

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
MARCH 8, 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, March 8, 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 March 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; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, John Plaisance, Laura Barnes, Trey Middleton, Neil Angelette, Brandon Arceneaux; Representative Joe Orgeron; CPRA Daniel Dearmond (Zoom); LPC Daniel Lorraine; Mike Callais (Zoom), and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Roland Guidry and seconded by McNeely Rome.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER, BRETT DEROCHE

President Callais recognized Rep. Joe Orgeron who welcomed Mr. Brett DeRoche to the Board. Rep. Orgeron remarked that he had the privilege of making a nomination to our board after interviewing five great candidates. After careful consideration, he nominated Brett DeRoche to fill the seat left vacant by the passing of Mr. Bob Faulk. After being appointed by the governor, Mr. DeRoche was sworn in and was now a member of the SLLD Board of Commissioners. Rep. Orgeron stated that he was happy to have been a part of the process. He thanked Mr. DeRoche for stepping up to the challenge and looked forward to his serving admirably for many years to come.

ALBL WORKSHOP

Mr. Callais stated that the annual workshop was discussed at the recent ALBL Executive Committee meeting. He stated that they were working out the details, but that there would likely be a modified version of the workshop this year. More details would be discussed as they became available.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Councilman Daniel Lorraine thanked everyone for their prayers while he was recovering from a recent illness.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole started the slide presentation with a photo submitted to him by Dave McNamara showing a starry night sky over Lake Hermitage in Plaquemines Parish.

The first project showed various aerials of the Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall. He explained that the Corps had brought the original 11' wall up to 13'. We are building it now to 17' which will be close to the height of the levees that join the wall on each end.

The next slides showed work on the C-South levee being conducted by GIS. He explained the technique used in moving the material which would result in an 18' levee. More photos showed the terraces on the outside levee protecting the base of the levee from everyday wave action.

The next set of slides was of the E-North levee in the Clovelly area. Mr. Curole explained that the project would be extended from Superior Dock to the northeast corner near the boat launch. He stated that they were currently speaking with the landowner for permission to dig out more materials from the borrow pit which would then be used to raise the levee to +13' in the corner. Mr. Curole added that there were other areas to the north that were low and would need to be raised.

The Golden Meadow Boat Launch was raised to near 18' and was now complete. Mr. Curole stated that he was in discussions with Councilman Daniel Lorraine and the parish on blacktopping the ramp. Mr. Curole showed a slide of Section F and explained that the material there was being trucked to raise the levee between Delta Farms and Clovelly Farms. That area would be brought back to 13' elevation.

The final slides were of Reach K and the Grand Bayou Flood Control Structure. Mr. Curole showed levees with material being trucked in to construct the Reach K levee. He explained that Reach K ran from Point Aux Chenes to the Grand Bayou Floodgate. Other slides showed material being offloaded from a barge and explained that it was a replacement for 55K cubic yards that been lost during Hurricane Barry. Mr. Curole showed a photo of the water control structure that would be raised to a 9' elevation. The final slides showed the construction of the barge structure for the Grand Bayou Flood Control project.

FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Curole presented the FY 2022 budget and recommended the board accept the proposed budget. He explained that the budget would be amended as needed throughout the year with a final amendment before submittal to the state at the end of FY 2022.

Moved by Monty Vegas and Seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously accepted the Proposed Budget for FY 2022.

CENTERLINE SURVEY

Mr. Curole explained the importance of the centerline survey which showed the current levee elevations, receding areas levees, and flood insurance elevation line. He explained that the levee decreases in height at a rate of approximately one foot each year from settlement and weight. The survey showed where those lower areas were and helped determine which projects would take precedence. The CL survey, updated annually by the engineers, was currently being prepared by Picciola and Associates and should be complete soon.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Mr. Curole stated that there were a lot of proposed flood plain rules that had been introduced by the Obama administration. Mr. Curole believed the current administration would be trying to implement those same rules. He stated that almost everyone inside the levee system's protection was at a preferred risk rate, but that could change. He added that they would continue to work hard to keep rates at their present level.

GOLDEN MEADOW BOAT LAUNCH RAMP

Mr. Curole stated that the ramp was discussed in the slide presentation and that the project was now complete.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR LAROSE "TED GISCLAIR" LOCK PROJECT

Mr. Curole explained that there was money in the LA Watershed Initiative program. Mr. Curole explained that funding was available and how it would be divided among the planning districts and parishes. Mr. Curole stated that we were applying for funding for the Larose Lock.

PUMP REPAIRS AT PUMP STATION NO. 4

Mr. Curole presented a bid tab for the repairs of pump #5 at Pump Station No. 4. At \$32,040, Associated Pumps was the low bidder.

Moved by Roland Curole and seconded by Keith Guidry, the board unanimously accepted the low quote from Associated Pump at the cost of \$32,040.00.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond informed the board that the Corps' Annual Inspection of the SLLD levee would be conducted on March 24th.

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 project is complete and in the Lien Period. There is no pay application this month.
- **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 has submitted Change Order No. 2 for \$270,120.00 and 204 days of additional contract time for adding work to the project.

Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$270,120.00 and 204 days of additional contract time for adding work to the project.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 10 in the amount of \$33,997.19.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$33,997.19.

- **Section D-South Interim Levee Improvements – Phase 1**
SBL Construction, LLC is the contractor. The contractor is complete with the project and working on punch list items.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 12 in the amount of \$4,688.25. The Contractor has also submitted a Certificate of Substantial Completion.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 12 in the amount of \$4,688.25 to SBL Construction.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board accepted the Certificate of Substantial Completion for D-South Levee Improvements, Phase 1 project from SBL Construction.

- **Section D-South Interim Levee Improvements – Phase 2**
SBL Construction, LLC is the contractor. The contractor is complete with the project. The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 8 in the amount of \$2,070.00.

The Contractor has also submitted a Certificate of Substantial Completion.

Moved by Brian Marts, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$2,070.00 to SBL Construction.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board accepted the Certificate of Substantial Completion for D-South Levee Improvements, Phase 2, Grading and Shaping from SBL Construction.

- **Section F Levee Improvements**

Onshore Materials, LLC is the Contractor. The Notice to Proceed was issued on February P1• The contractor is currently on-site hauling borrow material on the levee section.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$83,617.37.

Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$83,617.37 to Onshore Materials, LLC.

- **Golden Meadow Pump Station Floodwall**

Sealevel Construction, Inc. is the Contractor. The contractor is currently on-site welding pre-fabricated components of the wall and working on the levee tie in sections.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 5 in the amount of \$187,094.34.

Moved by Brian Marts, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$187,094.34.

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

Circle, LLC is the Contractor. The sector gates are currently at their fabrication yard in Harvey, LA. They have been painting topcoats touching up paint. They should ship the gates down for installation this week.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No.3 in the amount of \$137,360.78.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$137,360.78.

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**

GIS sent fully executed and recorded contract documents for Phase I to Sealevel on March 1st, 2021.

CPRA is currently reviewing the final design plans and specs for Phase II.

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

The construction contract 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 whether days and additional work. Waiting on Certificate of Clear Lien to release retainage (expected date: March 15, 2021).

- **Section D-North Ramp**

GIS received the final geotechnical report from Eustis Engineering on February 17, 2021.

GIS is revising the final design documents to incorporate geotechnical recommendations and preparing to submit to CPRA for their review.

- **Grand Bayou Flood Control Structure**

- Floodwall & Receiving Structure**

- The jacket falsework was removed and transported/offloaded at the laydown yard.

- Installed the 30" steel battered piles on the west side.

- Moved the template over to the east side to begin installing 30" steel battered piles.

- Installation of the plumb/battered pile connection plates on the west side is in progress.

- Installed all the fender wall timber piles for the east side jacket and started the piles for the west jacket.

- The east side surcharge is complete and the 6-month settlement period started on 2/10/2021.

- Pay Request No. 12 in the amount of \$475,556.03.

- Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 12 in the amount of \$475,556.03.**

- Pay Request No. 13 in the amount of \$46,000.00.

- Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 13 in the amount of \$46,000.00.**

- Change Order No. 7 in the amount of \$55,870 (Hurricane Zeta).

- Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 7 in the amount of \$55,870 (Hurricane Zeta).**

- Barge Gate**

- Erected end wall bulkhead line 1.

- Erected side shell gulf side frame 1 to 21.

- Completed welding on floodwall sections frames 1 to 21.

- Welding on floodwall end sections lines 1 and 21 is under progress.

- Main deck panel frames 10.5 to 21; completed welds on bent plates.

- Laying out angles and beam foundations on main deck panel frames 1 to 10.5 is under progress.

- Fabricating walkway section on opening winch platform.

- Fabricating navigational light stanchions is under progress.

- Fabricating light pole stanchions is under progress.

- Welding seal keep blocks to angles is under progress.

- Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$493,489.29.

- Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$493,489.29.**

- Hurricane Delta/Zeta**

- All CBC MIAMI barge repairs are complete, and the barge owner has signed-off on the completed work.

- GIS has performed and is currently reviewing surveys to quantify the available vs. required material to reestablish the East bank line where the bypass channel was excavated. This will be sent out in a RFQ Package after it is developed and concurrence received from SLLD and TLCD.

- Included in the above mentioned RFQ Package, may be the supply and installation of limestone to complete road repairs at the laydown yard, which was damaged during the sandbag and material hauling operations for the Emergency Barge Closure.

LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

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

The contractor, Pontchartrain Partners, LLC, is continuing with construction on this project

- **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. 10 in the amount of \$12,946.07.

Moved by Brett DeRoche, seconded by Keith Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$12,946.07.

- **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 currently being reviewed by the CPRA.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board authorized advertising for bid the Morganza to the Gulf, Reach L project, contingent up on receipt of approval from CPRA.

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

This project was awarded at the last meeting to Sealevel Construction, Inc. for \$876,600.00 and has been approved by the State of Louisiana (Facility Planning). Contracts documents are currently being signed, and we will be scheduling a pre-construction meeting in the upcoming week.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

Mr. Marmande was not in attendance.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Brandon Arceneaux)

Emergency Rehabilitation of Reach K Spoil Material (Phase I)

- Project is complete and in the clear lien period.
- Requesting approval of CO#4 for an additional 50 contract days and balancing of final quantities totaling (-\$18,000.00).
Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 4 for an addition 50 contract days and balancing of final quantities totaling -\$18,000.00.

Emergency Rehabilitation of Reach K Spoil Material (Phase II)

- Sealevel continues work on the west bank of Grand Bayou. They have completed clearing and grubbing the entire 23,000 LF project area as well as shaping the flood side berm. Approximately 17,000 LF of the protected side berm is complete and 11,000 LF of the levee is shaped into template. Contractor has moved material along the length of the levee as needed and has complete approximately 2,500 LF of levee utilizing this method.
- Sealevel Construction, Inc. Pay App. No. 5 in the amount of \$196,037.55 is recommended for approval.
Moved by Brian Marts, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$196,037.55.
- Requesting approval of CO#3 for an additional 30 equipment workdays and seeding & fertilizer totaling \$272,559.20.
Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 3 for an additional 30 equipment workdays and seeding & fertilizer totaling \$272,559.20.

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

- Sealevel has hauled approximately 27,600 CY of the 55,000 CY contract. 7,800 CY of the 20,000 CY has been delivered to the southern end of the project via highway trucks and then rehandled with track trucks. Also, 19,800 CY of material has been barged between the northern water control structure and the Discovery Pipeline.
- Sealevel Construction, Inc. Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$476,431.65 is recommended for approval.
Moved by Keith Guidry, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$476,431.65.
- Requesting approval of CO#1 for an additional 12,000 CY of barged material totaling \$372,000.00.
Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 1 for an additional 12,000 CY of barged material totaling \$372,000.00.

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

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

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney was not in attendance.

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 Brain Marts, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF UPDATED POLICES

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that revisions and updates had been made to the Drug-Free Workplace policy and the COVID-19 policy and recommended the board accept as presented

On a motion of Roland Guidry, seconded by Keith Guidry, and unanimously carried, the board approved revisions and updates to the Drug-Free Workplace and COVID-19 policies.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Curole informed the board that SLLD personnel had met with individuals to discuss adding SLLD's water level readings to TLCD's website. He added that no decision had been made but would keep the board informed on costs and any actions that might need to be taken.

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

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary