

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

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, February 13, 2023, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m., pursuant to the provisions of a notice of regular session duly promulgated and posted in accordance with the law.

The regular meeting for the month of 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
Brett DeRoche
Brian Marts
Mc Neely Rome
Monty Vegas

Board members absent: Roland Guidry

Also present were: Executive Secretary 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, CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Representative Joe Orgeron; GLPC Reggie Ledet; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the January 9, 2023, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Ronald Callais.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Guidry stated that he had nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2023

Chairman Ronald Callais reported on items discussed at the recent meeting of the Executive Committee. Among those discussions was the option to repay the Hurricane Ida Repairs Bond Loan in full. Most of the loan would be paid with remaining funds from FEMA. Those funds were expected to be paid to the levee district within the next few days. The Committee had reviewed the options and agreed that the loan should be paid in full upon receipt of the FEMA funds. Mr. Callais recommended a motion to approve the bond loan repayment.

Upon a motion by Ronald Callais and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously agreed to repay in full the Bond Loan for Hurricane Ida Repairs upon the South Lafourche Levee District's receipt of funding from the remaining FEMA claims on Hurricane Ida storm debris monitoring and removal.

Mr. Callais added that the Committee had reviewed the upcoming projects that would begin in 2023. The final item of discussion was to review applications for the General Manager's position which had been deferred to the Personnel Committee for further consideration.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Representative Joe Orgeron, District 54, addressed the board. He stated that he was now the Executive Director of Restore or Retreat and was interested in any shoreline stabilization, terraces and other projects around our levee system. Rep. Orgeron stated that he had been approached by Mr. Ronald Lefort with a request to rename the Larose Connection as the Clarence Marts Highway. The location proposed to be renamed would be from the Larose Lift Bridge to the Rouse's intersection of Hwy 3235. Rep. Orgeron stated he would be working on that bill.

Mr. Reggie Ledet introduced himself and stated that he was a candidate for the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Seat E. Mr. Ledet gave a quick background of his family and work experience and urged everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole showed slides and videos from Hurricane Ida of damages that occurred north of the Intercoastal Waterway. He added that those areas were not part of the Larose to Golden Meadow Hurricane Protection System. The slides and videos were contributed by the homeowners who suffered loss during Hurricane Ida.

Mr. Curole showed slides of levee work going in C-North on the west side of the levee system, fire by the mitigation levee of the Morganza to the Gulf project, C-South and B-North levees. A map provided by DOTD showed how motorists would enter and exit the new section of the LA 1 Elevated Highway from Hwy 3235 once complete. Other slides showed the continued construction of the highway.

On the east side levee, several slides showed damage to the D-South levee caused by wild hogs. Other slides showed work progressing on D-South. Final slides showed how the Levee District crew developed a lighting system at Pump Station No. 6 to allow for better view when clearing out debris from the canal.

In our ongoing effort to get back into the Corps rehabilitation program, Mr. Curole stated that three Corps personnel from Jacksonville Florida District came down to view the levees. With assistance from Engineer Joe Picciola, they were able to ride the levee and answer good questions from the Corps. Mr. Curole further stated that the Corps personnel seemed to have similar logic on how we build levees. Our hope is that they will accept our levees back into the program without our having to spend too much money to get our levee system where the Corps wants them to be.

ENHANCED COMPUTER/SERVER PROTECTION - \$269/MONTH

Mr. Curole informed the board that after speaking with the board president, we would be spending an additional \$269 per month on enhanced computer protection for our digital files.

LAROSE LOCK: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CPRA, BA-0259 (\$5M FOR CONSTRUCTION)

Mr. Curole announced that CPRA's Intergovernmental Agreement BA-0259 would provide \$5 million for the construction of the Larose Lock. He recommended the board authorize himself or the board president to sign the agreement.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved and authorized the signing of the CPRA Intergovernmental Agreement BA-0259 by the board president or the executive secretary which would provide \$5,000,000 in GOMESA funds for the construction of the Larose Lock.

SECTION F BERM: AMENDMENT NO. 1, CPRA BA-0250 – REALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS (\$700K FROM BA-0251)

Mr. Curole announced that Amendment No. 1 to BA-0250 would allow \$700,000 to be moved from Section F Berm to Section E-North project, and requested the board give their approval.

Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded by Brett DeRoche, the board unanimously approved CPRA Amendment No. 1 of BA-0250 agreement to move \$700,000 from Section F Berm project to the Section E-North project, and authorized the board president or executive secretary to sign the amendment.

SECTION E-NORTH (BA-0231) AMENDMENT NO. 4 FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING (\$1.3M YEAR 2023 GOMESA)

Mr. Curole stated that CPRA would be shifting money from other areas to Section E-North and requested Amendment No. 4 of BA-0231 be accepted and approved for the transfer of those funds.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously approved CPRA Amendment No. 4 of BA-0231 agreement to move \$1.3M from other sources to the Section E-North project and authorized the board president or executive secretary to sign the amendment.

CORPS LETTER ON COST SHARE PROJECTS

Mr. Curole presented a cost-share letter from the Corps showing a 30% cost-share obligation on any future federal projects.

FIRE ON MITIGATION LEVEE

Mr. Curole discussed the fire during the slides. He added that the fire burned itself out with no problems to the levee construction.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond reported that that the CRPA amendments approved earlier were being routed for signatures at the main office. He added that there were several plan reviews for projects that were taking place.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

There was no one in attendance from the Corps.

PROJECT ENGINEERS

PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES

Engineer Joe Picciola gave the following report:

- **Larose Lock Project**
Project Plans and Specifications are complete. They have been submitted to US Army Corps of Engineers and CPRA for approval.
- **Section E-North Levee Improvements Southeast Corner to Northeast**
We have completed the 95% set of plans. We have submitted the project plans to LA CPRA for approval. We have begun the geotechnical work. The proposed elevation of the top of the levee is +14.00.
- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Pump Stations and Floodgates**
Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC is the Contractor. The contractor is complete with all the structural metal work for the project. They are currently working on electrical component replacement on the pump stations and the floodgates.

There is no pay application this month.

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Main Office**
Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC is the Contractor. They are roughing in the electrical and working on exterior Hardie Siding, doors, and windows. Work is scheduled to be complete in early May.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of **\$30,841.88**.

Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$30,841.88.

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Mechanic Shop**
Frisco Industrial Contractor, LLC is the Contractor. The Notice to Proceed was issued on May 31, 2022. All of the work has been completed and the Certificate of Substantial Completion is presented for approval.

There is no pay application this month.

The contractor has submitted the Certificate of Completion for approval.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Ronald Callais and unanimously accepted, the board approved Certificate of Completion.

- **Section D-North Levee**

Outer Limit Contractors, LLC is the Contractor. The project is complete.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$218,444.85.

Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$218,444.85.

The contractor has submitted Change Order No. 1 for Balancing for Final Contract Quantities in the amount of \$18,972.00.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 1 for Balancing for Final Contract Quantities in the amount of \$18,972.00.

The contractor has submitted the Certificate of Substantial Completion for approval.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved the Certificate of Substantial Completion for D-North Levee.

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **A-East Bayou Water Retention – GIS# 39130-1251/1252**

USACE issued the permit for the project on November 29, 2021. FIS is coordinating with DNR to extend that previously issued permit.

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 developed servitude requirements for the project and resend 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 has surveyed the adjacent Chevron pipeline to allow Chevron to prepare a letter on No Objection.

Estimated Advertise Date: Q1 2023

Estimated Completion Date: TBD

Proposed Elevation: +3'

- **D-North Ramp – GIS# 39130-1249/1250**

GIS evaluated bids and has recommended award to the apparent low bidder LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC.

The contractor price is \$692,710.00.

Notice to Proceed is anticipated to be submitted February 13, 2023.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023

Proposed Elevation: +16'

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

Bids were received on December 8, 2022. The SLLD rejected all bids on January 9, 2023.

GIS is coordinating with SLLD staff to perform the site improvements (clearing & grubbing and excavation) on the project.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023

LEVEE 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 Apache Farm. We estimate this project will be complete in about 2 months.

- **C-North Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC is continuing work on the project to shape the levee to +13.5'. We are recommending approval of Invoice #1111 in the amount of \$40,145.00. This project will be complete in about 2 to 3 months.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice No. 1111 in the amount of \$40,145.00.

- **C-South Floodside Repairs**

The clearing portion of this project is complete, and we are finalizing our recommendations on the fill phase of the repair.

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

The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC, has started construction on this project to add rip-rap to the tow of the Yankee Canal Levee. We estimate this project will be complete in approximately 3 months.

- **Larose Floodwall Vessel Impact Barrier**

We have received the permits for this project, and we are submitting the plans and specification for final review and approval for advertisement to the CPRA this week.

- **Section F Berm Improvements**

The plans and specifications for this project are currently being reviewed by CPRA for advertisement.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

- Mr. Marmande was not in attendance.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineers Report

- **Golden Meadow Marsh Terraces**

All South submitted a plan layout and cost estimate to the Office of Coastal Zone Management for review/comments. We are currently awaiting their response.

- **Reach K Terraces Repairs**

All South is still awaiting a response from GOSHEP regarding the request for approval to move the terrace repair closer to the Pointe Aux Chene ridge.

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

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

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

1. **LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT**

CUP NO: P20221122

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-31-03.54" N / Long -90-24-43.35"W; Larose 70373

DESCRIPTION: The proposed dredging of a 3.25 mile portion of Grand Bayou and placement of spoil material along the existing spoil bank. The dredging is necessary to restore access to the existing water control structure as a result of silt build-up from the storm surge experienced during Hurricane Ida. This project is currently under emergency authorized which is reference is

step 5c. Approx. 30 acres of wetlands, 6 acres of uplands, and 37 acres of open water bottom will be impacted.

2. APACHE LOUISIANA MINERAL LLC

CUP NO: P20221110

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-21-48.7" N / Long -90-24-19.7"W; See plats for additional coordinates; Section 10, 11, 14, 15 T18A R20E; Grand Bayou Canal.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed earthen terraces with vegetation plantings, canal clean out, earthen plug maintenance, and bankline stabilization. Approx. 31,990 cy of material will be excavated and placed onsite. Approx. 24 ac of upland as a result of the proposed activities.

3. LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT

CUP NO: P20221110

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-21-48.7" N / Long -90-24-19.7"W: See plats for additional coordinates; Section 10, 11, 14, 15, T18S R20E; Grand Bayou Canal.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed earthen terraces with vegetative plantings, canal clean out, earthen plug maintenance, and bankline stabilization. Approx 31,990 cy material will be excavated and placed onsite. Approx. 24 ac of upland and unvegetated waterbottoms may be impacted as a result of the proposed activities.

4. SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT

CUP NO: P20221107

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-32-27.87"N / Long -60-24-5.370"W: Templet Ln Larose, 70373

DESCRIPTION: SLLD had a floodgate construction site prior to Hurricane Ida that is accessed by water from a laydown location, approximately two miles south in Grand Bayou. Areas of Grand Bayou within the two-mile section between the laydown yard and the construction site was cleared for marine navigation by an excavator working off al deck barge. The operation started at the floodgate construction sire and worked northward to the laydown yard/slip, clearing access within the channel by relocating marsh grass and vegetation towards the channel banks. No marine vegetative debris was removed from the site, only relocated to regain water access. This was emergency work that was already performed. Approx. 67.33 ac of unvegetated water bottoms and marsh habitat may have been impacted by the 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 McNeely Rome, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES UPDATES

Commissioner Monty Vegas presented a list of revisions that had been made to update the Personnel Policies and Procedures manuals and recommended the board approved those revisions.

On a motion of Brett DeRoche, seconded by Brian Marts, and unanimously carried, the board accepted and approved all revisions and updates to the South Lafourche Levee District's Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual as presented.

VACANT POSITION OF GENERAL MANAGER

Commissioner Monty Vegas stated that the Committee had met earlier and reviewed the applicants for the General Manager's position and informed the board that interview would be set within the next few days.

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 Ronald Callais.

Keith Guidry, President

Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary