

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
JUNE 14, 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, June 14, 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 June 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, Brandon Arceneaux, Laura Barnes; CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Attorney General's Office Doug Chermie; TLCD Reggie Dupre; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ALBL MEETING, DEC. 8-9, 2021 – HILTON NEW ORLEANS RIVERSIDE

President Callais announced that normal occupancy would resume for the December ALBL conference to be held in New Orleans. He urged all Board members to attend and to notify Mary Punch soon so that reservations could be made.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole began his slide presentation with a short video showing a flyover of the levee system right after Hurricane Rita in 2005. Mr. Curole briefed the board on the lower elevations at that time and stated the debris line at Clovelly was on top of the levee. He added that we narrowly escaped serious flooding with that storm. He stated that Ike was similar to Rita, but by the time Ike hit, the levee at Clovelly had been elevated and there was three to four feet between the waterline and the top of the levee.

After the video Mr. Curole showed construction work that was taking place at C-North where elevations would be brought up from 14 ft. to 16 ft. He explained the techniques used in elevating the levees.

Some areas of the levee around Pump Station No. 2 were at 18 to 20 feet. He showed slides of marsh and terraces that had been provided by Ducks Unlimited, ConocoPhillips and others that partnered on that project.

Mr. Curole showed where the levee had been cut to allow the contractor to remove their barge after project completion. He informed the board that the cut in the levee had been repaired and was back to pre-cut condition. Other slides showed progress on the Golden Meadow Floodwall and construction on the D-South levee. Mr. Curole showed slides of Delta Farms area from a recent rain event.

Mr. Curole informed the board that Congress was considering reauthorizing the flood insurance program. Flood Risk 2.0 was concerning because FEMA had implied that they would only use the computer models that were already in place. It would be better for them to speak to our engineers, see the projects that are on the ground, and give credit for that work. Mr. Curole stated that FEMA developed a map and that the LAMP project showed our levee system was keeping water on the outside. A brief discussion pursued.

Mr. Curole concluded his presentation with a short video, provided by GIS Engineering, of the launching of the barge structure for the Grand Bayou Floodgate project.

C-NORTH LEVEE ELEVATION TO +16' (DUFRENE'S FARM TO BRIDGE) LETTER AGREEMENTS

Mr. Curole requested authorization to spend up to \$250,000 on raising the levee from Apache Farm to the access bridge in C-North and authorize the board president or general manager to sign any agreements or other documents necessary to perform the work.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously authorized the spending of up to \$250,000 on C-North levee. Additionally, the board authorized the board president or general manager to sign any agreements or other documents necessary to perform the work.

SAVOIE ALLIGATOR FARM – WATER USAGE AGREEMENT

Mr. Curole presented a water usage agreement that would allow the levee district to use water supplied by Savoie's Alligator Farm. The water would go to Pump Station No. 2 where the SLLD pump to its water supply had gone out. Mr. Curole requested the board authorize him to negotiate and sign the agreement.

Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously authorized the general manager to negotiate terms and sign a water usage agreement with Savoie Alligator Farm to supply water to Pump Station No. 2.

RESTORE OR RETREAT CEA AND 2021 MEMBERSHIP FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500

Mr. Curole presented an annual membership fee in the amount of \$500.00 from Restore or Retreat and requested the board approve the annual contribution and agreement for the year 2021.

Moved by Brett DeRoche and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously authorized General Manager Windell Curole to renew the agreement and contribution in the amount of \$500.00 to Restore or Retreat for the year 2021.

UPDATED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS MANUAL V. 2021.01

Mr. Curole presented the updated Emergency Operations Manual and requested the board accept the changes to the manual.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved and accepted the updated Emergency Operations Manual as presented.

LAWN SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR SMALL AREAS AROUND PUMP STATIONS AND FLOODGATES

Mr. Curole presented quotes for lawn service which would entail grass cutting with lawn mowers and weed trimmers around the hard structures within the Larose to Golden Meadow Hurricane Protection System. He recommended the board accept the low quote from RAMCO (Right Away Maintenance Co., LLC) and authorize the general manager to enter into an agreement with the lawn service company.

Mr. Curole further explained that the agreement would expire at the end of the year 2021. At that time the SLLD would review and decide if it wanted to continue with lawn cutting services in the future.

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously accepted the low quote from RAMCO, LLC and authorized General Manager Windell Curole to enter into an agreement

with the company for grass cutting services around hard structures within the levee system for the year 2021.

AMENDED BUDGET FOR FY 2021

Mr. Curole presented the Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 and requested the board approve as presented.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously accepted the Amended Budget for FY 2021 as presented.

AGREEMENT RENEWALS

- i. Gen. Ag. Service & Little Lake Co. (Clovelly Farms)
- ii. Galliano Cattle Co. (Chouest)

Mr. Curole announced that three agreements had recently expired; two of which would need to be extended. He stated that he had spoken with representatives of General Agricultural Services (E-North at Clovelly Farms) and Galliano Cattle Co. (D-South) regarding the extensions. Both parties had agreed to extend the contracts. Mr. Curole requested the board approve those extensions and authorize himself or President Ronald Callais to sign the agreements upon the board attorney's review and guidance. Mr. Curole stated that further discussion

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously authorized the general manager and/or Board president to sign agreements with General Agriculture & Little Lake Co. (E-North), and with Galliano Cattle Co. (D-South) to extend the deadlines to work in those areas.

- iii. Mary-Patricia Wray (Governmental consultant)

Mr. Curole explained that the governmental consultant was initially hired due to the passing of Rep. Reggie Bagala. That position was now being filled by Rep. Joseph Orgeron so Ms. Wray's services were no longer needed. Mr. Curole explained that the contract had expired in April, but since Ms. Wray had continued her work for the Levee District, he would like to extend the contract through the month of June 2021. Mr. Curole added that the board could re-evaluate the situation at that time.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously agreed to extend the Governmental Consultant agreement through June 30, 2021. The board would re-evaluate the situation at that time.

CASH FLOW MANAGEMENT – MORGANZA

Mr. Curole informed the board that we had recently requested \$4M repayment from the state that the Levee District had already spent on the Morganza projects. We believe those large payments should no longer be an issue. Mr. Curole added that all funds going out had been coming back to us in a timely manner since our talks with the state and TLCD.

ADVERTISE TO SELL SURPLUS VINYL SHEET PILES

Mr. Curole explained that authorization had previously been granted by the board to advertise the sale of remaining surplus sheet metal after donating some of the piles to Terrebonne Levee. He stated that had not advertised yet but would be moving in that direction soon.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP)

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

WATERSHED INITIATIVE

Mr. Curole announced that \$5M had been requested through the Watershed Initiative Program to complete the funding for the lock in Larose. We also had requested funds for two water control structures in the Morganza system. All three requests were rejected. He added that there was not much money in the program and very few agencies had received grants. He explained that there would be another round of funding coming and we would try again. Mr. Curole thanked the Parish and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission for their support in working with us to fund the lock system in Larose.

BAYOU LAFOURCHE – BRETON CANAL STRUCTURE

Mr. Curole stated that John Plaisance had looked at various options for controlling the water levels in Bayou Lafourche. One option was to install a siphon at Breton Canal, similar to the Yankee Canal siphon.

He explained that the siphon at Yankee Canal could presently handle two-tenths of a foot of water in 24 hours. With the new siphon we would be able to handle between four-tenths and six-tenths of a foot in 24 hours. The siphon would prevent water from going over the road in Golden Meadow. A lock in Larose would allow even greater control of the bayou's water levels.

PROPOSED PS NO. 7 ROAD FROM DELTA FARMS – EST COST \$576,000

Mr. Curole reminded the board of the slides shown earlier of the water over the Delta Farms Road. He stated that road was used to bring fuel to PS. No. 7, but the high levels of water would prevent fuel trucks from being able to get to the pumping station. Mr. Curole further stated that one of the engineers had researched the strengthening of the berm inside the levee so a road could be built over it to allow travel to PS No. 7. The estimated cost would be \$576,000. He added that they planned to review other cost-efficient alternatives and would report back to the board on those findings.

GOMESA PROJECTS – FY 2022 FUNDING

i. Section F Berm (\$1M)

Mr. Curole explained that the berm from Delta Farms Road to Clovelly was low and there had been some seepage along the levee. He added that when the Corps built that levee, there had been a lot of shells. Of the money provided through GOMESA, we would be using \$1M to strengthen the berm.

ii. Larose Floodwall Vessel Impact Barrier (\$1M)

Mr. Curole stated that the Corps required a vessel impact barrier be added whenever a floodwall was built in a waterway. He stated that we would be using another \$1M of GOMESA funds for that project. He added that the funding should be available in the Fall 2021.

AMEND TO ADD ITEM TO AGENDA

Mr. Curole requested an item be added to the agenda to discuss the bid opening for repairs of pump #3 located at Pump Station no. 2.

On a motion by McNeely Rome and seconded by Brett DeRoche, the roll was called. With 8 Yays, 1 Absent, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstained, the Board agreed to amend the agenda to add Bid Opening for Pump #3 Repairs at PS No. 2 to the agenda

BID OPENING FOR PUMP #3 REPAIRS AT PS NO. 2

Mr. Curole presented the bid results for repairs to pump #3 located at PS No. 2 to the board. Boland Marine offered the lowest bid at \$57,275.00. After reading all bids Mr. Curole recommended the board accept the low bid from Boland Marine in the amount of \$57,275.00.

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously accepted the low bid of \$57,275.00 from Boland Marine for repairs to pump #3 located at PS No. 2.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond stated that agreements for Section F Berm and the Larose Floodwall Vessel Impact Barrier were being drafted.

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**
Grand Isle Shipyard, Inc. is the contractor. The contractor is currently on-site hauling borrow material on the levee section.
 - Pay Request No. 13 in the amount of \$8,883.72

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 13 in the amount of \$8,883.72.

- **Section F Levee Improvements**

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

- **Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall**

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

- Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$58,657.73

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$58,657.73.

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

Circle, LLC is the Contractor. The Lien Period complete and we are expecting a Clear Lien Certificate from the Contractor.

- Pay Request No. 5 (retainage) in the amount of \$28,813.00

Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$28,813.00 for retainage, contingent on lien certificate.

- **Larose Lock Project**

Project Plans and Specifications are 95% complete. They are being submitted to US Army Corps of Engineers and CPRA for approval.

- **Section D-South Phase III Levee Improvements**

Project Plans are complete and approved by CPRA. We are currently advertising for bids and will accept bids on June 29th at 2:00pm.

GIS ENGINEERING, LLC

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

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

- We are still waiting on USACE to issue the permit.
 - GIS is coordinating with pipeline companies to satisfy requirements necessary to cross their pipelines. Two of the seven prospective agreements have been signed.
 - 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**

- Construction contract for Phase I awarded to Sealevel Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,648,822.00. Full
 - Notice to Proceed issued for May 14, 2021; contract time will end November 9, 2021.
 - Sealevel has begun procurement of material and prepping for prefabrication of floodwall components.
 - CPRA is currently reviewing the final design package for Phase II.

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

- The original bids were received on April 22, 2021. The low bid was substantially higher than the estimate and budget. SLLD rejected all bids. GIS has begun the process of separating the work into two distinct projects. The first project will have a contractor excavate the levee material from the borrow pit. The second project will put the material in place and repave the road.
 - GIS Engineering Amendment No. 3 in the amount of \$10,047.00 to increase the engineering fee due to increase in estimated construction cost and for having two separately bid projects for the amount of \$8,047.00 and increasing

additional services by \$2,000.00 to cover any more potential requests from LOOP.

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved Amendment No. 3 in the amount of \$10,047.00 for engineering services.

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

- Floodwall & Receiving Structure

- All 24" landing piles and pile caps have been installed and driven to final grade.
- The welding on the east floodwall walers and pile connecting plates have been completed.
- The timber piles for the boat dock have been installed.
- The west side cutoff wall & east floodwall sheet pile installations are in progress.
 - The tops of the floodwall sheet piles are being cut to grade.
 - Welders began attaching the square bar to the outside of the cut-off wall sheet piles to be used as a template for the divers to complete the cut once driven to grade.
 - Pay Request No. 17 in the amount of \$607,222.75.

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 17 in the amount of \$607,222.75 to Sealevel Construction.

- Pay Request No. 18 in the amount of \$11,576.27.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 18 in the amount of \$11,576.27 to Sealevel Construction.

- Barge Gate

- Hydro testing of the hydraulic lines was completed, with four leaks found and repaired.
- Flushing of hydraulic lines was completed.
- Gate valve reach rod installed and is now operable.
- Completed flexible hydraulic hose connections to components.
- Launch test was successfully conducted on 02 June 2021.
- Welding of bottom access hatches is complete.
- Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$823,976.91.

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Roland Guidry, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$823,976.915 to Sealevel Construction.

- Hurricane Delta/Zeta

- Hurricane Delta: All Hurricane Delta work is complete and the GIS continues to assist All South, providing additional information as requested by FEMA.
- Hurricane Delta: All stockpiled 30" pipe piles have been loaded-out and delivered for SLLD use elsewhere.
- Hurricane Zeta: Bankline reestablishment work where the bypass channel was located is complete.
- Hurricane Zeta: Limestone access road and laydown yard repairs are nearly complete, with the remainder of the in-contract limestone to be installed at a later date. Access road maintenance is being performed as needed.
- There are no additional hurricane related items pending.
- Hurricane Zeta: GIS continues to assist All South, providing additional information as requested by FEMA.

LEEVE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

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

The contractor, Pontchartrain Partners, LLC, is complete with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Substantial Completion as of May 15, 2021.

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board Substantial Completion of B- North & B-South Levee Improvements (Bason Pump Station No. 2 to Golden Meadow Park).

- **C-South Levee Improvements**
The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC, is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 13 in the amount of \$21,299.76.
 - Pay Request No. 13 in the amount of \$21,299.76**Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 13 in the amount of \$21,299.76.**

- **Larose Floodwall Height Improvement, West End A-Phase 5**
The contractor, Sealevel Construction, Inc. is continuing with construction on this project. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$251,343.87.
 - Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$251,343.87**Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$251,343.87.**

- **Morganza to the Gulf, Reach L**
Plans and specifications for the levee construction from Apache Farm to Grand Bayou, including options for the Bayou L'Bleu structure, are being finalized to start advertisement for bids this week.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

- No one was in attendance

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Brandon Arceneaux)

Emergency Rehabilitation of Reach K Spoil Material (Phase II)

- Sealevel continues work on the west bank of Grand Bayou. They have completed shaping 100% of the dredge material and have shaped approximately 60% of the trucked/barged material as well.
- All South Consulting Engineers' Amendment No. 3 to add \$37,250 for resident inspection services
Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously approved, the board authorized the general manager or board president to acceptance and sign Amendment No. 3 to add \$37,250 for resident inspection to All South Consulting Engineers agreement.
- Sealevel Construction, Inc. Pay App. No. 8 in the amount of \$57,317.91 is recommended for approval.

Moved by Keith Guidry and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved Pay Application No. 8 in the amount of \$57,317.91 to Sealevel Construction.

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

- Sealevel has hauled approximately 66,345 CY of the 67,000 CY contract. The contractor is complete with barging operations and the remaining contract volume will be used on the tie-in levee portion to cap the levee on the southern end. The contractor still has hauled in material stockpiled on the southern end that has to be relocated to the appropriate location on the levee.
- Sealevel Construction, Inc. Pay Application No. 6 in the amount of \$305,766.37 is recommended for approval.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously approved Pay Application No. 6 in the amount of \$305,766.37.

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

In the absence of Chairman Mitch Danos, General Manager Windell Curole announced that two permit requests were received for review, and that neither interfered with the levee.

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

1. CANTIUM

CUP NO: P20210432

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Well location: Lat. 29-03-37.89N, Long. -90-10-48.13W (see plats for pipeline coordinates); Ba Marchand Field, LA.

DESCRIPTION: Proposal drilling of the SL 1367 Well No. 070 and installation of 19,533 linear feet of flowlines in State Waters. Proposed installation of 2,476' of flowline in Federal Waters will be reviewed by Consistency. Approx. 5,135 cy material will be jetted and naturally backfilled and approx. 166 cy of concrete and 166 cy of sand will be required at pipeline crossings. Approx. 2.50 ac of non-vegetated waterbottom may be impacted as a result of the proposed activities.

2. APACHE LOUISIANA MINERALS LLC

CUP NO: P20210492

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-31-20.5, Long. -90-23-20, S13T18S R20E

DESCRIPTION: Proposal borrow pit for portion of Morganza to the Gulf Levee – Reach L

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ryan Collins stated that he 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 Keith Guidry, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Monty Vegas requested the board enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS

TLCD Reggie Dupre summarized Capital Outlay funding for the Morganza projects saying there was \$8M for Reach L project. Of \$10M that had been appropriated, \$4M would go to Reach K dredging job of the remaining 600K cubic yards of dirt that will be done in the next month or so.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Callais announced that the board would go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Under the direction of President Ronald Callais, a motion was made by Monty Vegas to enter into Executive Session with a second by Keith Guidry. The Secretary was asked to call the roll. With 8 Yea's, 1 Absent, 0 Nay's and 0 Abstained, the board entered into Executive Session.

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Moved by Brian Marts, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously approved, the board exited Executive Session and re-entered Regular Session.

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

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary