army Corps of Engineers and CPRA for approval.

- **Section D-South Interim Levee Improvements – Phase III**
Outer Limit Contractors, LLC. is the Contractor. The contractor is currently on-site prepping to begin excavating the borrow area and hauling borrow material on the levee section.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No.2 in the amount of \$10,520.00.

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$10,520.00.

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Pump Stations and Floodgates:**
The report is complete and has been submitted to the insurance adjuster and staff for review.

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

A-East Bayou Lafourche Water Retention

- USACE sent a draft permit, which Windell Curole has signed and returned
- 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 has developed servitude requirements for the project and forwarded the proposed maps to the SLLD attorney.
- Plans and specifications for the project have been completed. We can begin advertising for bids once the permitting and land issues are resolved.

D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall Improvements

- Construction contract for Phase I was awarded to Sealevel Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,648,822.00. Full Notice to Proceed was issued on May 14, 2021 with a contract end date of November 9, 2021.
- Installation of East floodwall H-piles is complete.
- Installation of West floodwall H-piles is about 50 percent complete.
- Fabrication and painting of floodwall components is complete and have been delivered to the project site.
- Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$355,015.00 was approved by GIS.
- Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$16,142.40 was approved by GIS.

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$355,015.00, and Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$16,142.40.

- Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$21,035.98 for Hurricane Ida Emergency Work.

Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$21,035.98 for Hurricane Ida Emergency Work.

- Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$21,035.98 was approved by GIS.

Moved by Brett DeRoche, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$21,035.98.

- Phase II is being advertised for bids on the dates 09/28/2021, 10/06/2021, & 10/24/2021.

Section D-North Ramp

- The original bids were received on April 22, 2021. The low bid was substantially higher than the estimate and budget. SLLD rejected all bids.
- GIS received quotes for Phase I on July 20, 2021, to excavate and stockpile the material from the borrow pit. Only one quote was received, which was over the limit set by the Public Bid Law.
- GIS is preparing to receive additional quotes to excavate and stockpile material from the borrow pit. These quotes will be received by October 15, 2021.

Grand Bayou Flood Control Structure

- Floodwall & Receiving Structure
 - Completed the installation of the east floodwall sheet piles and trimmed them to final grade.
 - Cleaned up debris from Hurricane Ida.
 - Continued installation of the east floodwall walkway.
 - Installed the light pole stanchions along the east floodwall.
 - Installed east floodwall and jacket anodes.
 - Primed and painted the protected side of the west floodwall, jacket, and battered piles.
 - Pay Request No. 21 in the amount of \$374,393.95 was approved by GIS.
 - Pay Request No. 22 in the amount of \$324,206.01 was approved by GIS.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 21 in the amount of \$374,373.95, and Pay Request No. 22 in the amount of \$324,206.01.

- Change Order No. 11 added \$226,290.76 to the contract in order to cover Hurricane Ida Clean-Up Operations.

Moved by Brian Marts, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 11 in the amount of \$226,290.76.

- Pay Request No. 23 in the amount of \$226,290.76 was approved by GIS.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 23 in the amount of \$226,290.76.

- Barge Gate
 - Barge Gate was successfully closed for Hurricane Ida.
 - Walkway from barge gate to pivot arm installation.

- Post Hurricane Ida debris clean up.
- Pay Request No. 12 was approved by GIS in the amount of \$20,187.50.
Moved by Brett DeRoche, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 12 in the amount of \$20,187.50.

- Hurricane Delta/Zeta
 - There are no additional hurricane related items pending.
 - Hurricane Delta: All Hurricane Delta work is complete and the GIS continues to assist All South, providing additional information as requested by FEMA.
 - Hurricane Zeta: Limestone access road and laydown yard repairs are nearly complete, with the remainder of the in-contract limestone to be installed at a later date. Access road maintenance is being performed as needed.
 - Hurricane Zeta: GIS continues to assist All South, providing additional information as requested by FEMA.
 - Proposed naming of the Grand Bayou Floodgate in memory of Reggie Bagala

LEEVE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **C-South Levee Improvements**
The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC, is continuing with construction on this project.
- **Larose Floodwall Height Improvement, West End A-Phase 5**
The contractor, Sealevel Construction, Inc. is continuing with construction on this project. We recommend approval of Pay Application No. 5 in the amount of \$33,046.23 and Pay Application No. 6 in the amount of \$49,569.33 from Sealevel Construction, Inc.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$33,046.23 and Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$49,569.33.

- **Morganza to the Gulf, Reach L**
We received bids on August 19, 2021 for this project. The bids we rejected at last month's meeting due to the amounts exceeding the budget. We are currently making changes to reduce cost for a future advertisement and to incorporate any site changes due to Hurricane Ida.

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)

Amend FEMA Related Program Management Contract

- Amend contract in the amount of \$826,000 for continued FEMA-related claims and debris work from Hurricane Ida. FEMA reimbursement was paid at 100% through Oct. 10th, then paid at 90% thereafter. This is a budgeted amount for the next 30 days.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously approved Amendment No. 5 for Program Management services, including debris monitoring and removal, for Hurricane Ida efforts in the amount of \$826,000.

Emergency Rehabilitation of Reach K Spoil Material (Phase II)

- Change Order No. 5 for additional work items associated with Hurricane Ida for an increase of \$44,475.00.

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 5 for additional work items with an increase of \$44,475.00.

- Sealevel continues working on capping the southern tie-in levee, +/- 700 LF remaining.

Mr. Smith requested the board take a vote to add Pay Request No. 11 to the agenda.

On a motion by Keith Guidry and seconded by Brett DeRoche, the roll was called. With 7 Yays, 2 Absent, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstained, the Board agreed to amend the agenda to add Pay Request No. 11 to the agenda.

- Sealevel Construction, Inc. Pay Applications No. 11 in the amount of \$19,142.50 is recommended for approval.

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Brett DeRoche, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 11 in the amount of \$19,142.50.

- Sealevel Construction, Inc. Pay Applications No. 12 in the amount of \$2,460.50 is recommended for approval.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 12 in the amount of \$2,460.50.

Supply & Deliver Material Lost to Reach K (Hurricane Barry)

- This project is in the clear lien period at this time.

Mr. Smith requested the board take a vote to add Pay Request No. 8 to the agenda.

On a motion by Roland Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the roll was called. With 7 Yays, 2 Absent, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstained, the Board agreed to amend the agenda to add Pay Request No. 8 to the agenda.

- Sealevel Construction, Inc. Pay Applications No. 8 in the amount of \$19,289.75 is recommended for approval.

Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$19,289.75.

Reach K Hurricane Ida Response

- Sealevel has removed the sandbags that were placed across the southern and northern water control structures prior to the storm. They have completed debris removal on Reach K as well.
- Reach K experienced some scouring from wave action and washout from overtopping. ASCE is capturing this field data and will develop a remedy once we determine the volume of material needed for repair.

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

In the absence of Chairman Mitch Danos, General Manager Windell Curole announced that five permit requests were received for review, and that none interfered with the levee.

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

1. MCKINNEY SALVAGE LLC

CUP NO: P20210459

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-9-45.11"N / Long. -90-13-23.88"W; (see plat for additional information); Section 34 T22S R22E

DESCRIPTION: Proposal extraction of a beached supply vessel; includes plans to lighten the vessel and utilize winches to relocate the vessel into deeper adjacent waters. Approx. 2,801 cy of native material will be excavated and distributed in open water by the proposed activity. Approx. 0.50 acres of vegetated wetlands and 10.00 acres of non-vegetated water bottoms may be impacted by the proposed activity.

2. BIG JIM'S SEAFOOD

CUP NO: P20210715

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29 15' 45.65"N, Long -90 14'36.08"W (See plats for additional projects coordinates); Section 16 TT21 RR22; Leeville

DESCRIPTION: Proposal to create an oyster cultivation farm. Approximately 0.14 acres of water bottoms may be impacted as a result of the proposed activities.

3. HUNT TELECOM/TORRY TELECOM & CABLE

CUP NO: WAIVER REQUEST

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; All work to take place on LA 3090, N.J. Theriot Road, and Normand Doucet Dr. in Port Fourchon. Project coordinates begin 29-07-36.768, -90-12-53.892, Project coordinates end 29-09-11.160, -90-10-48.720.

DESCRIPTION: Place two, 1.25-inch diameter conduits with one, ½-inch diameter fiber optic cable. Construction will be directional boring and the bore will be a minimum depth of 42-inch below grounds surface. The total length of the project will be approximately 18,350-linear feet. A total of eight handholes measuring 24-inches by 36-inches and eight bore assist pits measuring three feet long by three feet wide by 42-inches deep.

4. ENTERGY

CUP NO: WAIVER REQUEST

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; All work to occur on the floodside of the Larose to Golden Meadow – West Levee in Galliano. Project coordinates 29-28-11.110”, -90-20-31.030”

DESCRIPTION: Emergency LONO for REPLACEMENT IN KIND repair a distribution line. This will involve seven pole replacements and two transformer replacements which will all be accessed by airboat. The poles will be embedded eight feet below ground and each will have two five-foot anchors, The closest work location will be approximately 34-feet from the tow of the levee.

5. ENTERGY

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; All work to occur on the floodside of the Larose to Golden Meadow – West Levee in Galliano. Project coordinates 29-37-01.720, -90-23-0.040”

DESCRIPTION: Emergency LONO to install primary cable via horizontal directional drill under the GIWW. The boring will be placed 15-feet below the channel bottom. There is also another HDD that has been performed and was placed 15-feet below the bottom of the channel that will require AFTER-THE-FACT approval. The closest work was and will be approximately 180-feet from the toe 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 Keith Guidry, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

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 Monty Vegas and seconded by Keith Guidry.

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary