

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING  
OF  
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT  
APRIL 12, 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, April 12, 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 April 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; Attorney Ryan Collins; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, Stevie Smith, John Plaisance, Laura Barnes; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; TLCD Director Reggie Dupre; Sgt. Dakota Fitch, and news media.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

**The minutes of the March 8, 2021 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by McNeely Rome and seconded by Brett DeRoche.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**TIER 2.1 REPORT DUE ANNUALLY ON MAY 15TH**

President Callais reminded the board that they should turn in their Tier 2.1 reports to the SLLD for processing before the deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ALBL WORKSHOP – MAY 6-7, 2021**

President Callais announced that due to COVID-19 restrictions, the ALBL Workshop would be limited to ALBL Executive Committee members only for the in-person meetings. All others could join by webinar. Instructions for online participation would be sent to each board member.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (KEITH GUIDRY)**

Chairman Keith Guidry announced that the Executive Committee had met on March 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the budget and project priority including funding of the Larose "Ted Gisclair" Lock. Additionally, the committee discussed the completion of Section C-South Levee and the delays that had occurred in the vicinity of the shooting range.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were no audience comments.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

General Manager Windell Curole stated that the rainfall event of March 23-24, 2021 produced 8 inches of rain over the entire area, with up to 12 inches in some areas. He stated that the borrow canals overtopped and that he had never experienced that since the levee district pumps had been installed. He showed photos of the area near Bully Camp where the banks of the borrow canal were overtopped. occurred at the borrow canal. He then showed areas around the Delta Farms area that sustained high water for several days. The next slide was of a boat that sank while waiting to go through the Larose "Ted Gisclair" Floodgate. We closed the floodgate and the Coast Guard shut the bayou down until the boat could be removed. Slides of the pipe piles now located at the Larose storage site were shown. Slides showed updates of work on Section C-South levee and terraces and Reach K Marsh Creation. The Golden Meadow Floodwall slides showed the new height of 17' from the previous 13' wall. Other slides showed the work near the Golden Meadow Park, B-North Marsh Creation and terraces. He added that ConocoPhillips, Ducks Unlimited, Lafourche Parish and CPRA had all contributed to the building of the terraces. The next slides showed the reinstallation of the south gates at the Leon Theriot Lock. The following slides showed work that was done at D-South levee, D-South Floodwall (will be raised from 14' to 18'), and the D-North Ramp (LOOP Rd) that will be raised another 4' which will eliminate the need for Hesco Baskets in that area. E-South levee elevation from 11' to 14' is almost complete. Slides showed the ongoing work at the Clovelly Farms area, and Section F elevations. Mr. Curole addressed sites that had standing ground water and stated that patches would be placed over them. Mr. Curole then presented a video by GIS on the Grand Bayou Flood Control structure. He final slide was the barge structure at Grand Bayou.

**A-EAST BAYOU WATER RETENTION: APPROVAL OF ANY AND ALL PIPELINE CROSSING AGREEMENTS AFFECTING SLLD PROJECTS**

Mr. Curole presented three pipeline crossing agreements (LOOP, Central Crude and Crimson Minerals) that had been reviewed and approved by the SLLD attorney, and requested the board authorize himself or the board president to sign any and all agreements/Letters of No Objections for pipeline crossings that would affect the levee system projects.

**Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously approved the proposed pipeline crossing agreements as presented and authorized the general manager or board president, upon recommendation of legal counsel, to sign any and all agreements/letters of no objection for any pipeline crossings that would affect the SLLD levee system projects.**

**WILLIAMS LETTER AGREEMENT, SECTION F PIPELINE CROSSING**

Mr. Curole stated that Williams had also presented a pipeline crossing agreement/letter of no objection for Section F work. He recommended the board approve and authorize himself or the board president to sign the agreement.

**Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously approved the proposed pipeline crossing agreement from Williams – Discovery Pipeline as presented and authorized the general manager or board president to sign the pipeline agreements/letters of no objection.**

**RAINFALL EVENT OF MARCH 23-24, 2021**

Mr. Curole stated this item was discussed during the slide presentation.

**LAROSE "TED GISCLAIR" FLOODGATE OPERATIONS: SUNKEN BOAT**

Mr. Curole stated this item was discussed during the slide presentation.

**GRAND BAYOU FLOODGATE UPDATE**

Mr. Curole stated this item was discussed during the slide presentation.

**SLLD MILLAGES FOR 2021**

Mr. Curole stated that property was reassessed in 2020 and the board had voted not to roll forward the millages at that time. He stated that it had caused an estimated \$600,000 in reduction of revenues for the Levee District, but that businesses were suffering from the virus pandemic. He stated that the millages would be on the May 2021 agenda for adoption.

**LEVEE SAFETY PROGRAM**

Mr. Curole stated that the Corps started the Levee Safety Program and that they use residual risk or Floodplain Management. Mr. Curole requested the board give the Levee District the opportunity to comment saying we do not agree with the proposed concept of Levee Safety features presently proposed by the Corps.

**LETTER AGREEMENT WITH GIS FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES**

Mr. Curole stated this item was discussed in a previous meeting and that we had received two quotes for grass cutting services to help with levee maintenance. He recommended the board approve the letter agreement. President Callais read the agreement.

**Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously authorized the general manager or board president to sign the letter agreement with GIS for grass cutting services with the option to renew at the end of the year 2021.**

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

**OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**

Mr. Daniel Dearmond stated the Corps had rescheduled the annual levee inspection to April 28<sup>th</sup> due to recent rain events.

**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 Clear Lien Certificate has been received.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 15 (Retainage) in the amount of \$27,887.50.

**Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 15 in the amount of \$27,887.50.**

- **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.

The contractor submitted Pay Application No. 11 in the amount of \$139,782.62.

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 11 in the amount of \$139,782.62.**

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

SBL Construction, LLC is the contractor. The contractor is complete with the project and in the Lien Period.

There is no pay application this month.

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

SBL Construction, LLC is the contractor. The contractor is complete with the project and in the Lien Period.

There is no pay application this month.

- **Section F Levee Improvements**

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

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$205,237.77.

**Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$205,237.77.**

- **Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall**

Sealevel Construction, Inc. is the Contractor. The contractor is currently on-site painting the wall and working on the levee tie in sections.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 6 in the amount of \$80,443.90.

**Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$80,443.90.**

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

Circle, LLC is the Contractor. The contractor is complete with the project,

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$130,343.80.

**Moved by Brett DeRoche, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$130,343.80.**

The contractor has submitted a Certificate of Substantial Completion and Change Order No. 2 to add 14 additional days to contract (no cost) for approval.

**Moved by Brian Marts, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Certificate of Substantial Completion and Change Order No. 2 to add 14 calendar days to contract with no additional costs.**

#### **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 is coordinating with pipeline companies to satisfy requirements necessary to cross their pipelines.
- 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**

- Construction contract for Phase I awarded to Sealevel Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,648,822.00. Partial Notice to Proceed to allow for procurement of material issued for March 15, 2021; schedule to end on May 14, 2021.
- CPRA is currently reviewing the final design plans and specs for Phase II.

- Change Order No. 1 reduction of \$8,100.00, decrease contractor's survey scope

**Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1**

- GIS Engineering Amendment No. 5 in the amount of \$15,000

**Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved Amendment No. 5 to increase budget by \$15,000 and authorized the general manager or board president to sign.**

- GIS Engineering Amendment No. 6 in the amount of \$8,100.00

**Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved Amendment No. 6 to increase to increase engineer's survey scope by \$8,100.00 and authorized the general manager or board president to sign.**

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

- The construction contractor was awarded to Low Land Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$99,976.00. Low Land substantially completed construction of this project on December 29, 2020. Change Order No. 1 added additional fill that was placed around Pump station No. 1's discharge pipes and added more days to the contract due to weather days and additional work; this brought the final contract amount to \$116,511.80. All punch list items are complete. We are waiting on Certificate of Clear Lien to release retainage (expected date April 5, 2021).

○ Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$16,535.15  
**Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Brett DeRoche, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1, for addition fill materials requested by SLLD in the amount of \$16,535.15 and to add 45 days to contract time and authorized the general manager or board president to sign.**

○ Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$12,644.10  
**Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$12,644.10.**

○ Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$11,651.18  
**Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$11,651.18.**

• **Section D-North Ramp**

○ A Pre-Bid Conference was held on April 6, 2021. Bids are scheduled to be received on April 22, 2021.

• **Grand Bayou Flood Control Structure**

Floodwall & Receiving Structure

Installed the 30" steel battered piles on the east side.

Installation of the plump/battered pile connection plated are in progress.

Guide wall installation has begun on the east and west side jackets.

Installed the waler on the west side floodgate.

5 and 7 pile timber dolphin installation in progress.

Set seal tube on the east side jacket.

Began driving 24" landing piles and installing pile caps.

Change Order No. 8 in the amount of \$18,730.00. (Hurricane Zeta)

**Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 8 in the amount of \$18,730.00.**

Change Order No. 9 in the amount of (\$8,850.08)

**Moved by Brian Marts, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 9 in the amount of (\$8,850.08).**

Pay Request No. 14 in the amount of \$1,299,482.19.

**Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 14 in the amount of \$1,299,482.19.**

Pay Request No. 15 in the amount of \$57,261.30. (Hurricane Zeta)

**Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 15 in the amount of \$57,261.30.**

Barge Gate

All Light station have been welded.

Ladders and stairways have been installed.

Control house has been installed onto the gate.

Mechanical foundation have been installed.

Pivot arm assembly has been installed.

All the ballast piping has been installed.

Gate exterior has been blasted and painting is in progress.

Winches were load tested at Southern Crane & Hydraulics; accepted.

Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$8,850.00

**Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$8,850.00.**

Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$477,300.59

**Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$477,300.59.**

Hurricane Delta/Zeta

Hurricane Delta: No pending items to be completed and GIS continues to coordinate with All South to provide project related information as needed.

Hurricane Zeta: GIS has sent out RFG for bypass channel fill and east bank line reestablishment, which was awarded to Sealevel and this work has been completed.

Hurricane Zeta: A change order was issued to Sealevel for supply and installation of limestone to repair damages to the laydown yard and access road. These damages were sustained during hurricane efforts. Approximately 2/3 of the total limestone quantity has been installed and the remainder is forecasted to be installed over the next month.

**LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC**

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

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

The contractor, Pontchartrain Partners, LLC, is nearing completion on the construction of this project.

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC, is continuing with construction of the project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 11 in the amount of \$15,287.40.

**Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 11 in the amount of \$15,287.40.**

- **Morganza to the Gulf, Reach L**

Plans and specifications for the levee construction from Apache Farms to Grand Bayou, including options for the Bayou L’Bleu structure, are currently being reviewed by the CPRA.

- **Larose Floodwall Height Improvement, West End A-Phase 5**

The Notice to Proceed was issued to Sealevel Construction, Inc. on April 1, 2021, and the contractor is currently preparing shop drawings for the fabricated items.

**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.
- Requesting approval of final pay application for retainage for \$65,365.13.

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Final Pay Application in the amount of \$65,365.13.**

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

- Sealevel continues work on the west bank of Grand Bayou. Contractor has completed moving dredge material along the length of the levee and is no longer utilizing track trucks. They have completed shaping approximately 90% of the dredge material and have begun shaping the barged material as well.
- Sealevel Construction, Inc. Pay App. No. 6 in the amount of \$238,458.67 is recommended for approval.

**Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Application No. 6 in the amount of \$238,458.67.**

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

- Sealevel has hauled approximately 43,200 CY of the 67,000 CY contract. 14,200 CY of the 20,000 CY has been delivered to the southern end of the project via highway trucks and then rehandled

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with track trucks. Also, 29,000 CY of the 47,000 CY of material has been barged between the northern water control structure and the southern water control structure.

- Sealevel Construction, Inc. Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$434,818.80 is recommended for approval.

**Moved by Brian Marts, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$434,818.80.**

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

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

### **BOARD ATTORNEY**

Attorney Ryan Collins had nothing to report.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### **INVOICES**

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

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

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

#### **HIRING OF LABORERS FOR SUMMER 2021**

Chairman Monty Vegas announced that the Personnel Committee had reviewed the applications for Summer Laborer positions and approved the hiring of the two applicants chosen.

### MAINTENANCE & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

#### **PURCHASE OF EXCAVATOR**

Chairman Keith Guidry announced that the 36-month lease on the 326L excavator would expire on April 22, 2021. He stated that the committee had discussed and recommended the purchase of the excavator at the payoff price of \$127,944.85.

**On a motion of McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Guidry, and unanimously carried, the board approved the purchase of the leased excavator at the payoff price of \$127,944.85.**

### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

### NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner McNeely Rome stated he was approached by the Town of Golden Meadow to see if we could assist in helping control the water lilies in the canals. A brief discussion pursued.

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

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary