

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
AUGUST 8, 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, August 8, 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 August 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
Roland Guidry
Brian Marts
Mc Neely Rome
Monty Vegas

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 Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, John Plaisance, CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Attorney General's Office Doug Cheramie; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the July 11, 2022, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Ronald Callais.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Guidry announced that he and General Manager Windell Curole would be attending the ALBL Executive Committee meeting in Baton Rouge on Friday, August 12th.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Ronald Callais briefed the board on discussions that took place during the August 1st Executive Committee meeting. Topics discussed were the discussions with Parish President Archie Chaisson from the July meeting, transfer of unused CPRA funds to Section E-North, Mississippi River Commission assistance up to \$500.00, and engineering fees for marsh terraces in Golden Meadow.

On a motion by Ronald Callais and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously accepted the Minutes of the August 1st Executive Committee Meeting as presented.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole started the slide presentation with a photo of a damaged gear at the Larose floodgate. He recommended the board allow the purchase of a new gear and suggested the damaged gear be repaired and retained as a spare.

Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously agreed to purchase a new gear for the Larose Floodgate, and to repair the damaged gear and retain as a spare.

The next slides showed a map and then photos of the area near the Golden Meadow Park where the proposed terraces would be built. Mr. Curole discussed the terrace project and recommended the board allow himself and the board president to spend up to \$40,000 on engineering for the project.

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously carried, the board authorized the board president and general manager to spend up to \$40,000 on engineering for the design of terraces at Golden Meadow.

The next several slides were provided by Picciola and Associates. Those slides contained before and after photos from just after Hurricane Ida and recent. The slides showed the repairs and improvements in each levee section.

AGREEMENT WITH CLOVELLY FOR LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Curole stated that the agreement with Clovelly Farms for the excavation of earthen materials had been executed.

FUNDING OF SECTION E-NORTH

Mr. Curole restated the discussions from the Executive Committee meeting and recommended the board authorize himself or the board president to move forward with transferring excess funds from Section F and the D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall to Section E-North Levee Improvements.

Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously authorized the board president and general manager to move forward with transferring excess funds from Section F Berm and D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall to Section E-North Levee Improvements, and to sign any documents required for the execution of the transfer.

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING

Mr. Curole stated that we had requested \$85 million through Capital Outlay, but to date there have been no new funds to come through that request.

GEAR DAMAGE TO LAROSE FLOODGATE

Mr. Curole stated that the gear was discussed during the slide presentation.

REJECTION OF BIDS FOR GOBI MATS

Mr. Curole announced that bids had been received for work at the Leon Theriot Lock which included the placement of concrete mats. He stated that the mat projects were more expensive than anticipated and recommended all bids be rejected. He stated that the project could be rebid after six months.

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously agreed to reject all bids for the Repairs to the Leon Theriot Lock and LOOP Floodwalls, and to rebid after six months.

TERRACE DESIGN NEAR TEXACO OILFIELD, GOLDEN MEADOW

Mr. Curole stated that the terrace project was discussed during the slide presentation.

REACH K TERRACE REHABILITATION

Mr. Curole presented a quote from All South Consulting Engineers for fees associated with Reach K Terrace Rehabilitation. He explained that SLLD would process all invoices, but TLCD would be responsible for those same costs. SLLD would withhold the checks until it received payment from TLCD, at which time the SLLD check would be released to All South.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved hiring All South Consulting Engineers for Reach K Terrace Rehabilitation.

Mr. Curole informed the board that due to our need for a single audit, the audit fees for Fiscal Year 2022 would increase by \$5,000. He stated that the added cost was within his spending budget so with no objection, further action from the board was not needed.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond stated that he had nothing new 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:

- **A-West Corner Levee Elevation**

Compeaux and Sons Construction, LLC is the contract. The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$40,985.00.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Ronald Callais and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$40,985.00.

- **Larose Lock Project**

Project Plans and Specifications are complete. They have been submitted to US Army Corps of Engineers and CPRA for approval.

- **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 Stations No. 1, 4, 7, 8 & 2. They are currently working on electrical component replacement on Pump Stations No. 1, 6, 4, 7, 8 & 2.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$19,679.41.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$19,679.41.

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Mechanic Shop**

Frisco Industrial Contractors, LLC is the contractor. The Notice to Proceed was issued on May 31, 2022. They are currently working on repairing the building, walls and roof.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$90,574.12

Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$90,574.12.

- **Repairs to Leon Theriot Lock Floodwall and LOOP Floodwall**

We received bids on July 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Quality First Construction, LLC was the low bidder in the amount of \$503,533.28. The bid was in excess of the estimated cost for the project. Bids were rejected earlier in the meeting. Our recommendation is to advertise at a later date.

- **By-Pass Road at Hwy 3235 & LA 24 in Larose**

We have completed preliminary project plans.

- **Section E-North Levee**

We have completed the 9% set of plans. We are now scaling back the size of the project to fit proposed budget. Estimated Advertise Date 10/01/2022; Estimated Completion Date 07/01/2023; Proposed Elevation Top of Levee +14.00.

- **Section D-North Levee**

We are currently surveying the borrow area to determine the availability of material in the target excavation area. Estimated Advertise Date 09/01/2022; Estimated Completion Date 12/01/2022; Proposed Elevation Top of Levee +16.00.

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. GIS 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 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 is currently surveying adjacent Chevron pipeline to locate and receive Letter of No Objection.

- **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 AllSouth as needed for the ongoing FEMA claim.

Phase 2

Sealevel was given Notice to Proceed on January 17, 2022.

Sealevel has completed construction of the project, except for the few remaining Punch List items.

The Substantial Completion Inspection was held on Thursday, July 21, 2022. GIS recommends issuance of Substantial Completion on the project as of this date.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board unanimously accepted and authorized either the board president or general manager to sign the Substantial Completion of Phase 2 of D-South Floodwall Improvements.

Pay App No. 5 has been submitted to GIS and is pending submission/approval of Certified Payroll prior to submission to SLLD for approval.

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

GIS is currently working on a new design package to rebid the project without the asphalt work, with the intent to open the project up to additional bidders.

GIS surveyed existing side borrow stockpile area. With no objections from the board, we will receive quotes for a dragline to dig out materials for use on the D-North Ramp.

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

We are presenting Amendment No. 8 Reallocation-Only to reallocate the current contract budget for a \$0 overall contract increase.

Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously approved the proposed Amendment No. 8 Reallocation to the Budget at no additional cost.

Floodwall & Receiving Structure (Sealevel)

The project is complete.

While onsite for the One Year Warranty Inspection of the Gate, the receiving structure and floodwall were also inspected, and no issues were noted.

Barge Gate (Sealevel – Conrad)

The project is complete.

GIS received the remaining information from the Contractor and the Project O&M Manual has been prepared. Hard copies and digital copies will be bound and delivered to SLLD, TLCD, and NLLD. CPRA will be provided a digital copy.

The One Year Warranty Inspection was held on Thursday, July 21, 2022 and included a maintenance closure of the gate. All components functioned properly, and the closure was successful. A couple of small items were noted that the Contractor is addressing.

There are hydraulic, electrical, and mechanical components on the Gate that will have an extended warranty through March 2023. Once finalized, this list of items will be provided.

Hurricane Delta/Zeta

There has been no further requested data/info at this time.

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 the SLLD FEMA Claim. Additional information provided.

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

GIS Engineering continues with the Final 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.

LEEVE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **C-South Levee Reshaping and Compaction**

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. We are recommending approval of Pay Application No. 16 in the amount of \$243,160.51. We estimate this project will be complete in about three months.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 16 in the amount of \$243,160.51.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC, is continuing work on the project to shape the levee to +18', and we are recommending approval of their Invoice No. 1073 in the amount of \$20,370.00. We estimate this project will be complete in about two months.

Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Invoice No. 1073 in the amount of \$20,370.00.

- **B-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Compeaux and Sons Construction, LLC is continuing work on the project to shape the levee to +18', and we are recommending approval of their Invoice No. 1072 in the amount of \$16,345.00. We estimate this project will be complete in about two months.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Invoice No. 1072 in the amount of \$16,345.00.

- **C-North Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Compeaux and Sons Construction, LLC is continuing work on the project to shape the levee to +16', and we are recommending approval of their Invoice No. 1074 in the amount of \$6,080.00. We estimate this project will be complete in approximately two months.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Invoice No. 1074 in the amount of \$6,080.00.

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

Review of bids received on Thursday, August 4, 2022 for this project. GIS was the low bidder at \$1,672,496.41 and we recommend awarding the contract to GIS.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board agreed to award Yankee Canal & Section A-East Erosion Repairs to GIS at the low bid amount of \$1,672,496.41. Additionally, the board authorized the board president and general manager to sign any documents necessary to proceed with the project.

- **Larose Floodwall Vessel Impact Barrier**

This project is currently in the permit phase, and we estimate starting the advertisement in about two months.

- **Section F Berm Improvements**

This project will address berm improvements to the Section F levee and will be ready to advertise later this month.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

No one from Delta Coast Consultants was in attendance.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

No one from All South Consulting Engineers was in attendance.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that one permit request was received for review, and that it did not interfere 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. **TERREBONNE LEVEE & CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

CUP NO: P20220639

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-25-22n / Long -90-26-44W; Section see attached drawings; Pointe Aux Chene

DESCRIPTION: TLCD will continue construction of Reaches K & L of the Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection System. This project is a continuation of the same footprint previously permitted under P20110563. The total levee project area is approx. 132ac for the levee construction and 210 ac of excavation – approx. 69ac of wetlands, 150ac of non-wetlands, and 120ac of waterbottoms will be impacted by the proposed work. The terrace mitigation project may affect approx. 150ac of waterbottoms, and the marsh creation mitigation project may affect approx. 100ac of waterbottoms. The project is located on and/or near the Pointe-Aux-Chenes WMA

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ryan Collins was not 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 Monty Vegas, seconded by Ronald Callais, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

President Guidry questioned Engineer Joe Picciola on the status of the main office building. Mr. Picciola stated that quotes for mold remediation had been received and the contractor would be starting soon. Mr. Curole added that the remediation was within the allowable spending budget of the general manager and board president, and that no further board action would be needed. The construction of the building would be rebid at a later date.

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 McNeely Rome.

Keith Guidry, President

Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary