

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING  
OF  
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT  
MARCH 14, 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, March 14, 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 March was called to order by President Keith Guidry. 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, Neil Angelette, Chris Smith, Laura Barnes, Trey Middleton; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; and news media.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

**The minutes of the February 14, 2022, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Mitch Danos and seconded by Roland Guidry.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**ALBL WORKSHOP – MAY 2022**

President Guidry announced that the workshop would be held on May 5 & 6, 2022 and that anyone desiring to attend should contact Ms. Mary Punch for arrangements.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the audience.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

General Manager Windell Curole began his presentation with a slide of Hurricane Ida's track. Mr. Curole demonstrated on the map the similarities of the track and angle that Hurricane Katrina took in 2005 with that of Ida. He stated that the big difference was that Katrina took a northern turn and missed us, whereas Ida came through Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes and caused substantial damage. He added that since Katrina, our levees had been raised by five feet, so even though the storm was severe, our area did not flood. Mr. Curole added that had Katrina taken the exact path in 2005 as Ida had in 2021, Hurricane Katrina would have destroyed our communities. He further added that Hurricane Ida was the fifth most intense hurricane to hit our nation. Mr. Curole informed the board that while most levee repairs were complete, there were a few areas that still had damage from the storm. He stated that our goal was to have all storm-related repairs complete before the next hurricane season began.

Progress on Section F had brought that levee up to 13 feet. Mr. Curole showed a slide with trees on the outside of the levee and explained that the trees were leaning toward the levee making it difficult to maintain the berm with tractors. He stated that they cleared out an additional 10 feet with our excavator to allow for a better berm and easier maintenance.

Mr. Curole showed a slide of the drainage pipes at the Clovelly Pumping Station and indicated the height differences of the levee on each side of the pipes. He stated that he would speak with Clovelly about encapsulating those pipes with dirt while allowing an option for Clovelly personnel to continue to maintain their pipes.

Other slides showed levees now cleared of debris with grass now growing. He explained that Section F north of Clovelly was being raised by trucking in material for levee improvements.

Mr. Curole informed the board that there was an electrical fire at Pump Station No. 4. He explained that a line going into the building shorted out and caused the fire, but that it had been repaired and power to the building was restored.

Other slides showed the work taking place at the D-South Crawfish Farm Floodwall which would be completed soon to a +17 ft. elevation.

#### **PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Mr. Curole presented the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023. He recommended the board approve the proposed budget as presented.

**Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously approved the Proposed FY 2023 Budget as presented.**

#### **HURRICANE IDA FORUM**

Mr. Curole gave a brief update on the damages that occurred from Hurricane Ida and the costs that the storm had incurred.

#### **BOND COMMISSION APPROVAL FOR LOAN**

Mr. Curole updated the board on the loan that would allow the SLLD to pay for hurricane-related costs while waiting for FEMA reimbursements. He stated that the board had applied for \$12 million but was hopeful that other funds would come through so we would not need to borrow that much. The application would go before the next Bond Commission meeting in April.

#### **PAYMENTS AND CONTRACT FOR MORGANZA TO THE GULF**

Mr. Curole stated that we were working with the board's attorney on how we would finalize the areas of Morganza to the Gulf that were being constructed inside our district. He stated that the money situation with the Morganza projects had gotten very complex; not only with the building of the projects, but also with emergency disasters and dealing with FEMA claims. He explained that we would have Terrebonne or North Lafourche Levee District to sign the contract and we would obtain the necessary right-of-ways for the work.

#### **HURRICANE KATRINA OVERPAYMENT**

Mr. Curole announced that the Levee District had received an invoice in the amount of \$2,212.60 from FEMA for an overpayment that was related to Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He recommended payment.

**Moved by Brett DeRoche and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously approved the invoice for an overpayment on a Hurricane Katrina claim in the amount of \$2,212.60.**

#### **ALBL SPRING MEETING**

Mr. Curole stated that the ALBL Workshop would be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in Baton Rouge, and anyone needing more information could contact Mary Punch.

#### **GOLDEN MEADOW BOAT LAUNCH LEASE**

Mr. Curole explained that the Levee District had built the Golden Meadow Boat Launch and turned over certain parts of it to the parish. The parish was now wanting to do other things in the area of the boat launch. He added that there was a little confusion with ConocoPhillips as to who owned the right-of-way. Mr. Curole recommended the board authorize himself or the board president to sign any documents necessary to allow the transfer of the boat launch's right-of-way to the parish.

**Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously agreed to authorize the general manager and/or board president to sign any documents necessary to transfer right-of-way**

of the Golden Meadow Boat Launch to the Lafourche Parish Council for making improvements and changes in the area.

**DYNAMIC INVOICE FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL- \$2.4 MILLION**

Mr. Curole explained that we had received two invoices from Dynamic for debris removal. The first invoice totaled over \$2 million. He stated that Dynamic had been moving slowly on getting the debris removed and that we had held the checks pending receipt of funding. Mr. Curole requested the board authorize the release of the first invoice upon receipt of either FEMA funding or the bond loan.

**Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously agreed to release the first of two Dynamic payments in the amount of \$2.4 million upon receipt of either FEMA reimbursement or receipt of the bond loan for hurricane-related use.**

Mr. Curole commended office assistants Mary Punch and Amy Gisclair for their hard work and dedication on storm related matters. He explained that Mrs. Punch handled the FEMA claims for both Morganza and SLLD levees, and Mrs. Gisclair was handling the insurance claims for damages associated with Hurricane Ida. He stated that our office had always run smoothly and efficiently and that it continued to do so even with the added complexity and workload of the FEMA and insurance claims.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

**OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**

Mr. Daniel Dearmond stated that CPRA was waiting on supervised plans and specifications to review which included Section F Berm, Larose Floodwall Vessel Impact Barrier, and Section E-North which was pending land rights.

**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 material on the levee section.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 11 in the amount of \$164,065.00.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 11 in the amount of \$164,065.00.**

- **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. They are excavating the borrow canal and placing on berm.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 7 in the amount of \$28,865.00.

**Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$28,865.00.**

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

We are requesting Payment No. 0022802-IN in the amount of \$19,000 to Crosby Dredging, LLC be paid.

**Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 0022802-IN in the amount of \$19,000.00 to Crosby Dredge, LLC.**

- **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 30<sup>th</sup>. The Notice to Proceed was issued on December 6, 2021. The contractor has started working on Pump Station 4 & 8.
  - 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 and for the Main Office.  
  
We will accept bids for the Mechanic Shop on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 10 am. We plan on having a recommendation to award at the meeting.  
  
The plans for the Main Office Building are complete and we do have Fire Marshal approval. We plan to begin advertising for the Main Office Building to begin to advertise later this month.

Mr. Curle informed the board that after speaking with Rep. Joe Orgeron he learned that there were surplus funds left over from Hurricane Laura that we may be able to access in the case of a shortfall in the insurance from the \$250,000 deductible. We will be looking into that possibility.

**GIS ENGINEERING, LLC**

Engineer Laura Barnes 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 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.

**D-South Floodwall Improvements – GIS# 39130-1215/1216**

Phase 1

- 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 date 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.
- The final site grading is complete and fertilizing/seeding is anticipated to be completed the week of 3/07/2022.
- Pay Application No. 12 for payment of the retainage in the amount of \$80,200.10 was approved by GIS and submitted to SLLD along with the Clear Lien Certificate.

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 12 in the amount of \$80,200.10 to Sealevel Construction.**

Phase 2

- Sealevel was awarded this project and given NTP on 1/17/2022.
- Sealevel has mobilized to the site, removed the existing steel plates, and completed demolition of the existing concrete T-wall.
- Sealevel has completed H-pile splicing and material delivery at the Eagle yard in Houma, with the crane and barge mobilized to the site. It was reported that the crane barge struck the twin span bridges in Houma during transit, with a damage update to the crane pending. The bridge appears to have sustained structural member damage. Full update pending.
- Pay App No. 1 in the amount of \$744,981.12 has been approved by GIS and sent to SLLD for processing.

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$744,981.12.**

- A Geotechnical Analysis for the levee tie-ins has been completed for Phase 2A of the

project. GIS has finalized a design for the tie-in walls and is preparing the report for SLLD and CPRA.

Hurricane Ida Efforts

- Current Hurricane Ida related work for the project is complete, with the final Change order No. 7 submitted to SLLD for approval.
- At the request of SLLD, GIS has coordinated clean-up of the Chouest pump station sump area with Sealevel. A Release was sent to and executed by Chouest, prior to Sealevel providing a cost proposal and being given the notice to proceed for this work. The cost has been provided and sent to SLLD (Windell Curole) for review/approval.

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

- SLLD performed the excavation of the borrow pit in-house. GIS has prepared the plans and specifications for bidding. Advertising will begin this week with the Pre-Bid Conference set for March 24, 2022 and the Bid Opening date set for April 7, 2022.

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

Floodwall & Receiving Structure

- The project is Substantially Complete. A Punch List was provided to Sealevel and those items are complete, pending some additional fertilizing/seeding in areas where germination is not present.
- The Clear Lien Certificate was received from Sealevel Construction and submitted to SLLD to close out the project.

Barge Gate

- Barge Gate was successfully operated for Hurricane Ida and remains fully operational.
- The project is Substantially Complete. A Punch List has been provided to Sealevel and completion of these items are underway.
- Sealevel’s subcontractor SIT has made the corrections to the high cable/winch tensions and hydraulic pressures.
- The new opening winch load cell is a long lead time item, which is now pushed-back delivery for 4 additional weeks and is anticipated to be installed in April.
- Final punch list site work is scheduled for the week of 3/7/2022 and upon completion of this work, the Owner’s Training and Final Inspection will be coordinated with SLLD, TLCD, and NLLD. Once the above work is completed, the remainder of the retainage may be requested.

Hurricane Delta/Zeta

- GIS received a request for information regarding All South’s SLLD FEMA claim and provided the requested information.

Hurricane Ida

- Sealevel has completed Hurricane Ida Repairs, Debris Removal, and Site Repairs.
- All Hurricane Ida work is complete and GIS is coordinating with AllSouth in order to provide the required back-up documentation for their SLLD FEMA Claim.
- Additional information was provided by GIS this month.

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

- GIS Engineering continues with the Preliminary 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 \$543,000.00.

**Lefort Lane Sink Hole Repairs – GIS# 39130-1166**

- GIS took quotes on this job and determined SBL Construction, LLC to be the responsive low quote with a construction price of \$26,350.00.
- Notice to Proceed was issued to SBL Construction on 01/17/2022.
- SBL has constructed the structure and backfilled the hole. There is some minor dress-up work to complete.

**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 including the additional charge order work approved last month.

- **Larose Floodwall Height Improvement, West End A-Phase 5**  
The contractor, Sealevel Construction, Inc. has completed the project and we are currently in the clear lien period.

**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**
  - Amendment No. 5 to Engineering Contract to include GOHSEP/FEMA required contract provisions

**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Amendment No. 5 to add required FEMA/GOHSEP language to the All South Consulting Engineers' contract.**

- Change Order No. 5 to include GOHSEP/FEMA required contract provisions in Low Land contract

**Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 5 to add required FEMA/GOHSEP language to Low Land Construction's contract.**

- **Reach K Marsh Mitigation Emergency Rehabilitation Phase II**  
Project complete. Awaiting final application for payment for retainage.
- **Supply & Deliver Material Lost to Reach K (Hurricane Barry)**  
This project and clear lien period are complete. Awaiting final application for payment
- **Hurricane Ida Debris Removal**  
The contractor continues to work on the west side of the system.  
95% complete with entire job.

Hand crew needs 15-21 days to walk the rest of the levee

All South continues to work with SLLD personnel to submit FEMA claims. All South believes that through communications with FEMA and GOHSEP that a \$3.04 million reimbursement request will be fulfilled in the next 60 days. It is with this belief that All South recommends payment to Dynamic for the amount of their first invoice, \$2.4 million.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that eight permit requests were received for review, and that none 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. **SHELL PIPELINE COMPANY LP**  
**CUP NO:** P20220099  
**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-32-20.99"N, Long. -90-16-19.51"W; Section 6 T18S R22E; Clovelly to Norco  
**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed repairs to anomalies along the 24" Clovelly to Norco pipeline. Approximately 210 cy will be excavated and placed onsite. Approximately 3.08 acres of herbaceous wetland habitat may be impacted as a result of the proposed activities.
2. **BIG JIM SEAFOOD**  
**CUP NO:** P20220074

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-14-56.45”N, Long. -90-14-1.996W (See Plats for additional project coordinates); Leeville 70357

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposal to implement and operate an Alternative Oyster Culture Farm using twelve Shellevators (submersible pontoon barges) resting on the water bottom. Approx. 0.05 acres of water bottom may be impacted as a result of the proposed activity.

**3. THE LOUISIANA LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY LLC**

**CUP NO:** P20220066

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29 24’ 19”n, Long -90 24- 50”W; Section 25, 26, 27 T19S R20E; Pointe-Aux-Chenes

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed construction and planting of approximately 56,500 linear feet of earthen terraces. Approximately 350 acres of unvegetated water bottoms may be impacted as a result of the proposed activities.

**4. CHEVRON PIPELINE AND POWER**

**CUP NO:** P20220112

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29 5’ 20.34”n, Long. -90 11’ 56.41”W

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed removal of 16,400’ of a 12” pipeline. Approximately 4.6 acres of unvegetated water bottom may be impacted as a result of the proposed activities.

**5. DISCOVERY PRODUCER SERVICES LLC**

**CUP NO:** P20211071

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-32-30.76n / Long -90-23-43.56W; 1474 Hwy 24 Larose, 70373

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposal to construct a new levee and install a new 11,000-barrel slug catcher, a new 15,000-barrel per day condensate stabilizer, and other ancillary facilities just east of the existing Larose Gas Processing Plant (LGPP). In addition, a manmade pond located approximately 95 feet east of the existing LGPP fence line will be filled and allowed to revert to conditions consistent with the surrounding marsh area. Approximately 53,100 cy of material will be excavated and placed on site. Approximately 17,000 cy of material will be excavated and placed onsite. Approximately 49,150 cy soil, 27,800 cy sand, 13,550 cy of crushed stone/gravel, and 285 cy of concrete will be hauled in to be used as fill. Approximately 19 acres consisting of uplands, non-vegetated water bottoms, and vegetated wetlands may be impacted by the proposed activities.

**6. ICON ENVIRONMENTAL**

**CUP NO:** P20200217 (Amended, Extended)

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Approx. project enter-point @ Lat. 29 45’ 33.43”N, Long. 90 23’ 27.55:W (see plats for all boring/monitoring well locations); Sec 37, T15S-R20E; Bayou Gauche and Bayou Des Allemands, LA.

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposal environmental assessment to determine impacts from historical oil/gas exploration & production. Activities include sub-aerial and water bottom surface sediment sampling, soil/sediment sampling with manual hand tools and/or geoprobe mounted direct push rig and installation of monitor wells. Approx. 3 cy of native material will be collected. Approx. 2 cy of concrete and 3 cy of bentonite cement slurry will be used as backfill on boreholes.

**AMENDMENT:** Five additional locations have been added (83, 84, B32, B22 & B34). See plats for coordinates of all locations. Approx. 2 cy of concrete and 4 cy native material will be collected and approx. 4 cys of bentonite cement slurry will be used as backfill in boreholes.

**7. GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**

**CUP NO:** P20220167

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-06-56.24n / Long. 90-11-58.93 W; Section 14 T23S R22E; AJ Estay Road, Golden Meadow (Fourchon), 70357

**DESCRIPTION:** Maintenance Dredging of the Nerby Collins Marine in Port Fourchon due to silting caused by Hurricane Ida. Spoil will be placed in the previously permitted area near Floation Canal Road. Approx. 17744 cy of material will be excavated and hauled to the spoil area. Approx. 3.48 ac of unvegetated water bottom and 8.07 ac of marsh may be impacted by the proposed activity.

**8. GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**

**CUP NO:** P20220055

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29 08’ 21.87”N / Long -90 11’ 26.03”W; Section 1, 2, 12, 25, 35 T23S-R22E; Port Fourchon/Golden Meadow.

**DESCRIPTION:** This project entails the completion of unfinished work originally covered by P20131083 including dredging the remaining approximately 2,986,698 cubic yards, fill

approximately 232 acres of property adjacent to Slip D to a minimum elevation of +8.0' NGVD for industrial development, haul roughly 3,000 cubic yards of off-site fill to construct approximately 4.10 acres of development areas along Flotation Canal Road and construction of a 4,163' access road situated to the east of Slip D. Approx. 1122 acres of open water and uplands and marsh may be impacted by proposed activities.

**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 McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Curole, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Vegas informed the board that two vacant positions were recommended by the Personnel Committee to be filled. He stated that it takes a good bit of time when following the process of advertising and screening for employment, and then allowing the applicant an additional two weeks to put in their two-week notice with their current employer. To shorten that time frame, Mr. Vegas recommended the board make a motion that the Personnel Committee be authorized to hire employees, without prior board approval, based upon the general manager's recommendation upon following the hiring process.

**Moved by Ronald Curole and seconded by Brett DeRoche, the board unanimously authorized the Personnel Committee to hire applicants, without prior board approval, to fill positions based upon the recommendation of the general manager after following the hiring protocol.**

**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.**

/s/Keith Guidry, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary