

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
JANUARY 10, 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, January 10, 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 January 10, 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; Engineering Personnel Ben Hodson, Neil Angelette, Stevie Smith, Trey Middleton, John Plaisance, Laura Barnes; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Attorney General's Office Doug Cheramie; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the December 13, 2021 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Roland Guidry and seconded by Brian Marts.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ELECTION OF OFFICER

President Callais announced that he would be stepping down as Board President effective immediately after the January Regular meeting. He nominated Mr. Keith Guidry to fill the position of President of the Board.

Moved by Roland Guidry with a unanimous second, the board accepted the nomination of Mr. Keith Guidry as President of the Board for the South Lafourche Levee District.

Commissioner Keith Guidry nominated Mr. Ronald Callais as Vice President.

Moved by Brett DeRoche with a unanimous second, the board accepted the nomination of Mr. Ronald Callais as Vice President of the Board for the South Lafourche Levee District.

Commissioner McNeely Rome recommended the reappointment of General Manager Windell Curole to Executive Secretary.

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously accepted the reappointment of Mr. Windell Curole as Executive Secretary of the Board for the South Lafourche Levee District.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

President Callais announced the new assignments for Committees and requested that any changes be reported before the February meeting.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No comments were made from the audience.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole presented slides showing areas of debris that had been removed from the levees, with some piles being burned. He stated that out of 20 structures outside the levee system on the south side, only three structures survived the storm. Most of the repairs needed on the levee from hurricane damage were complete. The southeast corner of Clovelly sustained the most damage and is now in better condition than before the storm. Mr. Curole also showed the progress that had been made to levees and I-walls.

MORGANZA PROJECTS – SLLD ASSISTANCE

Mr. Curole explained that the process for providing payment for Morganza to the Gulf projects had been a tedious one. He stated that Administrative Assistant Mary Punch had worked hard to keep financial records in order. He explained the process that involved requesting funding from various entities and repaying funds recovered through FEMA to the correct parties. He explained that since the occurrence of Hurricane Ida, property taxes normally received in January would not be available until later in the year so funds would have to be managed carefully. He reported that property tax will fall significantly below last year's tax. He recommended the board allow Attorney Ray Collins to draw up a new contract with TLCD and NLLD to alleviate responsibilities by the SLLD.

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously agreed to have Attorney Ray Collins draw up a new contract between the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District, the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District, and the South Lafourche Levee District that would remove the South Lafourche Levee District from the signature line of Morganza to the Gulf projects and hurricane-related activities.

LEASE ON OFFICE TO EXPIRE FEB 28, 2022

Mr. Curole explained that the lease to use office space by SLLD administration at the old Crosby building would expire at the end of February

Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously carried, the board agreed to renew the lease for administrative office space with Crosby Real Estate.

AGREEMENT WITH SBL TO MAKE REPAIRS TO LEFORT LANE SINKHOLE

Mr. Curole explained that a sinkhole at Lefort Lane caused by the rusting out of culverts needed to be closed. Quotes were received and SBL had provided the lowest quote for repairs. Mr. Curole recommended the board accept the low quote from SBL Construction as presented.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously accepted the low quote in the amount of \$26,350.00 from SBL Construction to make repairs to the sink hole on Lefort Lane, Golden Meadow, LA.

CPRA FUNDED PROJECTS

Mr. Curole presented a list of previously approved projects that would be paid through CPRA funds. Those projects included the following:

- D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall, Ph II with \$1.2 million through CPRA (GOMESA BA-247 and TE-154), and \$1.8 million funded through Capital Outlay
- E-North Ph II with \$727,358 from CPRA Surplus TE-154
- D-North Ramp with \$500,000 from CPRA GOMESA BA-246
- Section F Berm with \$1 million from CPRA GOMESA BA-250
- Larose Floodwall Protection (Vessel Impact Barrier) with from CPRA through GOMESA BA-249

DEBRIS REMOVAL COSTS

Mr. Curole informed the board that cost for removing the debris on the levees would be around \$8 million. Of that amount, SLLD's share would be approximately \$500,000, with FEMA paying the remaining \$7.5 million.

STEPHEN BOURG LETTER ON LEVEE PERFORMANCE

Mr. Curole presented a letter from Steven Bourg with All South Contracting Engineers which outlined his site-inspection visit of our levee system, post-hurricane, with positive observations.

LETTER TO DEQ ON BURNING REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Curole presented a letter from DEQ on burning requirements for organic levee debris

ASSOCIATED PUMP RESPONSE

Mr. Curole presented a letter response from Associated Pump regarding the invoicing for pump repairs.

LA 1 COALITION – 2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750.00

Mr. Curole presented the 2022 Membership Dues with LA 1 Coalition in the amount of \$750.00 and recommended the board renew its membership.

Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved the renewal of the LA 1 Coalition Membership for the year 2022.

STORM DAMAGE ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS WITH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Mr. Curole stated that the insurance had estimated \$1.6 million worth of damage from Hurricane Ida. The uninsured portion of \$534,000 would be the Levee District's responsibility.

C-NORTH - INCREASE SPENDING FOR IN-HOUSE PROJECTS

Mr. Curole announced that a segment of the levee on C-North was being elevated to 13 feet. The original quote for that job was under \$250,000. The \$250,000 budget had now been reached. Mr. Curole informed the board that he would contact the board attorney to review options for completing the project.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond stated 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 F Levee Improvements**

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

The contractor submitted Pay Application No. 9 in the amount of \$131,252.00

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$131,252.00.

- **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. The flood side and crown are 100% complete. The protected side slope is 90% complete. The protected side berm is 70% complete. They will begin excavating the borrow canal and placing on berm next week.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 5 in the amount of \$10,300.00

Moved by Brian Marts, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$10,300.00.

- **Section E-North Levee Improvements**

Onshore Materials, LLC and Compeaux & Sons Constructions, LLC have completed the emergency repairs and hauling to the levee between Superior Dock and the southeastern corner of Clovelly Farms due to Hurricane Ida damages. Onshore is complete and off site. Compeaux is performing final dressing working from east to west.

Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC has submitted Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$20,710.00

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$20,710.00.

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Pump Stations & 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 contract will replace roofing panels on the Pump stations Nos. 1 & 2

There is no Pay Application this month

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Main Office and Mechanic Shop**

Foret Contracting Group, LLC is the Contractor. Demolition is complete for the Mechanic Shop. Demolition for the Main Office will be complete the week of January 3, 2022.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$44,765.58.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$11,501.31.

Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$44,765.58 and Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$11,501.31 to Foret Contracting Group.

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

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

USACE issued the permit for the project on November 29, 2021.

GIS has developed servitude requirements for the project and forwarded 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**

Phase I

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 current contract end of December 10, 2021.

Substantial Completion Inspection was held on 12/10/2021. Site walkthrough was performed, and a Punch List was issued for the few items remaining to be completed.

Certificate of Substantial Completion

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved Certificate of Substantial Complete.

Top Coat application along east side sheet pile is complete. Top Coat application along west floodwall A-Frame is complete and sheet pile painting is under progress. Painting of west flood side sheet pile is in progress.

Fertilizing and seeding will be performed following site grading completion.

Hurricane Ida Efforts

There will be one final change order upcoming to close-out remaining Hurricane Ida efforts; including final grading, embankment work, and concrete scour mat removal/replacement.

Balancing Change Order

Moved by Brian Marts and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously approved Balancing Change Order No. 6 in the amount of \$199,625.37 for Hurricane Ida cleanup.

Pay Request No. 9

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$199,625.37 for Hurricane Ida cleanup.

Fill material has been installed around the scoured areas to bring the ground back to pre-hurricane elevations. Installation of new scour mat in complete.

GIS coordinated the Raphael Project Rd repairs between Sealevel, Entergy and Dynamic. This work is complete.

Final site grading is in progress.

Pay Request No. 10

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$3,619.50.

Phase II

The Bid opening for Phase II was held on 10/28/2021. Both bids received were reviewed with a bid evaluation and a recommendation letter submitted to SLLD on 10/29/2021 to award the contract to Sealevel who is the low bidder.

Signed contract documents were received from Sealevel and are pending approval for construction from SLLD, with anticipated NTP date of 1/17/2022.

A Geotechnical Analysis for the level tie-ins is in progress for Phase 2A of the project. Two options are being analyzed and will be presented to SLLD for final approval.

- **Section D-North Ramp**

SLLD is performing the excavation of borrow pit operations in house. The excavated material is being placed on the adjacent levee berm and being sloped to drain. GIS will coordinate with SLLD and perform the survey efforts during the week of 01/03/2021.

Authorization to Advertise for Bids

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously authorized the Advertisement for Bid of the D-North Ramp.

- **Grand Bayou Flood Control Structure**

Floodwall & Receiving Structure

Both levee tie-ins have been constructed with final grading/shaping and fabric/rip rap installations complete. All structural steel, walkway components, and fencing/gate are complete. All dredging, underwater fabric/rip rap, and underwater structures have been installed. Touch-up painting for the project is complete. Timber installations are complete, with all nav lights and nav aids installed. Installation of the Reggie Bagala sign and Dedication Plaque are complete.

The project is Substantially Complete. A Punch List has been provided to Sealevel and completion of these items are neatly complete.

Balancing Change Order

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved Balancing Change Order No. 15 in the amount of \$136,700.71 (Hurricane Ida).

Pay Request No. 27

Moved by Brett DeRoche and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 27 in the amount of \$136,700.71 (Hurricane Ida).

Pay Request No. 28

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 28 in the amount of \$5,392.37.

Pay Request No. 29

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Brett DeRoche, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 29 in the amount of \$948.67 (Hurricane Zeta).

Barge Gate

Barge Gate was successfully operated for Hurricane Ida. Pump seals have been replaced to fix the case drain pressure issue. The horizontal sheave load pin is working properly, and more adjustments are needed on the vertical sheave load pin. A new vertical load pin was ordered pending installation and testing.

Barge training presentation has been prepared, with the training to be scheduled in the coming weeks after completion of pending punch list items.

The project is Substantially Complete. A punch list has been provided to Sealevel and completion of these items are nearly complete.

Hurricane Ida

Sealevel has completed Hurricane Ida Repairs, Debris Removal, and Site Repairs. SLLD is coordinating with LPG for the repaving of Temple Lane. There are no additional costs anticipated for Hurricane Ida Efforts.

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.

- **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. 9 in the amount of \$3,304.62 from Sealevel Construction, Inc.

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$3,304.62.

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)

- **Amendment No. 6 – Program/Grants Management Support**

Proposed increase to budget in the amount of \$200,000 for support in submitting claims to GOHSEP and FEMA for hurricane related debris and damages.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Amendment No. 6 to the Program and Grants Management budget in the increased amount of \$200,000 for support with Hurricane Ida claims.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that no permit requests were received for review.

BOARD ATTORNEY

The attorney was no in attendance.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

INVOICES

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the Finance Committee had reviewed the invoices and recommended they be paid.

On a motion of Keith Guidry, seconded by Monty Vegas, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the Personnel Committee would meet again before the next regular board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Keith Guidry gave a brief history and timeline of President Ronald Callais' service to the board. Mr. Guidry offered his appreciation on behalf of the board. A brief discussion pursued.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary