

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
JUNE 13, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District met in a regular session at its regular meeting place, 17751 Highway 3235, Galliano, Louisiana, on Monday, June 13, 2022, 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 March 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
Ronald Callais
Roland Curole
Mitch Danos
Roland Guidry
Brian Marts
Mc Neely Rome

Board members absent: Brett DeRoche
Monty Vegas

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 Ryan Collins; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, John Plaisance, Stevie Smith, CPRA Daniel Dearmond, Rep. District 54 Joe Orgeron; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the May 9, 2022, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by McNeely Rome and seconded by Ronald Callais.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Guidry had nothing to report.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Callais had nothing to report.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Representative Joe Orgeron addressed the board and stated that he had just gotten out of regular session but would be heading back soon for the special session. He stated that he wanted to give a report but did not have the information yet that he was waiting for. He stated that he would be attending the SLLD meetings and would give a report later. He then offered his support to the board and commended the levees for withstanding the test of Hurricane Ida. He added that the focus would be on marsh creation to gain back what was lost to Ida, and the progression of LA 1 Elevated highway. The expected completion date for the highway is July 2027.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole started his presentation with a map showing the actual track that Hurricane Ida took an alternate track with the resulting surge of that track. He next showed a satellite

image of the Clovelly Farms area before Ida, and another after the storm had passed. Mr. Curole emphasized the areas where land was prominent in the first slide, but the loss of that land on the next. Mr. Curole then showed groups of slides that were taken before Hurricane Ida which showed the condition of the levees just before the storm, immediately after Hurricane Ida with damages and debris, and then current slides showing the progress that had been made. The next set of slides were the progress that had been made at the D-South "Crawfish Farm" Floodwall that was near completion with its 18 ft. wall. The final slides were updates on the Morganza to the Gulf's Reach L levee section.

FEDERAL FUNDING POLICY

Mr. Curole stated that there had been one finding in the Fiscal Year 2021 Audit and that the SLLD needed to provide a policy on how it handles federal funds. He stated that Administrative Assistant 6 Mary Punch had worked with the auditor to prepare a five-page policy and recommended the board adopt as presented.

Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously adopted the Federal Funding Policy as presented.

LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Mr. Curole presented a questionnaire from the auditors regarding the Levee District's compliance with Louisiana laws. He recommended the board accept the Levee District's response to the questionnaire as presented.

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously accepted the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as presented.

RESTORE OR RETREAT 2022 MEMBERSHIP - \$500

Mr. Curole stated that it was time to renew the levee district's membership with Restore or Retreat. He emphasized the beneficial work they were doing and recommended the board approve the membership fee of \$500, along with the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved the 2022 membership fee in the amount of \$500 and authorized the general manager to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Restore or Retreat for the year 2022.

ACCEPTANCE OF FY2022 AMENDED BUDGET

Mr. Curole presented the amended budget for FY2022. He stated that the large amounts of increased spending were mostly due to Hurricane Ida. He recommended the board accept the amended budget as presented.

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously approved the Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 as presented.

REPAIRS TO YANKEE CANAL LEVEE

Mr. Curole stated that he would be speaking with the board attorney to see if repairs to the Yankee Canal Levee would fall under Hurricane Ida's Emergency Declaration. He requested the board president be authorized to make repairs according to the advice of the board attorney.

Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board authorized the board president to make needed repairs to the Yankee Canal Levee under the Hurricane Ida Emergency Declaration upon the advice of the board attorney.

UPDATE ON OFFICE BUILDING AND MECHANIC SHOP REPAIRS

Mr. Curole announced that work had started on the mechanic shop and that a portion of the inside would be done by SLLD employees to get it in working condition. He stated that the bid for the office building had come in much higher than anticipated and recommended the board reject those bids and rebid under a revised plan that would include mitigation measures.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously rejected the bids for repairs of the main office building and agreed to rebid under revised specs and plans that would include mitigation measures.

D-SOUTH GAP AT CRAWFISH POND PUMP STATION

Mr. Curole reported that the wall and levee were both at 18' elevation, but there was a gap at the D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall where concrete had been placed by the Corps to stop erosion and was around three feet lower than the wall and levee. Mr. Curole informed the board that we were looking to

structurally improve that area, but the quote came in higher than anticipated. He stated that we were now going to install a temporary measure by placing rows of Hesco baskets until a more cost-effective way to permanently close the gap could be found. A brief discussion pursued.

PURCHASE OF NEW LAWN MOWERS

Mr. Curole announced that the levee district needed to purchase two new commercial lawn mowers. He stated that pricing had been obtained through State Contract and also a local dealer. He explained that there was a small savings in purchasing through the state, but that we could run into issues when it came time for repairs. He stated that if the board had no objection, he would like to purchase both mowers from a local dealer who would be able to repair those mowers if and when needed. Mr. Curole stated that he would like to have the option to either trade-in the old mowers or advertise them to sell.

On a motion by McNeely Rome and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously approved the purchase of two commercial grade lawn mowers at the cost of \$13,000 each from Neil's Small Engine, along with the option to either trade-in the old mowers or advertise to sell.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond reported on GOMESA funded projects as follows:

- D-North Ramp – the Levee District is currently working on options to rebid
- Section F Berm – we are waiting on revised plans and specs for review
- GIWW Floodwall Impact Protection – we are waiting on plans and specs for review
- E-North – we are waiting on extending land rights, as well as plans and specs
- D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall, Ph 2 – this project is near completion

In addition, CPRA is working in the Clovelly Farm area to reestablish marsh along the northwest shoreline (Northwest Little Lake Restoration project) that was lost due to Hurricane Ida. This project will restore a little less than 1,000 acres in that area.

Mr. Curole stated that after Katrina federal funds took care of the five parishes around New Orleans. However, two authorized federal projects were left out of the share and those were New Orleans to Venice and Larose to Golden Meadow. A large amount of funds just became available for local projects. The Morganza floodgate received \$378M for which we are grateful as we will receive some benefit from that floodgate. New Orleans to Venice will receive \$783M for restoration and improvements. He added that the existence of Plaquemines parish provided protection from the open waters of the Gulf to our area. Laplace received \$450M, Atchafalaya received \$162M for flood protection and navigation, and the Comite Diversion near Baton Rouge, which has been needed for many years, received \$125M. All these areas are well deserved, and we are pleased they are receiving those funds. However, the Larose to Golden Meadow system could use \$48M just to get back to Corps standards, but we were completely left out of funding for flood protection. Mr. Curole stated that it was disappointing that we were left out, but what was not disappointing was the fact that we did not flood. He stated that he would continue to work to try to get more funding for our levee system. He also added that we would received \$5M through CPRA for the Larose Lock to assist our navigational needs.

Rep. Joe Orgeron informed the board that \$33M was put aside in ACT 167 to help cover costs that were not covered by insurance or FEMA. Political Subdivisions will be required to fill out forms stating how much insurance deductibles and 10% FEMA non recoverable funds the agency had. The \$33M will be divided among as many entities as possible. Parishes of Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Charles and lower Jefferson (Grand Isle and Lafitte) would be where the money would be spent.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

There was no one in attendance from the Corps.

PROJECT ENGINEERS

PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES

Engineer Joe Picciola gave the following report:

- **Section F Levee Improvements**
Onshore Materials, LLC is the Contractor. The contractor is substantially complete with the project, and we are in the Lien Period.

There is no pay application this month.

- **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 and has completed the repairs to the levee caused by Hurricane Ida. They are excavating the borrow canal and placing material on the berm. This will complete the improvement that started two years ago.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 10 in the amount of \$39,900.00.

Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$39,900.00.

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Pump Stations and Floodgates**
Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC is the Contractor. We held the Pre-Construction meeting on November 30th. The Notice to Proceed was issued on December 6, 2021. The contractor is complete with the sheet metal work on Pump Station No. 1, 4, 7, 8 & 2. They are currently working on electrical component replacement on Pump Stations No. 1, 6, 4, 7, 8 & 2.

There is no pay application this month.

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Main Office and Mechanic Shop**
Frisco Industrial Contractors LLC is the Contractor. The Notice to Proceed was issued on May 31, 2022. They are currently on site demoing some components of the building and prepping for start of the work.
- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Main Office**
We received bids for repairs to the Main Office Building on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 10 am. Grand Isle Shipyard was the low bidder in the amount of \$449,525.67. All bids were rejected earlier during the General Manager's Report.
- **Repairs to Leon Theriot Lock Floodwall and LOOP Floodwall**
Outer Limit Contractors, LLC is the Contractor. The contractor has completed the dirt work to repair damage caused by Hurricane Ida. We have completed the final design plans of the scour protection matting and preparing to go out for bids to complete the repairs.

Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$20,186.00

Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$20,186.00 to Out Limit Contractors.

Notice to Contractor (Advertise to bid)

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously approved issuing a Notice to Contractor for the advertisement of the repairs to the Leon Theriot Lock and LOOP Floodwall.

Mr. Curle added that we would be moving forward with an updated CenterLine Survey by our engineers. He stated that the survey was needed for accuracy after Hurricane Ida and to assist in our attempt to be included in the Corp of Engineers' emergency program.

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.
- **D-South Floodwall Improvements – GIS# 39130-1215/1216**
- Phase 1
 - The project is complete.

- Hurricane Ida Efforts
 - Current Hurricane Ida related work for the project is complete and GIS continues to provide information and coordinate with All South as needed for the ongoing FEMA claim.
- Phase 2
 - Sealevel has installed the A-frame caps, the waler beam, and is nearly complete with sheet pile installations.
 - Pay App No. 4 in the amount of \$382,375.00 has been approved by GIS and submitted to SLLD for processing.

Although not complete, Phase 2 can provide the protection for which it is designed.

Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$382,375.00.

- Phase 2A
 - Quotation from Sealevel to tie in the D-South Floodwall to the adjacent levee sections was provided. SLLD decided it was too expansive at this time. SLLD will install Hesco baskets or take other temporary action to tie in the floodwall when construction on Phase 2 is complete.
- **D-North Ramp – GIS# 39130-1249/1250**
 - The latest set of bids were rejected by the SLLD Board due to the high cost. GIS is currently working on a new design package that will lower the cost.

- **Grand Bayou Flood Control Structure – GIS# 39130-1238/1239**

- Floodwall & Receiving Structure (Sealevel)
 - The project is complete.
- Barge Gate (Sealevel – Conrad)
 - The Barge Gate remains fully operational.
 - Completion of the Punch List items as it relates to site work is complete, pending submission of the Final Redline As-builts and O&M Manual resubmittal documentation.
 - All site work is complete, with the exception of the replacement flood light fixture that is pending delivery and installation. Unit has a long lead time.
 - GIS is preparing the Client As-builts and O&M Manuals, which are forecasted to be completed in the next 2-3 weeks, as some As-built data and O&M materials are pending submission from the Contractor.
- Hurricane Delta/Zeta
 - All Hurricane Delta work is complete and GIS is coordinating with All South in order to provide the required back-up documentation for their SLLD FEMA Claim.
- Hurricane Ida
 - All Hurricane Ida work is complete and GIS is coordinating with All South in order to provide the required back-up documentation for their SLLD FEMA Claim.

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

- GIS Engineering continues with the Preliminary Design Phase inclusive of plans, specifications, any required permits, surveys and cost estimate.
- Topographic surveys and cross sections have been completed.
- The last construction cost estimate (with 15% Contingency) was \$543,000.

- **Lefort Lane Sink Hole Repairs – GIS# 39130-1166**

- Notice to Proceed was issued to SBL Construction on 01/17/2022.
- SBL has constructed the structure and backfilled the hole. There is still some minor dress-up work to complete. SLLD is withholding \$500 to cover that cost if necessary.

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 to raise the levee to +18' from Pump Station No. 2 to the Apache Farm Levee.

- **Yankee Canal & Section A-East Erosion Repairs**

Quotes were received on June 9, 2022, for these repairs.

- **D-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC is continuing work on the project and we are recommending approval of payment for invoice #1064 in the amount of \$23,085.00.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request for Invoice No. 1064 in the amount of \$23,085.00.

- **C-South Hurricane Ida Repairs**

The contractor, Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC is continuing work on the project and we are recommending approval of payment for invoice #1063 in the amount of \$25,615.00.

Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request for Invoice No. 1063 in the amount of \$25,615.00.

- **B-South Hurricane Ida Repairs**

The contractor, Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC is continuing work on the project and we are recommending approval of payment for invoice #1065 in the amount of \$52,335.00.

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request for Invoice No. 1065 in the amount of \$52,335.00.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

Mr. Marmande was not in attendance.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

Mr. Smith had nothing to report.

Commissioner Ronald Callais requested an amendment be made to the agenda. A roll call vote was made to add Executive Committee Report as a permanent item to this and future agendas.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Brian Marts, a roll call vote was called. With 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Absent and 0 Abstained, the agenda was amended to add "Executive Committee Report" as a permanent item.

Chairman Callais reported on the following items discussed at the June 6 Executive Committee:

Financial Report – The latest financial report was reviewed and accepted by the Committee.

Bridge in Golden Meadow (Picciola family) – a meeting was set between the attorneys and owner to discuss the needed repairs to the bridge in Golden Meadow.

Debris Cleanup – loan progress - Mr. Curole had presented a spreadsheet showing the invoices that had been paid on debris-related work as well as the total amount of the two drawdowns from the Bond loan.

Employee Wages - Mr. Callais announced that the levee district was currently working on a new pay scale for employees and would be presented to the board upon the Committee's review and recommendation.

Replacement for General Manager's Position – Mr. Callais announced that General Manager Windell Curole had plans to retire and that the board would start taking applications for his replacement within the year.

Update on Mechanic Shop and Main Office buildings – Mr. Callais stated that the shop's progress had been discussed earlier in the meeting, along with the rejection of bids for office repairs.

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

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

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

1. WHITE MARLIN OPERATING COMPANY LLC

CUP NO: P20220206

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-13-30" N, Long. -90-13-20" W; Section 33 and 34 T21S R22E; Approximately 1.8 miles SSW of Leesville.

DESCRIPTION: White Marlin Operating Company performed emergency repairs under EUA 20-057. The project included oil spill response and cleanup which resulted from a broken needle valve on LL&E 326 No. 1 Well. No dredge or fill activities occurred. All response and cleanup work was completed in 2020. Approximately 0.40 acres of marsh and open water habitat may have been impacted as a result of the activities.

2. HUNT TELECOM

CUP NO: P20220471

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-33-40.51"N, Long -90-23-12.72"W

DESCRIPTION: Provide telecom services to 1853 W 3rd St.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ryan Collins had nothing to report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

INVOICES

In the absence of Commissioner Monty Vegas, President Keith Guidry announced that the Finance Committee had reviewed the invoices and recommended they be paid.

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PROPOSED INCREASE ALLOWANCE FOR EMPLOYEE UNIFORMS FROM \$100 TO \$125

In the absence of Commissioner Monty Vegas, President Keith Guidry announced that the Personnel Committee had met earlier and discussed the need to increase the limit for uniforms from \$100 per year to \$125.

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Ronald Callais, the board authorized an increase in employee uniform spendings from \$100 per year to \$125 per year, per employee.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

RENEWAL OF INSURANCE POLICIES

Chairman Roland Guidry announced that they were still waiting on insurance information and had deferred the meeting to allow agents time to get their quotes to the levee district.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Curole announced that the levees were 99% complete to pre-Ida conditions or better.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

With no further business to discuss, the board unanimously adjourned the meeting on a motion of Ronald Callais and seconded by Roland Guidry.

/s/Keith Guidry, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary