

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING  
OF  
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT  
MAY 10, 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, May 10, 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 May 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  
Mitch Danos  
Mc Neely Rome  
Roland Curole  
Keith Guidry  
Brett DeRoche

Board members absent: None

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, Ben Hodson, Marc Picciola, Neil Angelette, Matthew Caldwell, Stevie Smith, Mitch Marmande; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Ramco's Jason Adams; and news media.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

**The minutes of the April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Roland Curole and seconded by Keith Guidry.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATES FOR THE YEAR 2021**

President Callais presented Resolution 21-01 to adopt 4.86 and 5.0 mills as follows:

RESOLUTION NO.: 2021-01

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millages are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by South Lafourche Levee District:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
Ad Valorem (1047 007):	4.860 mills
Construction and Maintenance (1047 086):	5.000 mills

**SECTION 2:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District of the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2021, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

ABSENT: 0

#### **ALBL WORKSHOP UPDATE**

President Callais stated that he and General Manager Windell Curole attended the ALBL Workshop May 6-7, 2021 held in Baton Rouge for Executive Members. Mr. Curole gave a brief summary of the discussion on flood insurance. President Callais announced that there would be a December meeting this year.

#### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the audience.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

##### **SLIDE PRESENTATION**

General Manager Windell Curole's slide presentation included a digitized state map by Dr. Joe Suhayda from 1839 and one from 1993. The maps showed the changes in land mass from 1839 until now. He pointed out areas of interest on a Google map of the levee system. Other slides included the gates that were recently removed from the Leon Theriot Lock for maintenance, but were now reinstalled with no issues, recent rains from March that overtopped the bank of the borrow canal just north of Pump Station No. 2 (Bason area), and levee improvements and marsh growth on the west side levee. Mr. Curole stated that the new floodgate would be placed in connection with the east side of our levee system in the ICWW. He added that it would have a tremendous impact on our levee system, as well as Terrebonne and North Lafourche Levees, in helping to control flooding from the ICWW. The presentation also included the Golden Meadow Floodwall and various projects on the east side levee, as well as scenes of floodgates and levees in the Morganza system.

##### **GBFC EMERGENCY BARGE: APPROVAL TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH STATE**

Mr. Curole presented an agreement from the State through CPRA that would allow for funding of the emergency work that took place on the Grand Bayou Flood Control Structure during Hurricanes Delta and Zeta.

**Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously authorized the General Manager or Board President to sign the agreement for funding of the emergency barge on Grand Bayou.**

Mr. Curole also presented a draft amendment to the original contract for Grand Bayou Flood Control to extend the contract from October 2021 to December 2021 and recommended the board's acceptance of the final amendment upon receipt from CPRA.

**Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously authorized the General Manager or Board President to sign Amendment No. 2 to extend the expiration date of original agreement from October 2021 to December 2021.**

##### **ICWW EAST FLOODGATE (MTG PROJECT)**

Mr. Curole stated that he discussed the ICWW project during the slide presentation.

##### **USED PLASTIC SHEETPILES; DONATION AND BID TO SELL**

Mr. Curole informed the board that the Levee District had surplus sheet piles that were replaced after some sustained damage during Hurricane Barry. He explained that the sheet piles were no longer needed and recommended the board allow some of the sheet piles be donated to Terrebonne Levee to be used on Reach K for erosion control, and the rest be advertised to sell to the highest bidder.

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board authorized the donation of surplus sheet piles to Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District and the sale of the remaining through advertisement of bid.**

### **ENGINEERING REPORT**

#### **OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**

Mr. Daniel Dearmond had nothing to report.

#### **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 contractor is currently on-site hauling borrow material on the levee section.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 12 in the amount of \$32,459.37.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 12 in the amount of \$32,459.37.**

- **Section D-South Levee Improvements, Phase 1**

SBL Construction, LLC is the contractor. The Clear Lien Certificate has been received.

The Contractor has submitted Change Order No. 2 for a deduction of \$315,920.39 for balancing of final contract quantities and 140 days of additional contract time for adding work to the project.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved change Order No. 2 in the reduced amount of \$315,920.39 for final balancing of contract and 140 additional working days.**

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 13 (Retainage) in the amount of \$13,329.05

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 13 in the amount of \$13,329.05.00 (Retainage).**

- **Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement (D-South, SBL Construction)**

The board attorney has an agreement that SLLD and SBL came to a resolution on. I recommend the board authorize the president or general manager to sign the agreement upon its completion by the board attorney, Ray Collins.

**Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously authorized the board president or general manager to sign the Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement upon its completion by board attorney Ray Collins.**

- **Section D-South Levee Grading and Shaping, Phase 2**

SBL Construction, LLC is the contractor. The Clear Lien Certificate has been received.

The Contractor has submitted Change Order No. 2 for a deduction of \$65,700.00 for balancing of final contract quantities.

**Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved change Order No. 2 in the reduced amount of \$65,700.00 for final balancing of contract.**

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No.9 (Retainage) in the amount of \$3,430.00.

**Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$3,430.00 (Retainage).**

- **Section F Levee Improvements**

Onshore Materials, LLC is the Contractor. The contractor is currently on-site hauling borrow material on the levee section.

We recommend Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$189,089.23 to add 25 additional working days to the contract. The contractor has also submitted Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$205,721.10.

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$189,089.23 to add 25 additional working days, and Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$205,721.10.**

- **Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall**

Sealevel Construction, Inc. is the Contractor. The contractor is currently on-site nearing completion on painting and working on the levee tie in sections.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No.7 in the amount of \$37,561.06.

**Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$37,561.06.**

- **Maintenance of Sector Gate at Leon Theriot Lock Structure**

Circle, LLC is the Contractor. The project is currently in the Lien Period. There is no pay application this month.

- **LAROSE "TED GISCLAIR" LOCK PROJECT**

Part of this project will be paid through BP Settlement, CapitalOutlay, and Parish GOMESA funds. We've also applied for Watershed Initiative funding and have local business and Parish support. The new floodgate will be built on the south side of the existing floodgate which will then create the locking chamber. The bayou will need to be closed periodically while construction is ongoing.

## **GIS ENGINEERING, LLC**

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **A-East Bayou Lafourche Water Retention**

- We are still waiting on USACE to issue the permit.
- GIS is coordinating with pipeline companies to satisfy requirements necessary to cross their pipelines. Two of the seven prospective agreements have been signed.
- 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.
- GIS Engineering Amendment No. 2 in the amount of \$18,000.  
Continue providing professional services associated with the pipeline and utility coordination and servitude coordination.

**Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously accepted and authorized the board president or general manager to sign Amendment No. 2 to add \$18,000 to the engineering agreement.**

- **D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall Improvements**

- Construction contract for Phase I awarded to Sealevel Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,648,822.00. Partial Notice to Proceed to allow for procurement of materials issued for March 15, 2021; scheduled to end on May 14, 2021.
- CPRA is currently reviewing the final design plans and specs for Phase II.

- **Section D-North Ramp (Raise from +13' to + 16')**

- Bids were received on April 22, 2021. The lowest responsive bidder was The Lemoine Company, LLC, in the amount of \$750,900.00 (Base Bid) or \$760,900.00 (Base Bid plus Alternate No. 1). The low bid was substantially higher than the estimate and budget. SLLD can award the construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder or reject all bids. We recommend rejecting all bids and rebid as two separate smaller projects.

**Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously agreed to reject all bids for D-North Ramp and rebid as two separate projects.**

- **Grand Bayou Flood Control Structure**

- **Floodwall & Receiving Structure**

- o All plumb and battered 30" braced wall piles have been installed, with the exception of the outer pairs that have to wait until the settlement period has been completed for the levee tie-ins.
    - o All 30" pile connection plates and walers have been installed.
    - o Sheet pile installations are underway on the west floodwall.
    - o Timber pile and timberworks installations continue.
    - o Both jacket seal tubes have been installed. Grouting has yet to be completed.
    - o 24" landing pile installations are in progress with (30) piles driven to grade and (10) stabbed and driven to EL. +4.0'. PDA and 14-day restrikes are being performed per plan.
    - o Pay Request No. 16 in the amount of \$612,202.40.

**Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 16 in the amount of \$612,202.40.**

- **Barge Gate**

- o Exterior painting of the barge gate is complete.
  - o All the external and internal anodes are installed.
  - o All the electric conduits are installed, and wiring is in progress.
  - o Hydraulic pipelines are under progress.
  - o All floodlights have been mounted on to the pole stations.
  - o Batteries and fiberglass box for navigations lights have been installed.
  - o Installation of grating is under progress.
  - o Installation of opening winch, fairlead and load cell sheave is complete.
  - o Closing winch installation is under progress.
  - o All the Ladders and stairways have been installed.
  - o Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$874,625.84.

**Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$874,625.84.**

- **Hurricane Delta/Zeta**

- o Hurricane Delta: All Hurricane Delta work is complete, and the GIS continues to assist All South, providing additional information as requested by FEMA.
  - o Hurricane Delta: All stockpiled 30" pipe piles have been loaded-out and delivered for SLLD use elsewhere.
  - o Hurricane Zeta: Bankline reestablishment work where the bypass channel was located is complete.
  - o 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.
  - o Hurricane Zeta: GIS continues to assist All South, providing additional information as requested by FEMA.

#### **LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC**

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **B-North & B-South Levee Improvements (Bason Pump Station to Golden Meadow Park)**

The contractor, Pontchartrain Partners, LLC, is nearing completion on the construction of this project.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC, is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 12 in the amount of \$9,863.36.

**Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 12 in the amount of \$9,863.36.**

- **Larose Floodwall Height Improvement, West End A-Phase 5**

The contractor, Sealevel Construction, Inc. is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$234,718.88.

**Moved by Brian Marts, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$234,718.88.**

- **Morganza to the Gulf, Reach L**

Plans and specifications for the levee construction from Apache Farm to Grand Bayou, including options for the Bayou L'Bleu structure, are currently being reviewed by the CPRA.

**MORGANZA TO THE GULF**

**DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS**

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

- We are progressively pursuing the Corp on the GIWW floodgate. The project will cost approximately \$200M. We are looking at ways to fund this project and appreciate any support we receive.
- Reach L levee will connect the Grand Bayou Floodgate. This project will start soon and will close the System from Larose to Dularge.
- We will need to modify the permit for the next phase of Reach K.

**ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS**

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

**Emergency Rehabilitation of Reach K Spoil Material (Phase II)**

- Sealevel continues work on the west bank of Grand Bayou. They have completed shaping approximately 95% of the dredge material and have shaped approximately 20% of the trucked/barged material as well.
- Construction Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$79,886.82 is being requested for consideration of approval.

**Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$79,886.82.**

- Sealevel Construction, Inc. Pay App. No. 7 in the amount of \$69,613.62 is recommended for approval.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$69,613.62.**

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

- Sealevel has hauled approximately 55,500 CY of the 67,000 CY contract. 16,000 CY of the 20,000 CY has been delivered to the southern end of the project via highway trucks and then rehandled with track trucks. Also, 35,500 CY of the 47,000 CY of material has been barged between the northern water control structure and the southern water control structure.
- Sealevel Construction, Inc. Pay Application No. 5 in the amount of \$364,536.85 is recommended for approval.

**Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$364,536.85.**

- Construction Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$0 is being requested for consideration of approval.
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**Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 for additional rain days at no cost.**

- Reach K-On Site Dredging - Next Phase  
Proposal for professional services for next phase of project and modification of permit to survey for the excavation of additional materials from the bayou to use for the next phase of levee work.  
**Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously authorized General Manager Windell Curole to negotiate an engineering contract with All South Consulting Engineers for the next segment of Reach K Levee, On-site Dredging.**

**Vote to add amend agenda**

A vote was taken to amend the agenda and add Amendment to Increase FEMA Program Manager services by \$50K to \$160K.

**Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by McNeely Rome, a roll call was taken. With 9 Yays, 0 Nays, 0 Absent and 0 Abstained, the agenda was amended to add "Amendment to Increase FEMA Program Manager Services by \$50K to \$160K".**

- **Amendment to increase FEMA Program Management services by \$50K to \$160K**  
We are requesting an amendment to add \$50K to the original cost to provide program management and grant services to file claims with FEMA for reimbursements from storm damages.

**Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Brett DeRoche, the board unanimously approved amending the Program Management Services for All South Consulting Engineers to add an additional \$50,000 to the contract.**

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

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

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

1. **LA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT**  
**CUP NO:** P20150558 (Extended)  
**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; POB @ Old LA 1/ LA 3090 Intersection in Fourchon LA; POE @ LA 3235 in Golden Meadow, LA; Project Centered @ Lat 29-14-50 N / Long 90-12-25 W; Sections 6, 7, 8, 17, 20, 29, 32, 33, T20S-R22E; Sections 4, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 26, 35, 36, T21S-R22E; Sections 1, 2, 13, 24, 35, 36, T22S-R22E. See plats for additional coordinates.  
**DESCRIPTION:** Proposal construction of a new elevated portion of LA-1 highway, approx. 17.5 miles in total length, in addition to the construction of mitigation sites. Approx. 358,545 cy of native material will be excavated and placed onsite and approx. 10,225 cy of concrete/crushed stone, 7,200 cy of asphaltic concrete and 93,560 cy of dirt/topsoil will be hauled in and used for construction activities. Approx. 185 acres of non-vegetated water bottom and vegetated wetland habitat may be impacted as a result of the proposed activity.  
**REVISION:** Request to extend the permit term.
2. **S2 ENERGY OPERATING LLC**  
**CUP NO:** P20210281  
**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-05-17 N / Long. 90-19-25 W; (see plat for additional project details); Section 25, 26, 27, 37 T23S R21E; Timbalier Bay, Lafourche LA.  
**DESCRIPTION:** Proposal to dredge 1,224-foot long, 70-ft. wide channel for installation of two 40-ft. by 40-ft, 4-pile platforms. Install one proposed 2-in., one proposed 3-in., six proposed 4-in. and one proposed 10-in. pipelines/wells/platforms. The total length of the proposed pipelines is approximately 24,097-ft. Approx. 20,858 cy of native material will be excavated and placed on site. In addition, 135 cy of sand bags will be placed on site at pipeline crossings. Approximately 16.00 acres of non-vegetated waterbottoms may be impacted by the proposed activity.
3. **GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**CUP NO:** P20210288  
**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-25-12.41 N / Long. -90-17-15.44 W; Bayou Lafourche; across LA Hwy 1 near 18558 West Main Street, Galliano, LA.  
**DESCRIPTION:** Proposal installation of two (2) 3-pile mooring clusters, refurbishment of one (1) existing 16 ft. x 14 ft. wharf and construction of one (1) 14 ft. x 14 ft. wharf. Approximately 83 cubic yards of rip rap material will be hauled in and placed upon an area measuring 142 ft. x 4ft. along the right descending bank of Bayou Lafourche. Approximately 0.02 acres of unconsolidated waterbottoms may be impacted as result of this proposed activity.

**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 McNeely Rome and seconded by Keith Guidry.**

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary