

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING  
OF  
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT  
APRIL 11, 2022**

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, April 11, 2022, 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 Roland Guidry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Guidry directed the secretary to call roll.

Board members in attendance: Keith Guidry  
Ronald Callais  
Roland Curole  
Mitch Danos  
Roland Guidry  
Brian Marts  
Mc Neely Rome

Board members absent: Brett DeRoche  
Monty Vegas

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, Chris Smith; LeFleur & LeBorde Lisa Maurer, Susing John Mayeux, and news media.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

**The minutes of the March 14, 2022, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Ronald Callais and seconded by McNeely Rome.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**ALBL WORKSHOP – MAY 5-6, 2022**

President Guidry reminded the commissioners of the upcoming ALBL Workshop and that any questions should be directed at Administrative Assistant Mary Punch.

**TIER 2.1 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORMS**

President Guidry reminded the board that the deadline to submit their Tier 2.1 forms was May 15, 2022. He stated that all signed forms should be submitted to Administrative Assistant Amy Gisclair for processing.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the audience.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

General Manager Windell Curole presented a slide from the National Hurricane Center report showing a map with the path where Hurricane Ida passed, and another path showing where it might have passed to the east of our levee system. He explained the possible outcome had the storm taken the more easterly path. Mr. Curole informed the board that Hurricane Ida was the fifth most powerful storm to ever hit the United States.

Mr. Curole continued with slides showing the levees covered with debris and same areas after removal of the debris. Other photos showed the progress in repairs and construction around the levee system. Final slides contributed by Picciola & Associates were aerial shots of the east side levee improvements.

**BOND COMMISSION APPROVAL FOR BANK LOAN - \$12 M**

• **AUTHORIZE BOARD PRESIDENT TO SIGN AGREEMENT**

Mr. Curole presented a resolution authorizing and providing for the issuance, sale, and delivery of a \$7,500,000 taxable hurricane recovery bond and recommended President Keith Guidry and General Manager Windell Curole be authorized to sign the document, along with any other documents necessary for the loan.

**Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded by McNeely Rome, a roll call vote was taken as follows:**

**Keith Guidry (President): Yay**

**Ronald Callais (Vice President): Yay**

**Brian Marts: Yay**

**Roland Guidry: Yay**

**Roland Curole: Yay**

**Monty Vegas: Absent**

**Mitch Danos: Yay**

**McNeely Rome: Yay**

**Brett DeRoche: Absent**

**Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously approved and authorized President Keith Guidry and General Manager Windell Curole to sign the resolution authorizing and providing for the issuance, sale, and delivery of a \$7,500,000 taxable hurricane recovery bond, and any other documents necessary to proceed with the loan.**

**HURRICANE IDA DEBRIS COST**

Mr. Curole informed the board that the funds from the sale of the bonds would be used to pay for Hurricane Ida-related expenses that would not be covered by insurance or FEMA reimbursements. He explained that FEMA would cover all costs at 100% through Oct. 10, 2022, but costs after that date would be cost-shared with FEMA paying 90% and SLLD responsible for the remaining 10%. In addition, any storm-related expenses not covered by insurance would be eligible for payment through the bond money.

**FLOOD INSURANCE UPDATE**

Mr. Curole explained that the Risk Rating 2.0 program started April 1<sup>st</sup> and that many questions regarding the program remained unanswered. Mr. Curole further explained the flood insurance premium increases that were expected to take place over the coming years.

**GRAND BAYOU FLOODGATE OPERATION**

Mr. Curole explained that Terrebonne Levee was primarily responsible for the opening and closing of the Grand Bayou Floodgate, but we would be willing to help them out should they need our assistance, as long as our own levee operations were not negatively affected.

**LAROSE LOCK UPDATE**

Mr. Curole updated the board on the funds available for the conversion of the Ted Gisclair "Larose" Floodgate into a lock. He stated that we had put aside \$5 million of our own funding. An additional \$5 million would come from Parish GOMESA, and CPRA's Chip Kline informed Mr. Curole that they had also put \$5 million in the CPRA budget for the lock project in Larose. Mr. Curole informed the board that due to inflation, our engineers now predicted the lock to cost \$25 million instead of the earlier prediction of \$15 million.

**PURCHASE OF CROSS-OVER UTILITY VEHICLE (SIDE-BY-SIDE)**

Mr. Curole explained the advantages of having a side-by-side utility vehicle for employee use. He stated that the UTV was lightweight and could easily get to hard-to-reach places. This would come in handy when hauling fuel and other items where trucks had difficulty reaching. Mr. Curole stated that since the price was under his authorized spending of \$25,000, he had ordered the new UTV on State Contract and requested the board approve the purchase.

**Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously approved the purchase of a new UTV Cross-Over vehicle at \$12,614.48 on Louisiana's State Contract.**

**UPDATE ON RIGHT OF WAY TRANSFER TO PARISH**

Mr. Curole informed the board that the board had agreed at the March meeting to allow the transfer of some of the right-of-way near Pump Station No. 1 and the boat launch to the Lafourche Parish Council for

project improvements. Mr. Curole stated that the transfer was complete and that ConocoPhillips and the Parish were working out an agreement.

**LEVEE REPAIRS**

Mr. Curole stated that needed repairs were being made to the levees and were almost complete.

**EROSION CONTROL ON TOE OF SYSTEM – AUTHORIZE UP TO \$100,000**

Mr. Curole requested the board authorize work be done along the toe of the levee system as needed where erosion had occurred. Mr. Curole suggested that the board authorize up to \$100,000 to be spent in increments as needed until all repairs were made. He stated that rocks and sheet piles would be used to help keep costs to a minimum.

**Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Roland Curole, the board authorized the President and General Manager to spend up to \$100,000 for erosion repairs along the toe of the levee system.**

**RECIEPT OF DEBRIS INVOICES AS FOLLOWS**

**DYNAMIC: PAY APPLICATION #3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,325.24 (OCT 26-31, 2021)**  
**DYNAMIC: PAY APPLICATION #4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,348,440.21 (NOV 1-30, 2021)**  
**DYNAMIC: PAY APPLICATION #5 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$396,705.28 (DEC1-18, 2021)**  
**DYNAMIC: PAY APPLICATION #6 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$299,631.66 (JAN 1-31, 2022)**  
**TOTAL: \$2,143,102.39**

**METRIC: PAY APPLICATION #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$306,594.50 (OCT 23-NOV 19, 2021)**  
**METRIC: PAY APPLICATION #2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$242,731.50 (NOV 20-DEC 17, 2021)**  
**METRIC: PAY APPLICATION #3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,866.75 (DEC 18, 2021 – JAN 14, 2022)**  
**METRIC: PAY APPLICATION #4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,015.13 (JAN15 – FEB 1, 2022)**

Mr. Curole presented a list of expenditures covering costs of debris monitoring and removal. He recommended the board authorize the payment of each invoice as funds became available through either FEMA or the new loan from bonds. Mr. Curole recommended further discussions be made on how the funds for those payments would be distributed.

**Moved Brian Marts and seconded by Roland Curole, the board approved payment of Dynamic Pay Application Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 (debris removal), to be paid upon availability of funding.**

**Moved Ronald Callais and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board approved payment of Metric Pay Application Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 (debris monitoring), to be paid upon availability of funding.**

**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:

- **Section F Levee Improvements**  
Onshore Materials LLC is the Contractor. The contractor is currently on-site hauling borrow material on the levee section.

The contractor has submitted Pay Applications No. 12 in the amount of \$112,400.94.

**Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 12 in the amount of \$112,400.94.**

- **Larose Lock Project**

Project Plans and Specifications are complete. They have been submitted to Us Army Corps of Engineers and CPRA for approval. The construction of the project is expected to take two years to complete. Shutdowns of the bayou will take place in intervals with most openings occurring at night.

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

Outer Limit Contractors, LLC is the contractor. The contractor is currently on-site and has completed the repairs to the levee caused by Hurricane Ida. They are excavating the borrow canal and placing on berm.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 8 in the amount of \$24,945.00

**Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$24,945.00.**

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Pump Stations and Floodgates**

Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC is the contractor. We held the Pre-Construction meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The Notice to Proceed was issued on December 6, 2021. The contractor has started working on Pump Station No. 4 & 8.

There is no Pay Application this month.

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Main Office and Mechanic Shop**

We received bids for repairs to the Maintenance Shop on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 10 am FRISCO Industrial Contractors LLC was the low bidder in the amount of \$348,570.00. This amount is out of the scope of \$290,000 that the insurance will pay so we went back to the contractor and they have agreed to finish the exterior and electrical of the building. The interior could be completed at a later date by a different contractor or in-house. FRISCO offered a reduced price of \$264,600 for this work which would make the building functional. We would enter into an agreement with the contractor at the original price, then immediately turn around and reduce that with a change order to get the price down to \$264,600.

**Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Ronald Callais, the board unanimously agreed to award the repairs to the Mechanic Shop to FRISCO Industrial Contractors at the low bid of \$348,570, then reducing the work and price to \$264,600 through a change order.**

We will accept bids for repairs to the Main Office Building on Wednesday. April 27, 2022, at 10 am. We plan on having a recommendation to award at the meeting.

Money from the bond series may be used to complete the office as long as the work is related to Hurricane Ida.

- **A-East Hurricane Ida Repairs - Outer Limit Contractors**

Pictures of the repairs made to A-East levee were shown during the general manager's slide presentation.

The contractor has submitted Invoice No. 277 in the amount of \$21,965.00.

**Moved by Brian Marts, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Invoice No. 277 in the amount of \$21,965.00 to Out Limit Contractors.**

## **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 not be necessary.

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**

Phase 1

Construction contract for Phase I was awarded to Sealevel Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,648,822.00. Full Notice to Proceed was issued on May 14, 2021 with a current contract end date of December 10, 2021.

Substantial Completion Inspection was held on 12/10/2021. A site walkthrough was performed and a Punch List was issued for the few items remaining to be completed.

All items are 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.

Additional information was provided by GIS this month.

Phase 2

Sealevel was awarded this project and given Notice to Proceed on January 17, 2022.

Sealevel has mobilized to the site, removed the existing steel plates, completed demolition of the existing concrete T-wall, removed the existing discharge pipes, exposed/cut existing concrete piles and sheet pile wall to grade, and has begun H-pile plumb/battered pile installations.

Sealevel began fabricating and coating A-frame caps, walers, and pipe support beams at their Speck's Fab shop in Thibodaux.

Pay App No. 1 in the amount of \$744,981.12 has been approved.

Phase 2A final design report was submitted to SLLD and CPRA for review on March 28, 2022.

- Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of **\$561,485.48**

**Moved by Roland Guidry, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$561,485.48.**

Change Order No. 1 provides a credit to the board for unused pipe and engineering services in the amount of (\$11,000.00).

**Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Change Order No. 1 for a credit in the amount of (\$11,000.00).**

Amendment No. 9 is an increase of \$13,882.50 for engineering services.

**Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Amendment No. 9 for an increase of \$13,882.50 for surveys and additional engineering services.**

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

The Pre-Bid Conference was held on March 24, 2022.

The Bid Opening date is April 7, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. GIS is planning to have a recommendation for the SLLD board at their April 11, 2022, meeting.

The low bid came in much higher than anticipated. After a brief discussion, the board agreed to postpone discussions on awarding the D-North Ramp until the May meeting.

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

Floodwall & Receiving Structure

The project is Complete. A Punch List was provided to Sealevel and completed on March 11, 2022.

The Clear Lien Certificate was received from Sealevel Construction and submitted to SLLD to close out the project, along with previously approved Pay App 30 for full release of retainage in the amount of \$578,207.70.

Barge Gate

The Barge Gate was successfully operated for Hurricane Ida and remains fully operational.

The project is Substantially Complete and a Punch List has been provided to Sealevel and completion of these items are nearly complete.

Sealevel's subcontractor SIT has made the corrections to the previously noted high cable/winch tensions and hydraulic pressures.

The new opening winch load cell was installed, but SIT is locating a high voltage condition that caused the new load pin to fail. The load pin is being repaired and is approximately 2-weeks from repair/installation. In the meantime, SIT will trace and correct the high voltage issue.

There only remains a few Punch List items to complete, which do not impact the Owner's Training that is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2022. This will include both classroom and site training with gate closures.

Once the remaining Punch List Items are complete, including the above-mentioned Owner's Training, the remainder of the retainage may be requested and the project will be closed-out.

GIS is preparing the Client As-builts and O&M Manuals, which are forecasted to be completed in the next 2-3 weeks, as some As-built data and O&M materials are pending submission from the Contractor.

Hurricane Delta/Zeta

All Hurricane Delta work is complete and GIS is coordinating with All South in order to provide the required back-up documentation for their SLLD FEMA Claim.

Additional information was provided by GIS this month.

Hurricane Ida

All Hurricane Ida work is complete and GIS is coordinating with All South in order to provide the required back-up documentation for their SLLD FEMA Claim.

Additional information was provided by GIS this month.

Amendment No. 7 for Hurricane Ida emergency services in the amount of \$25,000.00.

**Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Ronald Callais, the board unanimously approved Amendment No. 7 in the amount of \$25,000.00 for Hurricane Ida Emergency Services.**

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

GIS Engineering continues with the Preliminary Design Phase inclusive of plans, specifications, any required permits, surveys and cost estimate.

Topographic surveys and cross sections have been completed.

The last construction cost estimate (with 15% Contingency) was \$543,000.00.

- **Lefort Lane Sink Hole Repairs – GIS# 39130-1166**

GIS took quotes on this job and determined SBL Construction, LLC to be the responsive low quote with a construction price of \$26,350.00.

Notice to Proceed was issued to SBL Construction on 01/17/2022.

SBL has constructed the structure and backfilled the hole. There is some minor dress-up work to complete.

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

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **C-South Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC, is continuing with construction on this project including the additional change order work approved last month.

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

The contractor, Sealevel Construction, Inc. has completed the project and we are currently on the clear lien period.

- **Hurricane Ida Repairs**

C-South: Invoice No. 1053 in the amount of \$50,025.00.

**Moved by Mitch Danos and Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved Invoice No. 1053 in the amount of \$50,025.00 to Comeaux & Sons.**

D-South: Invoice No. 1052 in the amount of \$23,170.00.

**Moved by Roland Guidry and Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved Invoice No. 1052 in the amount of \$23,170.00 to Compeaux & Sons.**

**MORGANZA TO THE GULF**

**DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS**

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

- There was no one in attendance from Delta Coast.

**ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS**

Engineer Report (Chris Smith)

- **All South Consulting Engineers – Engineering Contract**  
Amendment No. 7 to add FEMA terms to existing contract.  
**Moved by McNeely Rome and Ronald Curole, the board unanimously approved Amendment No. 7 to add FEMA terms to the existing engineering contract.**

- **Reach K Marsh Mitigation Emergency Rehabilitation Phase II**  
Project Complete

Balancing Change Order No. 6 in the amount of (\$11,509.25)

**Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved Balancing Change Order No. 6 for in the credit amount of \$11,509.25).**

Pay Request No. 14 in the amount of \$58,231.66 (retainage)

**Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 14 in the amount of \$58,231.66 (retainage).**

- **Supply & Deliver Material Lost to Reach K (Hurricane Barry)**  
This project is complete

Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$102,850.00 (retainage)

**Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved Pay Request No. 9 in the amount of \$102,850.00 (retainage).**

- **Hurricane Ida Debris Removal**  
This contractor has completed debris removal, and Drake Baudoin from the Levee District and Phil Ramon of All South have ridden the levee to certify completion and made notes of deficiencies.

All South continues to work with SLLD personal to submit FEMA claims. Through communications with FEMA and GOHSEP, All South believes that a \$3.04 million reimbursement request will be fulfill in the next 7 days. This request is related to Debris removal CAT A 100% reimbursement.

All South is working with SLLD and FEMA personnel to push the remaining CAT A debris removal into projects on Grants Portal. Currently waiting for final invoices form Dynamic. Currently pushing other damages into projects and answering EEIs.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that 2 permit requests were received for review, and that none interfered with the levee.

**On a motion of Mitch Danos, seconded by Ronald Callais and unanimously carried, the board approved Letters of No Objection for the following requests:**

**1. TOWN OF GODLEN MEADOW**

**CUP NO:** P20210759

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-22-57.064, Long. -90-15-45.527, Golden Meadow, LA

**DESCRIPTION:** The Town of Golden Meadow Phase 7 Sewerage System will include the installation of new sewer collection lines, manholes, a lift station, and a sewer connection

program on Delgrandile and Terrebonne Lanes. The project will replace a variety of individual mechanical and septic tank treatment systems in the developed neighborhood. The wastewater will be treated at the existing South Treatment Plan that is located on Griffin Lane. There will be approximately 1,940 linear feet of gravity line that will be required for the project. The existing treatment facility on Griffin Lane will have sufficient capacity to treat the wastewater from Delgrandile and Terrebonne Lanes.

**2. CORAL MARINE SERVICES LLC**

**CUP NO:** P20220169

**LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; POB @ Lat 29-14-46.23N / Long -90-13-31.41W; POE @ Lat 29-14-10.24N / Long -90-13.48.71W; Section 27, 28 T21S R22E

**DESCRIPTION:** After-the-fact permit for emergency dredging to remove a grounded vessel. The applicant dredged a channel measuring approximately 60' x 4,586' in order to access and remove the vessel. Approximately 31,778 cy of native material was excavated and stacked adjacent to the channel. All work was completed under EUA 21-127. Approximately 8.3 acres of non-vegetated water bottoms were impacted by the proposed activities.

**BOARD ATTORNEY**

Attorney Ryan Collins had nothing to report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**INVOICES**

In the absence of Commissioner Monty Vegas, Commissioner Ronald Callais announced that the Finance Committee had reviewed the invoices and recommended they be paid.

**On a motion of Ronald Callais, seconded by McNeely Rome, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Windell Curole stated that the Corps would be meeting with the engineers at the end of April to discuss the rehabilitation process in an effort to work towards getting back into the levee certification.

Mr. Curole added that Roudy Pierce had been hired as Operating Engineer 2 and was working out well.

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

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Ronald Callais, President

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Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary