

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
JANUARY 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, January 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 January was called to order by Vice President Keith Guidry. Commissioner Roland Guidry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Guidry directed the secretary to call roll.

Board members in attendance:

Ronald Callais (Zoom)
Roland Guidry
Monty Vegas
Mitch Danos
Mc Neely Rome
Roland Curole
Keith Guidry

Board members absent:

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, Laura Barnes, Trey Middleton, Stevie Smith; CPRA Daniel Dearmond (Zoom); Mike Callais, and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by McNeely Rome and seconded by Roland Curole.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OATHS OF OFFICE, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Vice President Guidry directed Attorney Ryan Collins to administer the Oaths of Office.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice President Guidry opened the floor for the election of officers.

On a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously elected to keep all officers the same as the previous year.

PASSING OF COMMISSIONER BOB FAULK

President Ronald Callais first welcomed Brian Marts to the Board. President Callais added that Mr. Clarence Marts would be a hard act to replace, but that he knew Mr. Brian Marts had experience on boards and would do well.

President Callais stated that Commissioner Bob Faulk had passed away on Christmas Day. He said he had known Mr. Faulk for at least 40 years and that he was a big man with a gentle soul. He stated that Mr. Faulk was the type who could be pushed to the limits but would still give you a smile. He was a faithful friend and had great love for his family. He and the board offered their sincere condolences to the Faulk family and stated that he would be sorely missed. Mr. Faulk severed on the board helping the community for over 17 years. A brief discussion pursued.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole began the presentation with slides from 2010 and 2020 to show how much the levees had increased in height over the past decade. Mr. Curole showed slides of inundation from Hurricane Laura in Cameron Parish. Next were slides of the removal of the south floodgates of the Leon Theriot Lock that are presently being maintenance in Harvey, La. Other slides showed construction at the Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall that is being raised from 13' to 18'. He added that the project should be completed by the August 2021 hurricane season. Slides near the Golden Meadow park showed areas of levee raised to 18'. Some west side levee improvements currently being raised to 18' would be complete by next hurricane season. Final slides showed the emergency closure on Grand Bayou. Mr. Curole explained the actions that took place starting with Hurricane Delta through Hurricane Zeta. He explained that an emergency bypass channel was dug to allow vessels to pass through the bayou. Mr. Curole briefed the board on the costs and cash flow for that project.

HUNTING/FISHING LEASE, AUTHORIZE TO ACCEPTANCE OF BID

Mr. Curole announced that the SLLD owned property in Hackberry Bay that was being leased for hunting and fishing. There was currently an advertisement for bid to lease property with the bid opening date falling on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021. Mr. Curole requested the board authorize the awarding of the successful bid upon review and recommendation of Land Agent Lee Bloch.

On a motion of Monty Vegas and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously authorized the president and general manager to award the property advertised for lease to the successful bidder based on the review and recommendation of Land Agent Lee Bloch.

CENTERLINE SURVEY

Mr. Curole reminded the board of the reason for updating Centerline Surveys each year stating the need to identify lower areas that needed to be raised. He recommended the board authorize Picciola and Associates to prepare the updated survey for the Larose to Golden Meadow Hurricane Protection System.

On a motion of Mitch Danos and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously authorized engineering firm Picciola and Associates to prepare a Centerline Survey for the Larose to Golden Meadow Hurricane Protection System.

PUMP STATION NO. 4 PUMP REPAIR (ADVERTISE BID FOR REPAIRS)

Mr. Curole announced that a pump located at Pump Station No. 4, Yankee Canal area, needed to be repaired. He explained that the pump had been cavitating and requested the board authorize the inspection and repairs of the pump before it got worse.

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board authorized the quote for inspection, along with the advertisement and award for bid of repairs to pump 5 at Pump Station No. 4.

DECADE OF WORK

Mr. Curole announced that this topic was discussed during the slide presentation.

HURRICANE LAURA

Mr. Curole announced that this topic was discussed during the slide presentation.

GRAND BAYOU FLOODGATE

Mr. Curole announced that this topic was discussed during the slide presentation.

LAROSE LOCK UPDATE

Mr. Curole updated the board on the funding for the lock which will cost approximately \$13M. He stated that the Parish had secured \$5M in GOMESA funds for the project. The SLLD designated \$3.4M from the BP settlement, and the State had provided \$5.8M for projects last year, of which \$1.8M would be put towards the Larose Lock conversion. There was also \$5M in the watershed project that could possibly be secured. Mr. Curole explained that the lock conversion was not so much flood protection as it was an economic maintenance which will allow mariners to get through the bayou with little to no delays. Mr. Curole explained that there were times when the floodgate was closed for several days at a time. A lock

will prevent costly delays and should allow mariners through with no more than an hour's delay. While this project is important, our priority remains in flood protection.

LA 1 COALITION MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$750.00(REDUCE FROM \$1,000)

Mr. Curole explained that the membership dues had been reduced from \$1,000 to \$750, and recommended the board pay the dues as presented. Mr. Curole recommended the board approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for 2021 accepting the membership dues in the amount of \$750.00. Mr. Curole briefed the board on the importance of the LA 1 elevated highway.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board authorized the continuation of membership with LA 1 Coalition and authorize the general manager to sign the CEA and pay the dues in the amount of \$750.00.

SURPLUS PIPE PILES FROM TLCD

Mr. Curole announced that TLCD had offered to donate 42 pipe piles to SLLD which were 30-inches each in circumference. Mr. Curole explained that the pipe piles had previously been used to hold the Grand Bayou temporary barge structure in place during the hurricanes. Mr. Curole added that the piles may be used along the Larose Floodwall. It was estimated that the cost to move the piles would be around \$70K, but that it would be worth it. The piles would be stored at the old shipyard in Larose. In addition to the pipe piles, there may be some I-beams that we could use. The estimated cost to purchase the piles would be around \$300,000.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board authorized the moving of the pipes from Grand Bayou to the old shipyard at a cost of up to \$100,000.

LOOP AGREEMENT FOR FIBER OPTICS TEMPORARY LOCATION

Mr. Curole informed the board that in order to elevate the road at LOOP where it's around four feet lower than the height of the levee, a fiber optics cable would need to be temporarily moved. He stated that LOOP had requested that we move the cable further out while doing construction. LOOP provided a letter agreement for the temporary location of the fiber optics cable. Mr. Curole requested authorization to sign.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board authorized the general manager to sign a letter agreement with LOOP for the temporary moving of LOOPS fiber optics cable for the purpose of increasing the height of the LOOP road at the levee crossing.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond, joining by Zoom, stated that he 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-South Grading and Shaping-Ph 2**

Low Land Construction Co., Inc. is the contractor. The contractor is currently on-site moving material on the levee section.

- Pay Request No. 13 in the amount of \$19,712.50

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 13 in the amount of \$19,712.50.

- **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.

- Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$77,097.25

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$77,097.25.

- **Section D-South Interim Levee Improvements – Phase 1**

SBL Construction, LLC is the contractor. The contractor is currently working on the excavating and hauling material.

- Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$2,781.69

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$2,781.69.

- **Section D-South Interim Levee Improvements – Phase 2**

SBL Construction, LLC is the contractor. The contractor is currently working on the grading and shaping of material.

There is no pay application this month.

- **Section F Levee Improvements**

We accepted bids on December 1st at 2:00 pm. Onshore Materials, LLC was the low bidder in the amount of \$2,140,312.54. We are currently processing contract documents and preparing to have a Pre-Construction Meeting. We expect the project to begin late February or early March 2021.

- **Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall**

Sealevel Cosntruction, Inc. is the Contractor. The Notice to Proceed was issued no November 9, 2020. The contractor is currently on-site tacking and welding pre-fabricating components of a wall.

- Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$102,723.50

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$102,723.50.

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

We accepted bids on October 20th. Circle, LLC was the low bidder in the amount of \$534,263.00. We held a pre-construction meeting on November 19. The Notice to Proceed was issued on December 7th therefore dated of completion is March 6, 2020. The contractor has removed the sector gates. They are currently making repairs and welding new skin plate on the gates at their fabrication yard in Harvey, LA.

- Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$138,206.47

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$138,206.47.

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 has completed the initial and additional topographic survey.

GIS continues discussion with LOOP and other pipeline companies to satisfy requirements necessary to cross their pipelines.

GIS has developed servitude requirements for the project and forward the proposed maps to the SLLD attorney.

GIS continues to develop the plans and specifications to begin advertising for bids once the permitting and land issues are resolved.

- Amendment No. 1 Professional Engineering Services in the amount of \$44,649.35

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved Amendment No. 1 Professional Engineering services in the amount of \$44,649.35 to contract price.

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

CPRA reviewed and approved the final design package for Phase 1 improvements.

Bid advertising for Phase 1 of improvements has been scheduled for 12/22/2020, 12/29/2020, 1/05/21.

Mandatory pre-bid conference for Phase 1 of improvements have been scheduled for 1/07/21 at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the South Lafourche Levee District.

Bid-opening Phase 1 of improvements is scheduled for 01/22/21 at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the South Lafourche Levee District.

- Amendment No. 4 Professional Engineering Services in the amount of \$77,261.50

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved Amendment No. 4 Professional Engineering services in the amount of \$77,261.50 to contract price.

- **B-South Golden Meadow Boat Launch Ramp**

The construction contract was awarded to Low Land Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$99,976.00. Low Land completed construction of this project and stockpiled the additional fill to be placed around Pump Station No. 1's discharge pipes on December 29, 2020.

- Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$47,303.16 to Low Land Construction

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$47,303.16 to Low Land Construction Company, Inc.

- Certificate of Substantial Completion

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved Certificate of Substantial Completion.

- **Section D-North Ramp**

Eustis Engineering (Geotech Sub-Contractor) took a boring and 2 CPT's at the project location. Eustis Engineering is currently working on analyzing the soil samples and producing a report from the results.

GIs is coordinating with LOOP on finalizing the "LOOP-SLLD Crossing agreement"

- Amendment No. 2 for Professional Engineering Services in the amount of \$25,400.00

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved Amendment No. 2 for Professional Engineering Services in the amount of \$25,400.00.

- **Grand Bayou Flood Control Structure**

Barge Gate

Weld testing is complete on all bottom, side, end shells and all the centerline, watertight bulkheads.

Panel erection is in progress.

Minor fabrication left to compete on the top deck and floodwalls.

Hydraulic piping is being cut and labelled per the approved shop drawings and soon will begin installation.

- Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$1,002,796.21

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously authorized Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$1,002,796.21 to contractor Sealevel Construction.

Floodwall & Receiving Structure

The west side surcharge area was verified to be above the required +11 elevation and began its 6-month settlement period as of December 20, 2020.

Lift 2 passed compaction testing on the east side surcharge area.

The Contractor completed jacket installation on both the east and west side.

84" caisson installation has begun.

Timber pile installations on the southeast dolphins (5-pile cluster) has begun.

- Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$1,132,975.65, Hurricane Delta Efforts

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously authorized Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$1,149,511.19 to contractor Sealevel Construction for Hurricane Delta Efforts.

- Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$1,335,140.28

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously authorized Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$1,335,140.28 to contractor Sealevel Construction.

- Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$1,149,511.19, Hurricane Delta Efforts
Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously authorized Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$1,149,511.19 to contractor Sealevel Construction for Hurricane Delta Efforts.

Contract for Emergency Bypass Channel for Hurricane Zeta efforts

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously authorized the general manager or board president to sign the Contract for Emergency Bypass Channel for Hurricane Zeta efforts, along with pay request to Onshore Materials in the amount of \$32,000.00.

Hurricane Delta

Emergency barge removal (full removal) began on November 30, 2020 and is estimated to take 30 days to complete. The barge was removed December 2, 2020 opening the channel to navigation.

All sandbags at the site and laydown yard were placed along Reach L heading north from the project site.

LEEVE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **B-North & B-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Pontchartrain Partners, LLC, is continuing with construction on this project. We expect to complete this project by the end of March.

- **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. 8 in the amount of \$94,670.38.

- Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$94,670.38

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$94,670.38.

- **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 Levee District and the CPRA.

- Approval to Publicly Bid out Reach L West Project, contingent upon final approval from CPRA

On a motion of Mitch Danos and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously agreed to publicly advertise for bid Reach L West project, contingent upon final approval by CPRA.

- **Larose Floodwall Height Improvement**

We are currently advertising to receive bids on January 28, 2021 for this project.

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)

- **Emergency Rehabilitation of Reach K Spoil Material (Phase I)**

Project is complete and in the clear lien period.

- Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$501,811.38 to Low Land Construction

Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$501,811.38 to Low Land Construction.

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

Sealevel continues working along the west bank of Grand Bayou. They have completed shaping all 23,00 LF of the floodside berm. They have supplemented their original equipment with 2 tack trucks in order to haul material from areas with surplus material to those locations with a deficit in order to achieve the levee template. As of 1/6/2021, 61 days of budgeted 90 working days have been utilized.

- Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$119,877.41 to Sealevel Construction

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$119,877.41 to Sealevel Construction.

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

Contractor has hauled approximately 4,00 CY to the Pointe-Aux-Chene side and is now hauling to the Larose end. As of 1/6/2021, approximately 1,500 CY have been delivered to Templet Ln. Barges are being loaded on the northern end and off-road trucks are being mobilized on the southern end. Material should be delivered to the project site in the near future.

- Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$122,579.13 to Sealevel Construction

Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$122,579.13 to Sealevel Construction.

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 Mitch Danos, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously carried, the board approved Letters of No Objection for the following requests:

1. HILCORP ENERGY COMPANY

CUP NO: P20200827

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-11-36.80 N / Long -90-20-58.10 W; Section 17 T22S R21 E; Section 19 T22S R21E. See plats for additional details.

DESCRIPTION: Proposal to drill three well locations and install associated flowlines and gas lift lines. Approximately 18,105 cubic yards of water bottom material will be displaced by jetting in the lines, and pipeline crossing, and from propwashing for access to the drill site. An additional 1.5 yds of sandbag material would be placed for the line crossing. As much as 15.21 acres of estuarine water bottom could be disturbed by this project.

2. HILCORP ENERGY COMPANY

CUP NO: P20201038

LOCATION: Lafourche and Terrebonne Parish, LA; POB at Goodrich Facility: Lat. 29-11-35.4, Long. 90-21-46.0; POE at Lake Barre Compressor Barge: Lat. 29-13-20.6, Long. 90-28-49.2; Section 18, T22S-R21E; Section 36, T21S R20E; Lake Raccource Field; approx. 10.5 miles from Leesville.

DESCRIPTION: Proposal to install (1) 8-inch pipeline, approx. 41,533', from the Goodrich Facility to the Lake Barre Compressor Barge. The pipeline will be jetted a minimum of 3' below the mudline in open water. Approx. 5,516 cy of jetting required. Approx. 33cy of sandbag material required. Approx. 0.97 acre of waterbottom may be impacted by the proposed activity.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ryan Collins stated that he 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 Roland Curole, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

REALLOCATION OF POSITIONS: DOMINICK LERILLE AND KELLY SCHOUEST

Commissioner Monty Vegas stated that the Committee had met earlier to review reallocations of employees. He explained that Dominick Lerille had been operating the large dozer satisfactorily for the past five months and recommended he be reallocated from MEO-2 to MEO-1 Heavy with appropriate increase in pay. Kelly Schouest has been operating the large tractor satisfactorily while Dominick was on the dozer. Mr. Vegas recommended he be reallocated from MEO-1 to MEO-2 position with appropriate pay increase.

On a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Roland Curole, the board agreed to reallocate MEO-2 Dominick Lerille to MEO-1 Heavy and reallocate MEO-1 Kelly Schouest to MEO-2; both with appropriate pay increases.

OLD BUSINESS

President Ronald Callais stated his reason for not being able to attend the meeting in person. He also announced the passing of former employee Rodney Rousse's wife and requested the board keep the family in their prayers. Finally, President Callais commended Vice President Keith Guidry on how well he had conducted today's meeting. He stated that if he was unable to attend future meetings for any reason, he felt confident Mr. Guidry would handle the meetings efficiently.

President Callais announced that the Committee Assignments would stay the same with the exception of adding the replacement members for former commissioners Clarence Marts and Bob Faulk. He added that if anyone wished to change assignments, they should let him know before the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

General Manager Windell Curole again welcomed Mr. Brian Marts to the board. He added that we worked with the Drainage District over the years, and Mr. Marts was helpful in settling any issues we might have encountered. He added that those efforts were very much appreciated and helpful to the community.

Commissioner McNeely Rome requested the outside flags be replaced. President Callais suggested the Levee District contact Congressman Steve Scalise's office to request a flag that was previously flown over the US Capital.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary