

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 8, 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, November 8, 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 November 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
 Robert "Bobby" Eymard, Sr.
 Mitch Danos
 Monty Vegas
 Ernest "EJ" Gremillion
 Lula Auenson

Board members absent: None

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, André Uzee, and Neil Angelette; Board Attorney Bryce Autin; North Lafourche Conservation Levee and Drainage District Dwayne Bourgeois; OCPD Rick Dugas; USACE Joey Wagner, Maude Johnson and Bill Foret; All South Consulting Engineers Steve Smith; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the October 11, 2010 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion Roy Gisclair and seconded by Bob Faulk.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SET EXECUTIVE MEETING FOR 2011 PRIORITIES

President Callais announced that the 2011 Priority Meeting was set for Monday, Nov. 29th at 2:00 p.m. Mary and Amy will contact the members with a reminder.

ALBL REMINDER: DEC 1-2, 2010 (HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR NOV 30TH FOR TWO NIGHTS)

The ALBL Conference will be held Dec. 1st and 2nd in New Orleans. Rooms have been secured at the hotel for two nights beginning Nov. 30th.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Windell Curole reported the following:

PROJECT SCHEDULE 2011

With several projects going on at this time, we are looking at doing extensive work from the southern part of the levee on the west side of Golden Meadow and bringing it up to the back of Cut Off. On the east side, we are hoping to work in the Clovelly area of E-North where some areas are down to 8 and 9 ft. Our goal is to bring those levees up to 12 and 13 ft. We will be addressing the sand issues soon on E-South. On D-South, which is the LL&E Farm, we have material stacked and dried that we could possibly use within the next year to bring the 13 ft. elevation up to 14 or 15 ft. The section in between was raised to 12 ft. by the Corps after Hurricane Katrina, but has since decreased in elevation. This will take us from Breton Canal to Clovelly, which covers a large area. We have the opportunity to raise this area by 2 to 3 ft over the next couple of years which will give us substantial flood protection.

FAST LAND DESIGNATION – DNR LETTER, LOU BUATT

Everything inside our levee system is mitigated. Fast land is used for development. We received a letter from the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) that explains this and it basically reduces the need for obtaining permits. If there are wetlands inside the development area, then a permit will be needed. The Corps would determine if it's in the jurisdiction of wetlands, but the DNR letter helps us.

PUMP REPAIRS - UPDATE

I'd like Jimmy Badeaux to report on the pump repairs, but I would first like to suggest the Equipment Committee meet to discuss our strategy for pump replacements. Some of our pumps are getting to be 30 to 40 years old.

Mr. Badeaux explained that the pump from PS No. 1 was sent to Georgia to get an estimate on repairs. We were charged \$5,200 to dismantle and wash it to determine the extent of damage. They told us the pump could not be repaired and quoted a new pump at \$440,000. I contacted Associated Pumps in Houma and they said they could probably get a rebuilt pump for around \$240,000. After discussing this with Windell, I had the pump shipped from Georgia to Houma. They looked at the pump and determined that it can be repaired. They did not offer a quote, but I'm estimating repairs to be around \$150,000. We pulled a second pump from PS No. 4 and sent that to Associated Pumps in Houma also. They've quoted a price of \$25,000 to rebuild the pump. The repairs for this pump should be completed next week and ready for installation. Mr. Badeaux explained the needed repairs and stated that he feels the salt water has caused a lot of corrosion to the pumps.

It was requested that Commissioner Clarence Marts set up an Equipment Meeting over next couple of months to discuss the pumps.

CUBA TRIP

An organization from Washington invited me to accompany them to Cuba to discuss Hurricanes preparations. The country still has local neighborhood committees so they know everything about everyone and this helps when planning evacuations. We met with their meteorologist who helps determine the time for evacuations. They do a 3-day forecast. We, in the United States, look at a 5-day forecast. I believe the 3-day forecast makes more sense. At 3-days out, you have more of an idea of where the hurricane will go. But at 4 to 5 days out, it's anyone's guess.

D TO G LETTER – DWAYNE BOURGEOIS

Dwayne Bourgeois wrote a letter on behalf of the North and South Lafourche Levee Districts requesting to be un-official co-sponsors of the Donaldsonville to the Gulf Project. Mr. Bourgeois explained that part of the levee district that was once inside the Lafourche Basin Levee District's jurisdiction has been re-directed to NLLD and SLLD. The letter requests that the two levee districts be allowed to take an active role in the decision making process of the project. Mr. Bourgeois requested the board authorize General Manager Windell Curole to co-sign the letter with Mr. Bourgeois.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Bob Faulk and unanimously accepted, the board authorized General Manager Windell Curole to sign the Donaldsonville to the Gulf Project letter with Mr. Dwayne Bourgeois which requests the two levee districts be allowed to take active rolls in the decision making of this Corps project.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

There were no comments from OCPR.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Program Manager Maude Johnson gave the following report:

- E-North: This project is about 40% complete with the vinyl sheet pile and rocks will arrive soon to protect from wave action from the borrow canal. These are repairs from Gustav.
- Mitigation levee: We are reestablishing the berm and should finish by mid December. At that time we will invite the Wildlife & Fisheries along with Mr. Curole and President Callais to review the project in the final stage.
- Golden Meadow Floodwall: We expect the contract for this project to be awarded Nov. 17th. We are going through the final review at this time.
- LOOP Gate Earthen Ramp: Environmental assessments should be complete by mid December. The LOOP fiber optic line will need to be relocated. We will have a letter to this effect going out soon. We will meet with the facility owner in the next couple of weeks to discuss relocating the line and what costs the Corps will reimburse.
- Intercoastal (Larose) Floodwall: Assessments have just begun and should be complete by mid March, 2011.
- LT Lock Protective Plates: We have given our reviews to Picciola & Associates for these repairs.
- B-South, A-West /B-South: Reviews of geotechnical data should be out next week.

Mr. Curole asked if we were close to seeing the new 100 year elevation report. Mr. Joey Wagner explained that they are still reviewing the elevations and that the levels have come down some. Mr. Curole stated that after Katrina we faced being decertified, so it is important that we receive the official data as soon as possible.

Mr. Curole stated he had sent a request to the Washington delegation informing them that there may be some Corps funds that could be re-directed to us. Mr. Wagner replied that he had not heard anything yet, but confirmed that \$3.5M was there. Mr. Wagner stated he would do whatever he could to help re-direct those funds our way.

PROJECT ENGINEERS

PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES

Engineer Joe Picciola gave the following report:

- **E –South Levee Improvements**
Plans for E-South Levee Improvements are 95% complete. We were able to determine E-South does not have enough onsite material to elevate the levee to a +15.0 as originally proposed. We are working with Windell and investigating different options to come up with a cost effective solution to provide acceptable flood protection in this section. We are currently looking at plans to raise the levee to a +14.0 elevation. The latest plan shows there is enough material on the west side of the borrow canal if all of the remaining material within the right-of-way is taken to bring the levee up to a +14.0. As soon as a decision is made in which direction to go, a finalized set of plans should be complete within two weeks.

- **A-West / B-South: Phase I-Clearing and Grubbing**

Phase 1: Phase 1 of this project consists of clearing and grubbing the islands located in the borrow area. We received 6 bids on October 19, 2010. Storm Reconstruction Services, Inc. from Mobile, Alabama was the low bidder in the amount of \$99,600.00. We are requesting approval from the Board to award the contract pending approval from Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration.

Moved by Lula Auenson, seconded by Bobby Eymard and unanimously accepted, the board approved awarding the contract of A-West/B-South Phase 1 Clearing and Grubbing to the low bidder, Storm Reconstruction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$99,600, pending approval from the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration.

Phase 2: Phase 2 will consist of a trucked-in dirt job beginning just north of the Golden Meadow Pak and ending just south of the Apache dock. Preliminary plans are 95% complete. We are looking into different options to bring the levee elevation up to a +16.0. We are also working with Windell to select the most practical option to provide acceptable flood protection in the section. As soon as a decision is made in which direction to go, a finalized set of plans should be complete within two weeks.

- **Elevation of South Floodgate Investigation – Phase 2**

The project consists of constructing a sheet pile of floodwall to a +16.00 elevation connecting the south floodgate to the existing earthen levee. The proposed design consists of a system which would be independent of the existing structure. This new addition would be supported by an "A-Frame" pile system. We are expecting to receive a report from the geotechnical engineer (PSI) within the next 3 weeks. Once PSI has completed their analysis, the report will be submitted to the Corps for review. Upon receiving PSI's report, we will be able to finalize the plans and specifications and then submit them to the Corps for review.

- **Leon Theriot Locks – Protective Plate Repair**

The project consists of repairing the concrete structure's corner protective plates. These plates were damaged from marine traffic passing through the locks and bumping the plates. The Corps has reviewed and commented on the drawings. These comments were addressed last week by our office. We received three bids on the project and Blanchard Contractors, Inc. was the low bidder in the amount of \$63,513.82. The SLLD will oversee the construction of this project with the assistance of Picciola & Associates, Inc. as needed.

Moved by Roy Gisclair, seconded by Mitch Danos and unanimously accepted, the board approved the advertising and awarding of the Protective Plate Repair to Blanchard Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$63,513.82.

J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.

Program Manager Andre Uzee reported the following:

- **East Golden Meadow Retention Project**

We are currently working with the Corps to obtain permits. The right-of-way acquisitions should be complete next week.

LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – ANGELETTE-PICCIOLA, LLC

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **Section D-South – Raising to +13.5'**

Manson Gulf, LLC is proceeding with this project. The levee has been raised to an elevation of +13.5' and work is continuing on the final grading. Work is expected to be substantially later this month.

- **Section C-North Pipeline Walls – Raising to 15’ (Present elevation is 8,8 & 9’)**
We have received the signed contacts back from the contractor and will be issuing the Notice to Proceed this week.
- **Section E-North – Raising to +13’ (Present elevation is 10’)**
This project will exhaust all the remaining borrow material in the existing borrow canal and provide stability berm improvement and material for levee height improvements to +13. We are proceeding with the final design and drawings for this project. Preliminary plans have been sent to the Corps of Engineers for their review and comments.
- **C-South and B-North Levee Improvements**
This project will provide stability berm improvements and additional material to raise these levees up to +13’ for C-South and +14’ for B-North. We are proceeding with the final design and drawings for this project. Preliminary plans have been sent to the Corps of Engineers for their review and comments.

Mr. Curole announced upcoming right-of-way meetings for public to take place on Nov. 17th from 5p.m. to 8p.m. at the St. Joseph Recreation Center in Galliano, and on Nov. 18th from 5p.m. to 8p.m. at the Cut Off Youth Center in Cut Off.

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

Chairman Mitch Danos announced that three (3) permit requests were received for review and that none interfered with the levees.

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

1. CHEVRON USA INC

CUP NO: P20101203

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA, POB: Begin Access Improvements: Lat 29° 46’ 57.82” N. Long -90° 31’ 21.81”W; End Access Improvements: Lat 29° 46’ 53.51”N Long -90° 31’25.93”W Begin P/L Excavation: Lat 29° 46’ 53.78”N. Long -90° 31’ 26.36”W; End P/L Excavation: Lat 29° 46’ 52.24”N Long -90° 31’ 24.43W Section 39, T15S-R19E; Approximately 13.5 miles northeast of Raceland, LA.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed project includes the widening of an existing access road, removal of grated/wooden walkway, enlargement of an existing valve site, and the lifting of an existing 8” pipeline. The existing 14’ wide access road shall be widened to 20’ with two 20’ wings and requiring approximately 235 cubic yards of limestone fill. The existing 10’ x 15’ valve site will be enlarged to 20’ x 40’, the existing fence will be removed, and area will be covered with limestone fill. The lifting of the existing 8” pipeline will require the excavation of a 250’ x 20’ 3.5’ trench resulting in approximately 512 cubic yards of excavated/backfill material. The temporary spoil will be placed adjacent to the trench in a 250’ x 8’ – 23’ area. *Approximately 0.6 acres may be impacted as a result of this proposed activity.

2. GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

CUP NO: Request to Extend P20071234

LOCATION: Section 2, T23S-R22E; Section 3, T23S-R22E; North Bank of Flotation Canal; Fourchon, LA. (POB) Lat. 29° 08’ 51”N, Long -90° 12’ 35”W; (POE) Lat 29° 08’ 55”N, Long -90° 12’ 2”W.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed construction of dolphins for marine vessel mooring outside of the channel limits and construction of a 10’ x 2092’ riprap barriers to protect the existing marsh. Approximately 837 cu. yds of rock will be used to construct the rip-rap barrier. No additional dredge or fill is required. *Approximately 0.48 acre of water bottom habitat may be impacted by the proposed activity.

3. CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY

CUP NO: P20101303

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; POB Suction Dredging: Lat 29° 23' 32"N, Long. -90° 20' 50"W; POB Bucket Dredging: Lat 29° 23' 36"N, Long -90° 21' 18"W; POE Bucket Dredging: Lat 29° 23' 37"N, Long -90° 21' 29"W; POE Suction Dredging/LL&E No. 1 Well: Lat 29° 23' 46"N, Long -90° 21' 24"W (NAD 83); X=2,311,038/Y=266,440 (NAD 27); Section 71 T19S R21E; Approximately 4.1 miles southwesterly from Galliano, LA.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed project included the dredging of approximately 4148' x 160' slip with 90' x 90' wing as well as the installation of 250' x 80' x 3' rock pas and a typical 54' x 210' drilling barge for the purpose of drilling LL&E No. 1 Well. Proposed length of access channel to be suction dredged will measure approximately 2519' and the remaining portion to be bucket dredged will measure approximately 973'. Proposed access to slip to be suction dredged is approximately 656' and included a turning wing at the entrance of the canal. Area of marsh to be bucket dredged on the east side of the slip will measure approximately 153' x 20' x 9'. Also included in the proposed project is the bucket dredging of an area 195' 50' 6' for the purpose of creating a plug at the end of the slip per landowner request. Project also proposed the beneficial use of dredge material to be deposited in approximately 14.15 acres of surrounding shallow water ponds to 1.5' high and approximately 1.38 acres along the banklines of the access canal and slip to 4' high. *Approximately 0.07 acres of direct impacts and approximately 0.67 acres of the indirect impact to marsh habitat will result from the proposed activity. Approximately 23.83 acres of non-vegetated waterbottoms may be impacted as a result of this proposed activity.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Attorney Bryce Autin offered the following report:

Resolution approving Joint Petition and Judgment between DOTD and SLLD in matter captioned "State of Louisiana, Dept. of Transportation and Development v. Ad-Val, et al, Suit No. 115551, Parish of Lafourche-Division A"

This is the expropriation proceeding I informed you of during previous meetings. There was a question of ownership and title on one of the tracts that was needed for the elevated highway in Golden Meadow. Because of this, they named everyone involved in the expropriation proceeding. The SLLD was named because we have servitude covering that property for the levee. None of our rights will be taken, and this will settle that matter. I recommend the board approve and authorize the General Manager to sign the judgment and petition on behalf of the Levee District.

Moved by Bob Faulk, seconded by Mitch Danos, and unanimously accepted, the board gave their approval and authorized General Manager Windell Curole to sign the Judgment and Petition to settle the matter captioned "State of Louisiana, Dept. of Transportation and Development v. Ad-Val, et al, Suit No. 115551, Parish of Lafourche-Division A".

Pipeline Agreements

Three pipeline companies will be affected by the C-North project. I recommend the board authorize the signing of all three agreements which include Gulf South, Williams and American Mid-Stream pipelines. These are standard forms and Neil Angelette has confirmed with all contractors that they will abide by the terms.

Moved by Bobby Eymard, seconded by Roy Gisclair, and unanimously accepted, the board authorized General Manager Windell Curole to sign Pipeline Agreements as recommended by Board Attorney Bryce Autin.

Mr. Curole explained that the walls are 7 and 8 ft in elevation, but the levees are up to 13 ft. To get these walls up to 15 ft would make a substantial improvement in that area.

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 Roy Gisclair, seconded by Lula Auenson and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Monty Vegas announced that he had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Curole questioned Dwayne Bourgeois regarding a response from FEMA. He stated he had seen the letter, but not the data. Mr. Dwayne Bourgeois explained that he had not received the data yet either. Mr. Bourgeois called for the data and was told that it was an elaborate file on CD. He was told that they ran the WAFIS model one more time and gave inputs and outputs. So with this data we should be able to see what they included and did not include. They did not do mapping yet. Mr. Curole explained to the board the model that was ran. Mr. Bourgeois stated that the CD should arrive tomorrow.

Commissioner Clarence Marts thanked Levee Operations Superintendent Jimmy Badeaux for taking him on an east side tour of levee system. Mr. Marts commented on the wonderful job the crews were doing in those areas. Mr. Marts stated that Mr. Badeaux has offered to bring any board members on a tour of the levee system that wanted to go, and urged other members who have not toured the levee, to do so.

NEW BUSINESS

TLCD Right of Way Acquisition – Point Aux Chenes

Mr. Curole presented a letter from Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District on the Right-of-Way Acquisition for Point Aux Chenes Tie-In Levee, Phase 1. Mr. Curole explained that we have a signed agreement with TLCD and NLLD to provide support for projects that affect two or more of the three districts. The letter explains that TLCD is needs help from SLLD in obtaining certain right-of-ways for portions of property that fall inside SLLD’s jurisdiction. Stevie Smith showed a map and explained areas where additional right-of-ways will be needed. He explained that TLCD will provide all the maps and documents for review and execution by SLLD. Costs and associated expenses will be borne by TLCD as described in the letter.

Videos & Slide Show

Mr. Curole showed two videos; the first was of the Marsh Creation project ,and the second was of Clovelly Farms area during Hurricane Ike. He then presented a slide show of old Parish pump stations and levees as compared to today’s pump stations and levees.

With no further business to discuss, the board unanimously adjourned the meeting on a motion by Roy Gisclair and seconded by Bob Faulk.

s/Ronald Callais, President

s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary