

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 14, 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, November 14, 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 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
Mitch Danos
Brett DeRoche
Roland Guidry
Brian Marts
Mc Neely Rome
Monty Vegas

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; Attorney Ryan Collins; Engineering Personnel Marco Picciola, Neil Angelette, John Plaisance, Laura Barnes, Jeremy Perkins, CPRA Daniel Dearmond; Lafourche Parish President Archie Chiasson, Entergy CSM Paula Rome, ELOS Dale Holley; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the October 10, 2022, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Monty Vegas and seconded by Ronald Callais.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ALBL CONFERENCE, NOV 30-DEC 1, 2022

President Guidry reminded the members of the board of the upcoming ALBL Conference to be held in New Orleans on Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORT OF NOV 7, 2022

Chairman Ronald Callais gave the following report:

- With all members present, the committee reviewed the latest financial report.

- The Committee discussed the growing inflation and the option to give a one-time Cost-of-Living Allowance of 7.2% on base salaries for the year 2023 to the SLLD employees to help offset rising costs. It was recommended the board pass a motion to allow the one-time allowance to all full-time employees.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos, the Board unanimously agreed to pay a one-time 7.2% allowance based on the 2023 annual base salary for all full-time SLLD employees, effective January 1, 2023.

- The Committee discussed the elevation of the gap at D-North, LOOP Road.

- The Committee reviewed the two contracts for pre-positioning debris removal and monitoring.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Paula Rome introduced herself as the local Customer Service Manager for Entergy and offered her services should they be needed.

Lafourche Parish President Archie Chiasson spoke on extra money that may be available in March that could help with pump station operations.

The Parish had committed \$5M in GOMESA funds toward the Larose Lock project. He added that they were hoping that through their Hazard Mitigation Program, they would be able to write \$15M into the lock conversion project which was now estimated to cost \$25M. Mr. Chiasson also briefed the board on coastal projects with carbon capture and stated that ELOS had been hired by the parish.

President Guidry questioned Parish President Chiasson about the boat launch on Hwy 24. Mr. Chiasson stated that he would be signing an Emergency Declaration due to the marsh debris in that area. He stated they would be accepting bids soon to dredge the Intracoastal from Grand Bayou to where TLCD left off, just before the floodgate. That would allow the channel to reopen and allow fresh water to flow back in.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SLIDE PRESENTATION

General Manager Windell Curole started the slides showing rocks that had been placed along the edge of the levee near Yankee Canal and Pump Station No. 4 as erosion prevention. Other slides included storm debris that was removed from the levee on A-East, marsh containment on A-West levee, the proposed ridge project near Oak Ridge Park that would not only offer flood protection, but recreation for the public. The next slides showed levee progress near Paul Dufrene's farm. Final slides were of Morganza's Reach L levee. Mr. Curole explained that the new levee had been nothing but marsh just a few months earlier. He praised the work that was progressing well.

SECTION F, LATEST ESTIMATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Curole explained that instead of taking funds from Section F project for E-North (where overtopping occurred during Hurricane Ida), CPRA would put all funding on E-North and then transfer from E-North to Section F Berm.

SIXTH AMENDMENT FOR AUDIT SERVICES TO INCREASE FEES

Mr. Curole explained that with additional audit services involving federal funding (FEMA), an amendment for those services and associated fees had been received. The new total for audit services was \$14,260.00. He requested the board approve the amendment as presented.

Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously approved, the board authorized the general manager to sign the Sixth Amendment for Audit Services and to pay the total cost of \$14,260.00.

Mr. Curole added that Rep. Joe Orgeron had sent a list of grades from the Legislative Auditor on various entities, and that Rep. Orgeron had applauded the South Lafourche Levee District for making Grade A on that list. Mr. Curole commended the office staff for their hard work to ensure a successful audit. He explained that most of the other grades were not "A"s.

PRE-POSITIONING CONTRACTS

Mr. Curole explained that pre-positioning contract for future storm debris monitoring, and removal would allow the levee district to get the best price available and have teams ready to move immediately after a major storm. Mr. Curole requested the board pass a resolution to allow the board president to make the decision on when and how to handle the awarding or rejecting of those contracts.

Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously authorized the board president to make the decision on awarding pre-positioning contracts for future storm debris monitoring and removal.

D-NORTH RAMP UPDATE

Mr. Curole stated that the levee district had received bids on the D-North Ramp project which would be presented during the engineer's report. He urged the board to move forward with the project since we had been unsuccessful in the past attempts to reduce the price.

GOLDEN MEADOW HABITAT RESTORATION & SITE ASSESSMENT (OAK RIDGE WET PARK)

Mr. Curole explained that the parish was the lead agency on the Golden Meadow Habitat Restoration & Site Assessment project. He stated that the project would add to the Oak Ridge Park and benefit the community.

CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST SUBMITTED FOR \$10.2M

Mr. Curole announced that \$10.2M had been requested through Capital Outlay for projects mostly contained in the southern part of the levee system.

LEASE RENEWAL ON LEVEE BOARD PROPERTY

Mr. Curole explained that since Hurricane Ida, several hunting and fishing leases on SLLD property had been cancelled due to areas becoming open water or had been destroyed by the storm. Mr. Curole stated that there was one interest currently in leasing a cancelled property, and recommended the board authorize the advertising and awarding under the advice and recommendation of Land Manager Lee Bloch.

Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded by Roland Curole, the board unanimously agreed to move forward with any Hunting and Fishing Lease agreements and renewals upon the advice and recommendation of Land Manager Lee Bloch.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Mr. Daniel Dearmond had nothing to report.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

There was no one in attendance from the Corps.

PROJECT ENGINEERS

PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES

Engineer Marc 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.
- **Section E-north Levee Erosion Repairs**
Compeaux and Son's Construction, LLC is the Contractor. They are complete with the work. The proposed elevation top of levee in this location is +14.0.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$12,920.00

Moved by Mitch Danos, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$12,920.00.

- **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 material 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 am. Grand Isle Shipyard was the low bidder at \$460,000. We recommend awarding this contract.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by Mitch Danos, the board unanimously authorized the awarding of Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to Main Office to the low bidder, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC in the bid amount of \$460,000.00, and authorized the president or general manager to sign any documents necessary to move forward with repairs to the office.

- **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.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 5 in the amount of \$8,584.31.

Moved by Brian Marts, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$8,584.31.

- **Hurricane Ida Storm Damage Repairs to 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. They have ordered the door and expect to receive and install it the first week of December.

- **A-West Corner Elevation**

Compeaux and Sons Construction, LLC is the Contractor. They are complete with the work. The proposed elevation top levee in this location is +20.00.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$21,165.00.

Moved by Roland Curole, seconded by McNeely Rome and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$21,165.00.

- **Section D-North Levee**

We received bids on November 10, 2022, at 10:00 AM. The low bid was from Outer Limit Contractors in the amount of \$229,000.00. We recommend awarding this bid to Outer Limit. The proposed elevation of the top of the levee is +16.00.

Moved by Monty Vegas and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously authorized the awarding of Section D-North Levee to the low bidder, Outer Limit Contractors, LLC in the bid amount of \$229,000.00, and authorized the president or general manager to sign any documents necessary to move forward with construction of the project.

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 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 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

Currently Hurricane Ida related work for the project is complete and GIS continues to provide information and coordinate with All South as needed for ongoing FEMA claim.

Phase 2

Sealevel has completed construction of the project.

The project is Substantially Complete as of Thursday, July 21, 2022.

GIS issued a Punch List and all items are complete.

All Certified Payroll resubmissions have been approved.

Sealevel has submitted Clear Lien Certificate along with Pay Request No. 7. GIS has reviewed Pay Request no. 7 and recommends payment of retainage in the amount of \$114,083.00.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 7 in the amount of \$114,083.00

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$114,083.

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

GIS conducted a pre-bid conference October 5th.

GIS held a bid opening October 25th.

GIS began evaluating bids and will provide a recommendation of contract award.

The current opinion of probable construction cost estimates is \$584,365.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023

Proposed Elevation: +16'

Low Bid received was from LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC in the amount of \$692,710.00. We recommend awarding this contract.

Moved by Roland Guidry and seconded by Monty Vegas, the board unanimously authorized the awarding of D-North Ramp to the low bidder, LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC in the bid amount of \$692,710.00, and authorized the board president or general manager to sign any contracts or other documents necessary for proceeding with the project.

Amendment No. 6 – Engineering Services

Moved by Ronald Callais and seconded by McNeely Rome, the board unanimously authorized the board president or general manager to sign Amendment No. 6 to increase engineering services for D-North Ramp.

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

GIS Engineering has submitted the Bid Package inclusive of plans, specifications, and cost estimate to SLLD and the landowner for review and comment. GIS is addressing final comments and preparing to advertise for bids.

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

Estimated Advertise Date: December 2022

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023

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 to raise the levee to +18' form Pump Station no. 2 to the Apache Farm Levee. We are recommending approval of Application for Payment No. 17 in the amount of \$59,559.30. We estimate this project will be complete in approximately 2 months.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 17 in the amount of \$59,559.30

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 17 in the amount of \$59,559.30.

- **C-North Levee Improvements**

The contractor, Compeaux & Sons, LLC is continuing work on the project to shape the levee to +16'. We are recommending approval of payment for Invoice # 1089 in the amount of \$27,090.00. We estimated this project will be complete in approximately 1 month.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1089 in the amount of \$27,090.00

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roland Curole and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1089 in the amount of \$27,090.00.

- **C-North Floodside Repairs**

The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC and Compeaux & Sons, 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 payment for Invoice #1090 in the amount of \$7,375.00 to Compeaux & Sons, LLC. We estimate this project will be complete in approximately 2 months.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$7,375.00

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Brian Marts and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$7,375.00.

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

The contractor, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC, has started construction on this project to ass rip-rap to the toe of the Yankee Canal Levee. We are recommending approval of Application for Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$392,426.74. We estimate this project will be complete in approximately 2 to 3 months.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$392,426.74

Moved by Ronald Callais, seconded by Brett DeRoche and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$392,426.74.

- **Larose Floodwall Height Improvement, West End A-Phase 5 (foreshore protection)**

The project is currently in the permit phase, and we estimated starting the advertisement later this month.

- **Section F Berm Improvements**

The project will address the improvements to the Section F levee and will be ready to advertise this month.

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 met with SLLD Director on 10/13/2022. SLLD requested All South to revise plans to include (1) terrace and to include marsh creation in project.

- **Reach K Terraces Repair**

All South is preparing a request to FEMA to move terraces to new location.

- **Hurricane Ida Response**

Final invoices submitted for approval today.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 2021754 in the amount of \$37,325.40.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2021754 in the amount of \$37,325.40.

The contractor has submitted Pay Application No. 2021773 in the amount of \$320,500.10.

Moved by McNeely Rome, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved Pay Request No. 2021773 in the amount of \$320,500.10.

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

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

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

1. ROSEFIELD PIPELINE

CUP NO: P20220872

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; POB: Lat 29-3-27.56" N, Long -90-19-59.93" W; POE: Lat 28-58-4.11" N, Long -90-24-11.79" W; 8.5 miles SW of Port Fourchon LA

DESCRIPTION: Proposed lowering of a 28,367.55" existing 12" pipeline which was exposed due to Hurricane Ida. Approx 4,203 c/y. of material will be displaced by jetting operations. Additionally, 11,728.38' of the pipeline is in federal waters and approx. 0.66 acres of state water bottom will be impacted as a result of the proposed activities. An additional 0.27 acres of federal water bottom will be impacted.

2. GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

CUP NO: P20220311

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29-06-49N / Long -90-11-57W; Golden Meadow 70357

DESCRIPTION: Dredging, sand fill and break water construction to restore and prevent further beach erosion. Approx. 215 acres of unvegetated beach habitat and approx. 257 of open water bottom habitat will be impacted.

3. LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT

CUP NO: P20220649

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat. 29-9-31.29 N / Long. -90-10-4.71 W (see plats for additional information); Port Fourchon/Leeville LA 70357.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed construction of earthen terraces and living shoreline/wave attenuation structure. Approx. 1,141,463 cy of native material is to be excavated and placed on site to construct terraces. Approx. 300 acres of non-vegetated wetlands and 25 acres of vegetated wetlands may be impacted by the proposed activity.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Ryan Collins stated that he would review the right-of-way agreements as requested.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

INVOICES

Commissioner Monty Vegas announced that the Finance Committee had reviewed the invoices and recommended they be paid.

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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