

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
JANUARY 9, 2023**

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 9, 2023, 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 Vice President Ronald Callais. Commissioner Roland Guidry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Callais directed the secretary to call roll.

Board members in attendance:

Ronald Callais
Roland Curole
Mitch Danos
Brett DeRoche
Roland Guidry
Mc Neely Rome
Monty Vegas

Board members absent: Keith Guidry
Brian Marts

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, John Plaisance, Laura Barnes, Trey Middleton, Jeremy Perkins, CPRA Daniel Dearmond; LPC Daniel Lorraine; Representative Joe Orgeron, AIMS Group Tommy L'Hoste and Daisy Camardelle; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the December 12, 2022, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Roland Curole.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the absence of President Keith Guidry, Vice President Callais announced that he would be conducting the January 2023 meeting.

2023 Election of Officers

Vice President Callais opened the floor to the Election of Officers

Commissioner Monty Vegas moved to re-elect Keith Guidry as president.

On a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Ronald Curole, the board unanimously re-elected Mr. Keith Guidry as President for the year 2023.

Commissioner Monty Vegas moved to re-elect Ronald Callais as vice president.

On a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously re-elected Mr. Ronald Callais as Vice President for the year 2023.

Commissioner Roland Guidry moved to re-elect Windell Curole as Executive Secretary.

On a motion by Roland Guidry and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously re-elected Mr. Windell Curole as Executive Secretary for the year 2023.

Mr. Callais announced that committee assignments would remain the same. Anyone who desired to change their committee appointment should notify President Keith Guidry prior to the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2023

Chairman Ronald Callais reviewed items discussed at the January 3rd Executive Committee meeting which included 2023 Priority Projects, material quantities for levee elevations to both 17 and 18 feet, and the recently advertised General Manager's position.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Councilman Daniel Lorraine addressed the board with an update to the Golden Meadow Boat Launch Road that was recently blacktopped by the Parish. Mr. Lorraine informed the board that there would be three Propositions on the March 25th ballot. He explained details of each.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Executive Secretary Windell Curole presented slides to the board showing the newly paved ramp to the Golden Meadow Boat Launch. He continued with a slide of one of the newly repaired pump stations. Following were several slides of the construction for the next segment of the LA 1 Elevated Hwy. Mr. Curole showed an area near the Leon Theriot Lock that had been covered with concrete mats prior to Hurricane Ida but were damaged in that storm. The mats had been placed to protect against erosion due to wave action. He reminded the board that dirt had been placed and decided to wait for the mat repairs due to the high cost of mats at that time. He added that with no objections from the board, he would have Engineer Joe Picciola review advertising for mats to strengthen that area. Mr. Curole showed damages to the lock that occurred when a boat was unable to maneuver the second gate properly. He explained that the company owner had paid for and made repairs. Mr. Curole showed slides where the future Breton Canal Siphon project would be constructed and explained the plans. Mr. Curole explained that Engineer John Plaisance was working on the closure of the D-North Ramp. Other slides showed the finished project of Section F Crown levee, completed repairs of Pump Station No. 7, and the Larose floodwall where the vessel impact barrier protection would be installed. More slides showed the toe of the levee where debris had been removed and growth was taking place. He explained that the weight and removal of the debris had caused water to remain on the berm. He further explained that they were looking into purchasing dirt to add to those low areas. All levee areas between Bully Camp and Paul Dufrene's Farm should be up to 18 ft. by 2023 hurricane season.

BOND PAYMENT (\$4.7M), FEMA DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT (\$4.4M)

Mr. Curole informed the board that the \$4.9M debris reimbursement had been signed off by FEMA and that it would be paid to SLLD at 90%, or \$4.4M. Of that amount, 20%, or roughly \$893,000 would be withheld until the project was in close-out. Once all documentation is processed, the \$893,000 would be released to the levee district. Mr. Curole explained that the bond loan repayment was at 3.75% interest rate. He recommended the board authorize President Guidry the ability to use the FEMA reimbursements to repay the hurricane recovery bond loan, should he choose to do so.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously authorized President Keith Guidry to make the decision on whether to repay the Hurricane Recovery Bonds with FEMA debris reimbursement funds.

C-NORTH GAP CLOSURES (DUFRENE BRIDGE NORTH)

Mr. Curole discussed a few low spots that might be brought up to 13 ft. in the future.

CENTERLINE SURVEY – PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES

Mr. Curole announced that the levee district had retained the services of our local engineers to prepare a center line survey each year. He recommended the board allow the board president to authorize the survey at the estimated cost of \$12,000.

On a motion by Roland Guidry and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously authorized the board president, Mr. Keith Guidry, to allow Picciola & Associates to prepare a Center Line Survey at the estimated cost of \$12,000.

LETTER RESPONSE ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION TESTIMONY

Mr. Curole presented a copy of the response from Mississippi River Commission to his annual testimony. He briefed the board on the contents of the letter.

RISK 2.0 PAPER

Mr. Curole stated that he had received a report on the flood insurance issues in South Louisiana. He added that he had given a copy to the Executive Committee but would have a copy available upon request for any other board members.

2023 PRIORITIES LIST

Mr. Curole reviewed with the board the projects that were on the list of priorities to construct in 2023. He recommended acceptance of the list of priority projects by the board.

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously accepted the 2023 Priorities List as presented.

APPROVAL OF CEA AND PAYMENT FOR 2023 LA 1 COALITION DUES \$750.00

Mr. Curole presented the 2023 Membership Dues with LA 1 Coalition in the amount of \$750.00 and recommended the board renew its membership.

Moved by Brett DeRoche and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved payment of \$750.00 for the renewal of the LA 1 Coalition Membership for the year 2023.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond updated the board on project amendments.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

There was no one in attendance from the Corps.

PROJECT ENGINEERS

PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES

Engineer Joe Picciola gave the following report:

- **Larose Lock Project**
Project Plans and Specifications are complete. They have been submitted to US Army Corps of Engineers and CPRA for approval.
- **Section E-North Levee Improvements Southeast Corner to Northeast**
We have completed the 95% set of plans. We have submitted the project plans to LA CPRA for approval. We have begun the geotechnical work. The proposed elevation of the top of the levee is +14.00.
- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Pump Stations and Floodgates**
Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC is the contractor. The contractor is complete with all the structural metal work for the project. They are currently working on electrical component replacement on the pump stations and the floodgates.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$129,903.82.

Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$129,903.82.

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Main Office**
Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC is the Contractor. The Notice to Proceed was issued on December 21, 2022. They have begun demolition work. Work is schedule to be complete in early May.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$23,045.62.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$23,045.62.

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Mechanic Shop**
Frisco Industrial Contractors, LLC is the Contractor. The notice to Proceed was issued May 31, 2022. All of the work has been completed. The Contractor is working on minor punch list items.

There is no pay application this month.

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to the Warehouse**
The low bid received for replacement of one overhead door and repair of one overhead door was Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC in the amount of \$24,731.00. The door has been installed so the project is complete.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$24,731.00.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$24,731.00.

- **Section D-North Levee**
Outer Limit Contractors, LLC is the Contractor. The Notice to Proceed was issued on December 15, 2022. They have begun mobilizing on site. Work is scheduled to be complete in early March.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$4,729.95.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$4,729.95.

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 DBR 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 developed servitude requirements for the project and resent the proposed maps 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 has surveyed the adjacent Chevron pipeline to allow Chevron to prepare a Letter of No Objection.
Estimated Advertise Date: Q1 2023
Estimated Completion Date: TBD
Proposed Elevation: +3'
- **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 All South as needed for the ongoing FEMA claim.

Phase 2
The project is complete.
- **D-North Ramp – GIS# 39130-1249/1250**
GIS evaluated bids and has recommended award to the apparent low bidder LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC.
The contract price is \$692,710.00.
Notice to Proceed is anticipated to be submitted February 13, 2023.
Estimated Completion Date: June 2023
Proposed Elevations: +16'

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

Bids were received on December 8, 2022. The apparent low bidder is Low Lan Construction Company, Inc., with a bid of \$988,527.00. GIS is reviewing that bid with SLLD to determine a path forward.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously agreed to reject all bids for the Reconnection of Breton Canal to Bayou Lafourche and modify the project to receive quotes.

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 Apache Farm. We estimate this project will be complete in approximately 1 to 2 months.

- **C-North Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC is continuing work on the project to shape the levee to +16'. We are recommending approval of Invoice #1101 in the amount of \$19,005.00. This project will be complete this month.

The contractor has submitted Invoice #1101 in the amount of **\$19,005.00**.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1101 in the amount of \$19,005.00.

- **C-South Flood Side Repairs**

The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC and Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC are continuing with construction on this project to repair the toe of the levee from the Bason Pump Station to Apache. We are recommending approval of Invoice #1102 in the amount of \$6,875.00 to Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC. The clearing portion of this project is complete, and we will begin working on the fill phase of the repairs.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. **1102** in the amount of **\$6,875.00** to Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1102 in the amount of \$6,875.00.

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

The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC, has started construction on this project to add trip-rap on the toe of the Yankee Canal Levee. We estimated this project will be complete in approximately 2 to 3 months.

- **Larose Floodwall Vessel Impact Barrier**

We have received the permits for this project, and we anticipated being ready to advertise this month.

- **Section F Berm Improvements**

We met with CPRA on November 29, 2022, to finalize the project objectives, and we are revising our plans and specifications to submit to the CPRA for final review.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

- No one was in attendance.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

- **Golden Meadow Marsh Terraces**

All South has submitted revised plans to show proposed marsh creation area which is approximately \pm 5.0 acres.

The revised estimated construction cost for each project is:

\$122,122.00 for terrace construction

\$266,733.06 for marsh creation.

All South to meet with SLLD staff to discuss next steps.

- **Reach K Terraces Repairs**

All South has requested approval from FEMA to move the terrace repair closer to the Pointe Aux Chenes ridge. The request was submitted to GOSHEP prior to Thanksgiving. All South is currently awaiting their response.

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:

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

CUP NO: P20221050

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-21-04.89 N / Long 90-14-52.86 W; Golden Meadow to Port Fourchon, 70357

DESCRIPTION: Removal of debris and abandoned items (primarily, containers, boats, etc.) scattered in and adjacent to Bayou Lafourche during Hurricane Ida. Removal will be by barge-mounted crane and barge. Removal of items not in open water will be accomplished by towing said items via crane to the barge. Items not in open water will be accessed by pedestrian personnel or, if available, nearest public road – no equipment will travel upon wetlands. Approx. 0.20 ac of unvegetated water bottoms and 0.32 ac of wetland habitat may be impacted.

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 Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ADVERTISE FOR GENERAL MANAGER POSITION

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the general manager's position would be advertised starting Jan. 12th with a deadline to apply of Feb. 3rd. The Personnel Committee would then meet to review applications and discuss the interviewing process.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the Personnel Committee would postpone the review of policies until the following month.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

/s/Keith Guidry, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary