

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
JULY 10, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District met in a regular session at its temporary meeting place, 17751 Highway 3235, Galliano, Louisiana, on Monday, July 10, 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 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
Brett DeRoche
Brian Marts
Mc Neely Rome
Monty Vegas

Board members absent: Mitch Danos

Also present were:

General Manager Nicholas Matherne
Executive Secretary Windell Curole
Administrative Assistant 6 Mary Punch
Administrative Assistant 3 Amy Gisclair
Levee Board Operations Superintendent Drake Baudoin
Attorney Ryan Collins
Rep. Joe Orgeron, District 54

Engineering Personnel:
Joe Picciola
Neil Angelette
John Plaisance
Stevie Smith
Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine
News media

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the June 12, 2023, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Ronald Callais.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PASSING OF COMMISSIONER ROLAND GUIDRY

On behalf of the board, President Guidry expressed condolences to the family of Commissioner Roland Guidry who passed recently. He stated that Mr. Guidry was highly respected and had served the community well.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF JULY 05, 2023

Chairman Callais announced that since the Executive Committee minutes were lengthy, he would highlight the most important items. He stated that a copy of the minutes had been provided to each Board member and they should review those minutes for more information. Mr. Callais briefly reviewed several items that were discussed during the July 5, 2023, Executive Committee meeting and stated that those items requiring board approval would be discussed during the General Manager's report.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Councilman Daniel Lorraine gave an update on the future dissolution of drainage districts in the parish and the funds that might be available if and when those districts were dissolved.

Representative Joe Orgeron informed the board that a replacement for Commissioner Roland Guidry would need to be made through Senator Mike Fesi's office and urged the Board to take action soon. He also informed the Board of a bill that had passed for the future location of a State Park near Port Fourchon. He also stated that a bill had passed for the renaming of the Larose Link to the Clarence Marts, Jr. Memorial Hwy and added that signs had been ordered for installation on the roadway.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

OPTION TO ADVERTISE HUNTING & FISHING LEASE IN HACKBERRY BAY AREA

General Manager Nic Matherne discussed the option to advertise a section of property near Hackberry Bay that was no longer under a five-year lease. He recommended the board allow the option to lease that property for an additional five years, should the current lessee agree.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Roland Curole, the Board unanimously agreed to allow an option to advertise a Hunting and Fishing Lease near Hackberry Bay based on the recommendation of the legal advisors.

OFFICE ROOF – METAL ROOF REPAIRS

Mr. Matherne explained that Picciola & Associates had put together a design package for reinforcing the roof on the main office building. The lowest quote was \$11,140 from Grand Isle Shipyard. Mr. Matherne stated that the price was within his limit of spending, so no vote was necessary. Engineer Joe Picciola detailed the work that would be done to reinforce the roof.

EXTENSION OF LEASE FOR OFFICE SPACE – APPROVAL REQUESTED

Mr. Matherne stated that the lease on office space would end at the end of the month, and recommended the Board renew the agreement for an additional six months. In doing so, this should allow time for the main office to be complete and ready to move in.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded Ronald Callais, the board agreed to renew the office lease with Crosby Real Estate for an additional six months through January 30, 2024, and authorized the Board President or General Manager to sign the agreement.

NOAA CLIMATE RESILIENCE REGIONAL CHALLENGE – CAJUN CORAL UNITS

Mr. Matherne explained that the Cajun Coral Units were a shoreline protection feature that could help with oyster reef growth. Danos, LLC is interested in testing these out in south Lafourche and discussed with Mr. Matherne the possibility of installing a number of units along Section A-West in Golden Meadow. He explained that there were areas of open water where these units, along with sheet piles, could be installed. Mr. Matherne stated that he would like to apply for approximately \$20M in grant funding through the NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge. No motion was necessary at this time.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION – MORGANZA TO THE GULF CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Matherne presented an Emergency Declaration for a State of Emergency. He explained that Terrebonne Parish, Terrebonne Levee, Lafourche Parish and North Lafourche Levee had all issued similar States of Emergency related to remaining gaps in the Morganza to the Gulf hurricane protection system alignment. He explained that Terrebonne Parish President Gordy Dove had proposed declaring a State of Emergency to allow Terrebonne Levee District to apply for Emergency Use Authorizations to address gaps in the system. We were also asked to pass an Emergency Declaration for that same purpose. Our attorneys have reviewed and agreed with the proposed declaration which does not obligate us to any funding but covers those areas of Reaches K and L that are within our jurisdiction.

Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Board President or General Manager to sign the Emergency Declaration, Resolution 2003.05, for the Morgana to the Gulf project.

REVIEW AND ACCEPCANCE OF FINANCIAL POLICIES 2023

Mr. Matherne presented the Financial Polices for Fiscal Year 2023 and stated that there were no changes from the previous year. He recommended the Board accept as presented.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded McNeely Rome, the Board unanimously approved the 2023 Financial Policies as presented.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF LOUISIANA AUDIT COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Mr. Matherne stated that the Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire sent to us by the auditors had been completed. He recommended the Board accept the questionnaire and authorize signatures as required by the audit.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded Monty Vegas, the Board unanimously approved the Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire and authorized the necessary signatures as required by the audit.

VOTE TO ADD ITEMS TO AGENDA

A roll call vote was taken to amend the agenda and add Surplus Sheet Piles – 500 Sheets of 8FT Length.

Moved by Brett DeRoche and seconded Brian Marts, a roll call vote was taken. With 7 Yays, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant and 0 Abstained, the agenda was amended to add ‘Surplus Sheet Piles-500 Sheets of 8Ft Length’.

SURPLUS SHEET PILES – 500 SHEETS OF 8FT LENGTH

Mr. Matherne stated that there the Levee District had several used sheet piles that a resident had recently requested to purchase. He requested the Board authorize the advertisement to sell those sheet piles to the highest bidder.

Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded Brett DeRoche, the Board unanimously authorized the advertisement and acceptance of sale to the highest bidder for the Sale of Used Surplus Vinyl Sheet Piles as recommended by the General Manager.

A roll call vote was taken to amend the agenda and add Larose Lock & Floodwall Permits – Tolling Agreement.

Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded Monty Vegas, a roll call vote was taken. With 7 Yays, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant and 0 Abstained, the agenda was amended to add ‘Larose Lock & Floodwall Permits – Tolling Agreement’.

LAROSE LOCK & FLOODWALL PERMITS – TOLLING AGREEMENT

Mr. Matherne informed the Board that a tolling agreement between the South Lafourche Levee District and the US Army Corps of Engineers was needed for the floodwall along the Larose Floodgate. He explained the Levee District had been working with engineers to obtain a Section 408 and Section 10/404 permit on the Larose Lock structure. In doing so, he learned that the US Army Corps of Engineers was withholding issuance of the permits due to work that had been done several years ago on the floodwall connecting to the existing floodgate. The tolling agreement would allow us to separate the floodwall work previously done from the lock complex structure that we are trying to get permitted now. Regulatory is fine with us moving forward with the lock. Once the agreement is signed, we should receive the necessary permits within the next few months.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Brett DeRoche, the Board unanimously approved the Tolling Agreement for the Larose Lock and authorized the Board President or General Manager to sign the agreement and any other documents necessary to move forward with the Larose Lock project.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond was not in attendance.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

There was no one in attendance from the Corps.

PROJECT ENGINEERS

PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES

Engineer Joe Picciola gave the following report:

- **Larose “Ted Gisclair” Lock**
Project Plans and Specifications are complete. They have been submitted to US Army Corps of Engineers for approval.

- **Section E-North Levee Improvements, SE Corner to NE Corner**
Construction Site Specialties, LLC is the contractor. The Notice to Proceed was issued on June 19th. The contractor has been on-site surveying and moving equipment.
- **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 substantially complete as of July 1st. We are compiling a project punch list now and will have the formal Certification of Substantial Completion on next month's agenda for approval.
There is no pay application this month.
- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Main Office (GIS)**
Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC is the Contractor. They are working on painting and interior finish work. The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 7 in the amount of \$8,133.75.
Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$8,133.75.
- **Section D-North Interim Levee improvements – Phase II (Outer Limit)**
Outer Limit Contractors, LLC is the Contractor. The Notice to Proceed was issued for May 8, 2023. The contractor has been on-site placing material and grading and shaping. The proposed elevation of the top of the levee is +16.00.
The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$23,382.00.
Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$23,382.00.
- **Repairs to Leon Theriot Lock Floodwall and LOOP Floodwall (Circle, LLC)**
Circle, LLC is the Contractor. The project is complete and in the Lien Period.

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 be necessary.

GIS has surveyed the adjacent Chevron pipeline to allow Chevron to prepare a Letter of No Objection.

GIS developed servitude requirements for the project and re-sent 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.

Estimated Advertising Date: Q4 2023
Estimated Completion Date: TBD
Proposed Elevation: +3'
- **D-North Ramp – GIS# 39130-1249/1250**
Contractor: LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC
Contract Amount: \$692,710.00
Notice to Proceed: February 13, 2023
Estimated Completion Date: June 18, 2023
Proposed Elevation: +16'

This project has been Terminated for Convenience per the contract documents, effective 5/25/2023. LA has demobilized from site. The final paperwork and quantities of work performed are being tabulated.

GIS has begun developing a quote package for material stockpiled along the levee berm.

GIS has approved pay application no. 4 in the amount of \$121,723.50.

GIS has prepared a change order for additional excavation performed on the Contractor provided off-site borrow put in the amount of \$25,944.00.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$121,723.50.

Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$121,723.50, contingent upon receipt of proper paperwork from the contractor.

Changer Order No. 3 for additional hauled-in material

Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 3 for additional hauled in material in the amount of \$25,944.00. this item is contingent upon engineers' receipt and approval of proper surveys and paperwork from the contractor.

Contract Proposal for engineering services

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board accepted the Contract Proposal for engineering services of D-North Ramp Lift.

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

SLLD and the Allain-LeBreton Company are coordinating the rights-of-way requirements.

GIS is coordinating with SLLD staff to perform the site improvements (clearing & grubbing and excavation) on the project.

GIS prepared an updated to the Study & Report comparing siphons, weirs and other options and submitted it to SLLD on June 30, 2023.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023

Mr. Plaisance gave a lengthy report on the pros and cons of the weir gate versus a siphon. He stated they were comfortable with either and requested the board decide on which structure they would like. The board discussed the project in length, and then decided on a weir gate as the better option.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously carried, the Board authorized GIS Engineering to pursue the Reconnection of the Breton Canal to Bayou Lafourche project with the placement of a weir gate instead of the siphon as originally proposed.

LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC, is finalizing construction on this project to raise the levee to +18' from Pump Station No. 2 to Apache Farm. Work on this project should be complete this week, with the exception of punch list items that we are currently reviewing.

- **C-North Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC, in continuing work on the project to shape the levee to +13.5'. We are recommending approval of Invoice #1160 in the amount of \$103,035.00. This project will be complete later this month, and we are currently looking at possible additional work along the LA Highway 24 segment of C-North
The contractor has submitted invoice # 1160 in the amount of \$103,035.00.

Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice No. 1160 in the amount of \$103,035.00.

- **C-South Flood Side Repairs**

The clearing portion of this project is complete, and we will be receiving quotes on the fill phase of this project next week.

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

The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC, has completed construction and substantial completion was approved last month. We are currently in the clear lien period.

- **Larose Floodwall Vessel Impact Barrier**

We are currently advertising to receive bids on August 8, 2023 for the project.

- **Section F Berm Improvements**
We are currently advertising to receive bids on August 10, 2023 for the project.

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DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande) was not in attendance.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

- **Golden Meadow Marsh Terraces**
Parish funding did not come through. This project is on hold while we pursue other avenues of funding.
- **Reach K Marsh Mitigation Emergency Rehabilitation Phase II**
This project is regarding terraces that were damaged during Hurricane Barry. We have requested that FEMA allow us to relocate the terraces. This item is still under review by FEMA.
- **Hurricane Ida Response**
We have a meeting scheduled with FEMA on Thursday of this week to discuss outstanding items. Mr. Matherne and Mr. Smith briefed the board on some of the larger items that were still awaiting reimbursement and the issues we've encountered with FEMA.

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

In the absence of Chairman Mitch Danos, General Manager Nic Matherne announced that seven permit requests had been received for review, and that none interfered with the levee.

On a motion of McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously carried, the board approved Letters of No Objection for the following requests:

- 1. COASTAL SEAFOOD LLC**
CUP NO: P20230441
LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-13-53.04N, Long -90-12-25.98W; Section 35 T21S R22E; Golden Meadow, 70357
DESCRIPTION: Proposed commercial oyster farm. No excavation or fill will be required.
- 2. COASTAL SEAFOOD LLC**
CUP NO: P20230413
LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-14-19.2N, Long -90-12-10.61W; Section 26 T21S R22E; Section 35 T21S R22E; Golden Meadow, 70358
DESCRIPTION: Proposed commercial oyster farm. No excavation or fill will be required.
- 3. GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**
CUP NO: P20221016
LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-06-09N, Long -90-12-54W; Golden Meadow, 70357
DESCRIPTION: Proposed construction of a communications tower platform to replace the previous tower that was destroyed during Hurricane Ida. Approx. 35 cy of crushed stone will be used as fill.
- 4. GULF SOUTH PIPELINE COMPANY LLC**
CUP NO: P20230209
LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; POB: Lat 29-4-48.93"N / Long -90-21-49.22"W, POEL Lat 29-4-11.64"N / Long -90-19-25.87"W; Timbalier Bay; approx. Southwest of Port Fourchon, LA
DESCRIPTION: Proposed removal of approx. 13,274' of a 4" pipeline. The risers and 20' of the pipeline will be removed at the point beginning and point of ending. The existing platforms will remain in place as they are owned by others and are still active. Approx 41,873 c.y. of material will be excavated and placed onsite.
- 5. NORTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT**
CUP NO: P20230318
LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-38-51.43"N, Long -90-28-52.56"W; See plats for additional coordinates.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed construction of approx. 13,420 linear feet of flood protection levee. Approx. 62,175 cy of material will be excavated and placed onsite, and 136,345 cy of topsoil/dirt will be used as fill.

6. PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA LLC

CUP NO: P20230295

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; POB: Lat 29-16-00.68"N, Long -90-12-53.89"W; POE: Lat 29-16-19.36"N, Long -90-11-54.87"W; Section 13, 14 T21S R22E; East of Bayou Lafourche, approx. 2 miles northeast of Leeville, LA.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed propwashing and bucket to access Raven Prospect. Approx. 35,828 cy of material will be excavated and placed on site.

7. TEXAS EASTERN TRANSMISSION LP

CUP NO: P20220033

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-35-16.95"N, Long -90-22-6.29"W

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of the Venice Extension Project is to reserve the flow on a portion of Texas Eastern line 40 mainline to provide Venture Global with 1,260,000 Dth/d of firm natural gas transmission service from receipt points on Texas Eastern's system in zone ELA to an interconnection with a pipeline lateral to be constructed, owned and operated by Gator Express, with ultimate delivery to the Plaquemines LNG Terminal. The Project is needed to provide the necessary natural gas pipeline infrastructure to ensure the firm transportation of natural gas to the Plaquemines LNG Terminal that Venture Global is seeking.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ryan Collins stated 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 Monty Vegas, seconded by Ronald Callais, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner McNeely Rome questioned the replacement of the sign next to the highway in front of the main office. It was agreed that the sign would need to be replaced and pricing would be available at the August meeting.

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

/S/Keith Guidry, President

/S/Nicholas P. Matherne, General Manager