

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
DECEMBER 12, 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, December 12, 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 December 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
Monty Vegas

Board members absent: Brett DeRoche

Also present were: Executive Secretary and General Manager Windell Curole; Administrative Assistant 3 Amy Gisclair; Levee Board Operations Superintendent Drake Baudoin; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, Neil Angelette, John Plaisance, Stevie Smith, Jeremy Perkins, CPRA Daniel Dearmond; AIMS Group Tommy L'Hoste and Daisy Camardelle; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the November 14, 2022, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Ronald Callais.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ALBL MEETING

President Guidry announced that the ALBL Conference in New Orleans went well.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORT OF DEC 5, 2022

Chairman Ronald Callais gave the following report:

- With all members present, the committee reviewed the latest financial report.
- The committee discussed personnel rating for the previous year and referred the employee ratings to the Personnel Committee for further action.
- The committee discussed possible pay increases for two employees and referred those to the Personnel Committee.
- The committee discussed the upcoming retirement of General Manager Windell Curole and his rehiring as part-time employee in the capacity of Assistant General Manager/Executive Secretary. A list of items in question was reviewed discussed to satisfaction by the committee. The committee agreed on a hiring rate for Mr. Curole whose retirement date would be Jan. 3, 2023 and rehire date would be Jan. 4, 2023.
- The committee reviewed the pre-positioning contracts for debris monitoring and removal, to which the board president had previously been authorized to make the final decision that would be in the board's best interest.

- There was discussion of the dirt pit on Apache Farms. Mr. Curole informed the group that the dirt could be purchased and used on nearby levee berms which were damaged by the effects of Hurricane Ida.

On a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the Dec. 5, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Tommy L'Hoste and Daisy Camardelle of AIMS Group, Inc. introduced themselves to the board.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole showed several slides in the area of A-West where the LA 1 Elevated highway was being constructed. The contractor will build a 20 ft. T-wall where LA 1 Hwy will cross the levee just south of Golden Meadow. Mr. Curole commended the board, engineers and field employees for their work in getting the levees in good order since the damage of Hurricane Ida.

QUOTES FOR MECHANIC SHOP

Mr. Curole announced that after several attempts we were only able to obtain one quote for the inside work on the mechanic shop. The quote from GIS was for \$25,690.96. Mr. Curole recommended the board approve the quote so that work could be started on the inside of the building.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved the quote from GIS for the construction of the inside portion of the mechanic's shop at the price of \$25,690.96.

MAIN OFFICE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mr. Curole announced that the estimate for construction was six months.

PRE-POSITIONING CONTRACTS (DEBRIS MONITORING AND REMOVAL)

Mr. Curole stated that President Keith Guidry had been authorized by the board to review and make the final decision on the pre-positioning contracts for debris monitoring and removal. He stated that President Guidry was doing some research and would get back to the board soon.

DIRT PIT – APACHE FARMS

Mr. Curole informed the board that there was a dirt pit at Apache Farm where dirt might be purchased at a reasonable rate for levee construction. He added that there was a berm in that same area that needed elevation. He stated that the engineer was researching how much dirt would be needed. Mr. Curole recommended the board authorize President Keith Guidry to move forward with the project after reviewing all aspects and determining that it would be in the best interest of the levee district.

Moved by Brian Marts and seconded by Ronald Callais, the board unanimously authorized President Keith Guidry to move forward with the purchase of materials from the Apache dirt pit upon determining that it would be a benefit to the levee district.

GENERAL MANAGER RETIREMENT

Mr. Curole stated that the December meeting would be his last meeting as a full-time employee. He reminisced on early days and told a few stories of his early days working for the levee district. He praised all the board members he had worked under, but especially the three board presidents, Leon Theriot, Ronald Callais and Keith Guidry.

RISK RATING 2.0

Mr. Curole referred to the ALBL meeting where a FEMA representative spoke. Mr. Curole stated that we were on the critical path for Hurricane Ida and we did not flood, yet their computer models show we have the worst levees in Louisiana.

ELEVATION OF LA 1 AND SECTION A-WEST

Mr. Curole announced that the T-wall installed on the A-West levee for the LA 1 Elevated Highway would be complete by June 1st.

LEVEE REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Mr. Curole explained that the program we were trying to get back into with the Corps was starting to get complicated. Our engineers are working with them.

BID OPENING FOR HUNTING AND FISHING LEASE

Mr. Curole announced that we had received one bid for the hunting and fishing lease that was recently advertised. He added that the bid amount was above what was expected and recommended the board accepted it as presented.

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously accepted the high bid for hunting and fishing lease from Gavyn Hickox at \$3.00 per acre for 498.76 acres in Bayou L'Ours area.

ACCEPTANCE OF 2022 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Curole presented the 2022 Financial Audit Report and recommended the board accept as presented.

On a motion by Monty Vegas, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously carried, the board accepted the 2022 Financial Audit Report as presented.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond stated that they were still reviewing a couple of 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 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 begun receiving the long lead electrical components and should begin making significant progress in the upcoming month.

There is no pay application this month.

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Main Office**
We received bids on November 9, 2022, at 10:00 AM. Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC was the low bidder in the amount of \$460,000.00. We have processed the Contract Documents and have held a Pre-Construction Meeting. Work is scheduled to begin in late December.
- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Mechanic Shop**
Frisco Industrial Contractors, LLC is the Contractor. The Notice to Proceed was issued on 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 the one overhead door was Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC in the amount of \$24,731.00. they have ordered the door and expect to receive and install it this month.

There is no pay application this month.

- **Section D-North Levee**

We received bids November 10, 2022, at 10:00 AM. Outer Limit Contractors, LLC was the low bidder in the amount of \$229,000.00. We have processed the Contract Documents and have held a Pre-Construction Meeting. The Notice to Proceed will be issued on December 14, 2022. The proposed elevation of the top of the levee is +16.00.

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 pipelines 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 to the SLLD attorney.

Plans and specifications for the project have been completed. We can begin advertising for bids once the permitting and land issue 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 Elevations: +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 coordinate with All South as needed for ongoing FEAM 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.

Pre-Construction conference will be held December 8, 2022.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023

Proposed Elevation: +16'

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

The current opinion of probable construction cost estimate is \$730,000.

GIS conducted a pre-bid conference November 29th.

GIS has a bid opening schedule for December 8th.

Once bids are received, GIS will evaluate the bids and provide a recommendation of contract award.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023.

No action will be taken this month.

LEVEE 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 #1093 in amount of \$22,365.00. This project will be complete this month.

Moved by Mitch Danos and seconded by Brian Marts, the board unanimously approved Compeaux and Sons Invoice No. 1093 in the amount of \$22,365.00.

- **C-South Floodside Repairs**

The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC and Compeaux & Son Construction, LLC are continuing work on the project to repair the toe of the levee from the Bason Pump Station to Apache. We are recommending approval of Invoice #1094 in the amount of \$26,250.00 to Compeaux & Sons construction, LLC. The clearing portion of this project is complete, and we will begin on the fill phase of the repairs.

Moved by McNeely Rome and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously approved Compeaux and Sons Invoice No. 1094 in the amount of \$26,250.00.

- **D-South Damages Repairs**

The contractor, Compeaux & Sons Construction, LLC has completed work on the ramp repair and improvements. We are recommending approval of Invoices #1095 in the amount of \$2,100.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously approved Compeaux and Sons Invoice No. 1095 in the amount of \$2,100.00.

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

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

- **Larose Floodwall Vessel Impact Barrier**

This project is currently in the permit phase.

- **Section F Berm Improvements**

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

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

DELTA COAST CONSULTANTS

Program Manager Report (Mitch Marmande)

- No one was in attendance from Delta Coast.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Engineer Report (Stevie Smith)

- **Golden Meadow Marsh Terraces**

All South has determined the required quantity to construct a terrace to a +3.0 elevation to be approximately 20,000 CY and approximately 3-4 acres of marsh could be created with the remaining borrow material from the canal.

Estimated construction cost for each project is:

\$122,122.00 for Terrace construction

\$220,532.40 for Marsh Creation

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

- **Reach K Terraces Repairs**

All South has requested approval from FEMA to move the terrace repair closer to the Pointe Aux Chene ridge. The request was submitted to GOSHEP prior to Thanksgiving.

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

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

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ryan Collins 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 Ronald Callais, and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ADVERTISE TO HIRE FOR GENERAL MANAGER'S POSITION

Commissioner Monty Vegas stated that the Personnel Committee had met and recommended the immediate advertising for General Manager position.

HIRE WINDELL CUROLE AS PART-TIME ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER/EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the hiring of Mr. Curole as part-time Assistant General Manager was covered under the Executive Committee Report.

AUTHORIZE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE OR REJECT EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASE IN THE YEAR OF 2023

Commissioner Monty Vegas recommended the board authorize the Personnel Committee to grant all employee pay increases for the year 2023 without further board approval.

Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously authorized the advertising of the General Manager position, hire Mr. Windell Curole in the part-time position of Assistant General Manager/Executive Secretary, and to grant the Personnel Committee to approval of all personnel pay increases for the year 2023 without further board approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Curole made a comparison with Cheniere Hurricane with catastrophic loss of life, and Hurricane Ida with no loss of life for the descendants of the people of Cheniere. Mr. Curole credited the community for approving the one penny sales tax in 2007. Mr. Vegas added that people should heed evacuation orders regardless of how safe they may feel with our levee system.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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

/s/Keith Guidry, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary