

OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
APRIL 12, 2010

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, April 12, 2010, 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 April was called to order by President Ronald Callais. He directed the secretary to call roll.

Board members present: Ronald Callais
 Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr.
 Bob Faulk
 Roy Gisclair
 Monty Vegas
 Robert "Bobby" Eymard, Sr.

Board members absent: Lula Auenson
 Mitch Danos
 Ernest J. "E.J." Gremillion

Also present were: Executive Secretary and General Manager Windell Curole; Administrative Assistant 5 Mary Punch; Clerical Assistant Amy Gisclair; Levee Board Operations Superintendent Jimmy Badeaux; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, Ben Hodson, Brad Adams, Neil Angelette, Larry Picciola and John Plaisance; Attorney Bryce Autin; North Lafourche Conservation Levee and Drainage District Dwayne Bourgeois; OCPR Robert Routon; Corps personnel Joey Wagner, Maude Johnson and Bill Foret; Greater Lafourche Port Commission Chett Chiasson; DOTD Rick Dugas; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the March 8, 2009 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion of Bob Faulk and seconded by Monty Vegas.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ALBL WORKSHOP – MAY 6-7, 2010 (REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 14, 2010)

President Ronald Callais reminded the board members of the upcoming ALBL Workshop to be held on May 6 and 7, 2010 and announced that the deadline for registration is in two days.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

BAYOU LAFOURCHE REINTRODUCTION PROJECT UPDATE: ROBERT ROUTON

General Manager Windell Curole introduced Mr. Robert Routon of OCPR and announced that Mr. Routon had been asked to update the board on the Bayou Lafourche reintroduction of fresh water. Mr. Routon presented a slide show and explained how they plan to dredge and widen the bayou to allow more water from the Mississippi River to flow through Bayou Lafourche. This phase of the project involves 6.2 miles of digging from Donaldsonville to Belle Rose. This will allow a greater water flow and reduce the amount of pumping needed from the pump station.

ADOPT MILLAGE RATES FOR 2010

Upon a motion of Roy Gisclair, seconded by Bobby Eymard, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was read aloud and votes were taken as follows:

RESOLUTION 10-01A

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2010 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the South Lafourche Levee District.

MILLAGE	
South Lafourche Levee District	4.86

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2010, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to the law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

- YEAS: 6
- NAYS: 0
- ABSTAINED: 0
- ABSENT: 3

Upon a motion of Clarence Marts, seconded by Bob Faulk, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was read aloud and votes were taken as follows:

RESOLUTION 10-01B

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2010 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the South Lafourche Levee District.

MILLAGE	
South Lafourche Levee District	5.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2010, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to the law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

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YEAS: 6
 NAYS: 0
 ABSTAINED: 0
 ABSENT: 3

BID OPENING RESULTS: HERBICIDE

The following sealed bids were received on Thursday, April 8, 2010 for:

2-4D, Roundup (or equivalent) and Surfactant

	2-4-D AMINE 30/55 gal	ROUNDUP (or equivalent) 15/30 gal	SURFACTANT 1 gal
National American Sales	\$17.94	\$19.20	\$9.54
CarboTec	\$11.39	\$10.68	\$7.63
Economical Janitorial	-	\$18.73	-
Crop Production Srv	\$11.60	\$13.00	\$8.99
John Deere Landscape	\$17.95	\$16.13	\$21.52
Helena Chemicals	\$10.89	\$11.90	\$17.00
Univar	-	\$18.70	-

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously accepted, the board agreed to award the bid for Herbicide to the low bidders as follows:

- For the bid of 2-4-D Amine, the contract is awarded to Helena Chemicals at a price of \$10.89 per gallon.
- For the bid of Roundup (or equivalent), the contract is awarded to CarboTec at a price of \$10.68 per gallon.
- For the bid of Surfactant, the contract is awarded to CarboTec at a price of \$7.63 per gallon.

CORPS PROJECTS

Mr. Curole presented a slide show including Corps' projects in Section D-South and the CIAP small dredge project. Other slides included progress on the lock repairs, and marsh and water on the outside of the levee and dry area on the inside. President Callais added that if not for the protection levee, the marsh and water would be all the way to Hwy 3235. After the presentation, Mr. Curole requested Mr. Joey Wagner of the Corps report on the following projects:

- **Crawfish Pond Wall**
 A 12-inch cement splash back has been added to the bottom of the sheet piles to protect from erosion if water gets over the top of the sheet piles.
- **GM Pump Station**
 The Corps will meet with engineers on Wednesday to discuss some of the things the Corps has approved. The project should be awarded in July.
- **LOOP Ramp**
 We have a minor issue with the LOOP ramp so this will not be constructed prior to hurricane season. We will wait until November to issue the contract. Mr. Curole requested Mr. Wagner send a letter to the Levee District so he can inform LOOP of the time frame for the ramp.

GEOTECH WORK – ELEVATED LA 1

Mr. Curole stated he had received a permit request for soil borings and CPT soundings adjacent to the levee. Results will be made available to LADOTD for their use in design and construction of the elevated LA 1 highway which will come inside the levee system. We have not received approval from the Corps yet. Mr. Curole recommended the board give their approval with the understanding that we are still waiting for Corps approval.

Moved by Roy Gisclair, seconded by Bobby Eymard and unanimously accepted, the board agreed to approve a permit request by Ardaman & Associates, Inc. to conduct borings and sounding for the relocation of LA 1 highway in Golden Meadow and with the understanding that Corps' approval has not yet been received.

COVER PLATES – BLANCHARD CONTRACTORS

Mr. Curole explained that quotes for cover plates that will fit over the hinge of the lock were received with Blanchard Contractors having the low quote.

CIAP SMALL DREDGE PROJECT, CATFISH LAKE

Mr. Curole explained that the small dredge project is estimated to cost \$30,000 to \$40,000 per acre. We hope to reduce the cost of these projects to around \$4,000 to \$6,000 per acre. In the future, the board might consider purchasing a small dredge so we can do these projects ourselves.

NORTH LITTLE LAKE CIAP AGREEMENT

Mr. Curole explained that the signing of the North Little Lake agreement was based on our receiving \$20M from the State. Although the agreement with the State was signed by the Levee District president and the governor, the attorneys for the State are still working on one issue. Therefore we cannot execute the agreement with the Parish for the North Little Lake Restoration project until the State agreement is finalized.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS

No one was in attendance from the Office of Public Works.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Corps of Engineers Joey Wagner reported on the following projects:

- Crawfish Farm Wall is approximately 89% complete. We are pouring concrete and hope to be finished by the end of April or early May. The sheet piling wall was raised from 11.5 ft to 13.9 ft.
- GM Pump Station project is on track with awarding of contract scheduled for the end of July or early August.
- LOOP T-Wall was discussed earlier.
- Intercostal I-Wall - We met with Neil this morning and will meet again next week to discuss a potential drainage problem. Once the Corps starts work, the drainage will be shut down in that area.

The Corps has decided to allow the Levee District to proceed with the 2006 guidelines for building levees. The SLLD in turn, will need to provide the Corps with a report of all areas of work, the design and how the work is being accomplished. The Corps will provide the Levee District with better maps. The Corps will share their schedules with the Levee District. Various meetings have led to the development of a team to optimize the design standards for hurricane levees with less than 100 year design levels. The Larose to Golden Meadow Hurricane Protection System will be used as pilot program so there will be an increase of engineers in the area observing the work. SLLD levees are already built and have withstood many storms.

Mr. Curole added that we can work closer with the Corps since they are allowing us to build to the old standards.

PROJECT ENGINEERS

PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES

Program Manager Ben Hodson gave the following report:

- **Leon Theriot Lock Completion Phase**
We met with LL&G and their attorney on February 25th to discuss all claims. We are currently responding to multiple claims issued by contractor.
- **LT Lock - Elevation of South Floodgate**
The contractor has completed the repairs to the hinge and is scheduled to reinstall the gates this Thursday and Friday. The project should be complete by the end of the next week. The bayou will be closed for the re-installation of the gates beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday and reopen Friday evening.

Pay Request No. 3 was presented in the amount of \$253,436.54 and recommended for payment.

Moved by Clarence Marts, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously carried, the board approve Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$253,436.54 to Dolphin Services, LLC for the elevation of the south floodgate on the LT Lock.

- **CIAP – Small Dredge (Lafourche Parish)**
Approximately 100,000 yards have been dredged. This project is about 25% complete and should be finished the by the end of May.

J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **The East Golden Meadow Retention project**
I have put together the right-of-way maps and will be meeting with Bryce this week to discuss and hopefully start obtaining ROWs soon.

LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **Section A-East – Raising to +16' (Present elevation is 13')**
Weeks Marine, Inc. is finalizing this project which will be ready for the substantial completion inspection later this week. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 26 for \$192,999.62.

Moved by Roy Gisclair, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously carried, the board approved Pay Request No. 26 for \$192,999.62.

- **Section D-South – Raising to +13.5'**
Manson Gulf, LLC is proceeding with this project which is scheduled to be complete by the middle of 2010. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 13 for \$1,459,589.84.

Moved by Clarence Marts, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously carried, the board approved Pay Request No. 13 for \$1,459,589.84.

- **Section C-North Pipeline Walls – Raising to 15' (Present elevation is 8,8 & 9')**
We are working with the Corps of Engineers, State of Louisiana and pipeline companies on the review of this project. The State has provided some minor comments that we are currently addressing. The pipeline companies and Corps should be completing their reviews in the next one to two weeks. We are recommending an advertisement start date of April 27, 2010 and a bid date of May 27, 2010.

- **Section E-North – Raising to +13’ (Present elevation is 10’)**
We have completed the right-of-way maps showing the locations where additional right-of-ways will be needed for the increased flood protection. We are proceeding with the design for the levee improvements in this area and anticipate having plans and specifications complete next month.
- **C-South and B-North Levee Improvements**
We are working on the design for a bucket dredge project to provide additional material to raise these levees up to + 13' for C-South and + 14' for B-North. We have completed the right-of-way maps showing the locations where additional right-of-ways will be needed for the increased flood protection. Plans and specifications for this project will be complete next month.

Mr. Curole requested Mr. Chett Chiasson of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission be added to the agenda to report on projects affecting the levees.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Roy Gisclair and unanimously accepted, the board agreed to add Executive Director for the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Mr. Chett Chiasson, to the agenda for a report.

Mr. Curole explained the right-of-ways and taking of personal property for levee improvements adding that he wants to be fair to all. He has requested engineer Neil Angelette come up with how much ROW will be needed. We will get an appraisal on what the property is worth at the time of the taking. A general meeting with the public will be called to explain what will take place. A lengthy discussion pursued.

CHETT CHIASSON – GLPC

Mr. Chiasson reported that the Greater Lafourche Port Commission had received \$400,000 in Fisheries Infrastructure funding from Hurricane Katrina funds. The Parish will add \$1M from CPTG recovery funds, and we will add \$25,000 of our own funds to build a storm harbor marina north of the lock to offer fishermen a safe harbor from storms. The Port will build and maintain the facility. The Port plans to meet with engineers and the Levee District to discuss how to exchange the property, should the SLLD wish to become involved in this project. This harbor will be mainly for smaller fishing vessels.

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

In the absence of Chairman Mitch Danos, General Manager Windell Curole announced that five permit requests were received for review with only the Lafourche Parish Water District crossing the levee with a 36-inch waterline. This permit was pre-approved.

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

1. CHEVRON USA INC

CUP NO: P20100173

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Tract # Bloch 3 Bay Marchand Area; (POB) Lat 29° 04' 20.13"N, Long -90° 10' 26.89"W, (POE) Lat 29° 04' 18.76"N, Long -90° 10' 25.57"W.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed jetting to lower an existing 182.10' 4" test line in Bloch 3, Bay Marchand Area. Additionally, the line modification will include a tie-in to an existing Chevron line. Approximately 28 cubic yards of material will be temporarily displaced by hand jetting for the line –lowering and the tie-in location. Approximately 1.5 cubic yards of sandbags will be utilized at the tie-in location. The draft of the lift boat will be 9-10'. No additional dredge or fill is required.

2. APACHE CORPORATION

CUP NO: P20080303

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Section 1, T20S-R21E; Section 78, T19S-R21E; (POB) Lat 29° 22' 36"N, Long -90° 17' 07" W, (POE) Lat. 29° 22' 44"N, Long -90° 17' 06"W, (POE) Lat 29° 22' 25"N, Long-90° 17' 26"W.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed (2) – 4' flowlines and 3' x 100' walkway and 8' x 16' heater platform to serve Apache Corporation – Laterre No. 311 Well. The two pipelines will begin at the well site. One line will travel 868' on the marsh the other will travel 2969' on marsh and be buried under existing canals. Approximately 691 cubic yards of native material will be displaced to bury the line, No additional dredge or fill is required.

3. APACHE CORPORATION

CUP NO: P20100247

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Proposed Production Platform @ Lat 29° 24' 24"N / Long 90° 19' 35"W; P.O.B. (2) 4" flowlines at LL&E 64-2 Well @ Lat 29° 19' 35"W; P.O.B. (2) 4" flowlines at LL&E 64-3 Well @ Lat 29° 24' 21"N / Long 90° 19' 35"W; P.O.E. (4) 4" flowlines at Production Platform @ Lat 29° 24' 23"N / Long 90° 19' 34"W; Section 70 T19S R21E; Golden Meadow Field; Located approximately 3.25 miles northwest from Golden Meadow, LA.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed installation of a 50' x 150' production platform, two 3, x 100' walkways, two 8' x 169' heater platforms and two 4" flowlines, approximately 264' in length, to serve the 64-3 well. No dredge or fill required.

4. LAFOURCHE PARISH WATER DISTRICT: Requesting permission to install a 36-inch water line across the Larose to Golden Meadow, Section A-West, Hurricane Protection levee, vicinity of levee station 2+65, at Golden Meadow.

5. ARDAMAN & ASSOCIATES INC: Request to boring and soundings will begin at S. Alex Plaisance Blvd. and progress southward, remaining west of the road and east of the protection levee. We anticipate that 29 borings and soundings will be made on 100-foot spacing. Based on the current project alignment, some of the boring may be located at the toe of the levee. The boring and soundings will be made to depths of up to 200 feet below ground surface (bgs). The borings will be drilled using 4-inch diameter drill bit and will be grouted upon completion in accordance will LADOTD requirements using cement-bentonite grout mixture. The CPT soundings consist of pushing an approximately 2-inch diameter instrumented cone into the soil. No soil samples are removed from the hole during the CPT process. The holes left behind by CPT sounding will be grouted upon completion.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Bryce Autin reported he is currently working on the following items:

- Right-of-Way work – I have been reviewing the work that Clerical Assistant Amy Gisclair has done and confirming identities of landowners.
- Allain-LeBreton issue is almost resolved. We have come to an agreement and I now feel I can recommend board approval. The only issue outstanding is the map which has been completed and sent to the company for their review.
- Cindy & Hector Barrios appropriation suit has been settled. This was property that was purchased in Larose near the floodgate.

Mr. Curole previously spoke with attorney Bryce Autin and suggested the board consider setting up a mitigation bank for projects such as the small dredge project. Mr. Curole added that we are doing the work, but we are not receiving any environmental credit for it. We are doing it because it is the right thing to do. North Lafourche Levee District has set up a mitigation bank for such purposes. This would give us a cushion for the future projects.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

INVOICES

Chairman Roy Gisclair announced that the Finance Committee had reviewed the invoices. He advised that the invoices were in order and recommended they be paid.

On a motion of Monty Vegas, seconded by Roy Gisclair and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

MAINTENANCE & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman Clarence Marts announced committee met to discuss the following:

- Bid for Crawler Dozer
- Certification of Dragline
- Advertize to sell used Generator for a minimum bid of \$5,000

The following sealed bids were received on Thursday, April 8, 2010 for:

Purchase of a New Crawler Dozer

Company Name	Base Bid Small Track w/ Winch	Alt. 1 Wider Track w/ Winch	Base Bid, Alt. 2 Small Track w/o Winch	Alt. 1 w/ Alt. 2 Wide Track w/o Winch
Doggett Machinery Srvc	-	\$137,000.00	-	\$121,400.00
Louisiana Machinery	\$115,750.00	\$120,350.00	\$99,500.00	\$104,000.00
H & E Equipment Srvc	\$118,635.00	\$120,573.00	\$99,855.00	\$101,796.00

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously accepted, the board agreed to purchase a new crawler dozer under Alternate 1 from H & E Equipment for \$120,573.

OLD BUSINESS

Philadelphia Gear has finished with the last gear heads and will be returning them on Wednesday morning. This will complete the maintenance for all units.

NEW BUSINESS

With no further business to discuss, the board unanimously adjourned the meeting.

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary