

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2004
RACELAND, LOUISIANA**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LAFOURCHE**

THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2004, TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THE SPECIAL LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 5:30 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HWY. 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND, LOUISIANA.

Mr. Michael Delatte, Chairman, stated that the Public Works and Solid Waste Committee was ready for the transaction of business following the close of the Special Lafourche Parish Council meeting. Proceedings of the meeting were called to order at 5:40 p.m. with the following:

PRESENT: Mr. Tyrone Williams
Mr. Michael Delatte–Chairman
Mr. Michael Matherne
Dr. Tommy Lasseigne
Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer
Mr. Lindel Touts
Mr. L. Phillip Gouaux, II
Mr. Brent Callais
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

The first (1) item on the agenda was Mr. Myron Savoie to address the Committee regarding water issues on Fantastic Boulevard. Mr. Savoie was not present.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The next item on the agenda was the Director of Public Works report. Mr. Ray Cheramie gave updates on some of the major projects that have been completed and some that were in progress. He stated that the Leighton 80 Arpent Canal and the Fantastic Boulevard. sweep-out was completed. Mr. Cheramie reported on the drainage ditch projects that were completed: Fairfield, Leighton Pump Station Road, Louise Street, St. Bernard, Douglas Adams, Vincent Adams, and Zynn Street. He then reported on the ongoing drainage ditch projects: Parish Line, Wilson Street, and Sergian Trixillo. He reported that the Larose Levee Project (the recapping of the levee that had to be sandbagged for two days for Storm Matthew) was still ongoing. The recapping of the levee from Valentine to Ludevine was 75% completed. Other projects completed were the outfall canals: Delaune, Jim Danos, Eroy, George Loupe, Jr., Joel Comeaux West 25th, West 11th (LA 3235 to 40Arpent), and West 41st (rear then north and south on LA 3235). He reported on the outfall canals that are still ongoing: East 25th Street, and Milton Rogers. Mr. Cheramie said that there was an ongoing project of trees being pulled on East 90th at Hunter Ditch to sweep out the ditch. He stated that the project at the 40 Arpent Canal was ongoing with the South Lafourche Levee District. Mr. Cheramie said that there was an ongoing project of digging and pulling trees to clear Pointe Au Saussie so it can be swept. The sidewalks on West 134th Pl. to West 135th St. were being prepared

to put the metal rods in place because all the cement has been broken and formed. The digging and clearing of Ron Pon Pon Levee Canal was ongoing. The drain pipe was installed through the levee by Michael Chiasson. Mr. Cheramie said that two major levee leaks were repaired (south side of Chackbay), two engines were changed out at Chackbay 101 Pump Station, and the Lateral Ditch (Chackbay) was re-dug. He also toured Hollywood Canal with Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer (took pictures) for the drainage project that would help the Bayou Blue residents. He stated that the levees would not need a lot of work for pumps to be installed and that the canal had more water than told. He then said that Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and himself would check out the northern part of the canal (New 90 to Thibodaux). A discussion ensued about the change out of engines at Chackbay 101. Mr. Cheramie stated that the engines that were installed in the original project did not have enough horsepower (bogging down on pumping). Mr. Cheramie dealt with Mr. Ed Comeaux with M&L Industries, which took back the engines and replaced them with a little more horsepower for a minimal cost. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer thanked Mr. Ray Cheramie, Mr. Terry Arabie, and Mr. Steve for going on the tour of Hollywood Canal; then showed and explained the nineteen pictures that were taken to give an idea of what was seen and what is being dealt with every time it rains. Mr. Cheramie stated that he was really impressed with the canal being somewhat clean, that some of the debris was already being cleared out, already spoke with some of the landowners to get on their property to remove some of the trees that are hanging into the water (holding the debris), and contacted the Wildlife and Fisheries to help with the clearing of the water lilies. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer also mentioned that Mr. Ray Cheramie, Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, President Randolph, and Mr. Terry Arabie met with Terrebonne Parish in reference to the St. Louis Canal Dam to have an opening dialogue with their new Administration (Mr. Schwab, the Administrator, and the Public Works Director). A brief discussion ensued about ongoing projects.

DISCUSSIONS

The next item (2) on the agenda was a discussion concerning contractors cutting trees for Entergy and not disposing of them. Mr. Daniel Lorraine stated that the contractors that work for Entergy are cutting down trees and not disposing them (throwing them in the ditches). Mr. Lorraine asked that Entergy look into what can be done to resolve these matters. Mr. Harry Shields with Entergy suggested that Mr. Lorraine meet with him to inform him of the locations. A discussion ensued about the processes of getting the trees trimmed.

The next item (3) on the agenda was a discussion concerning Road Sales Tax Districts 3, 5 and 6. This item was *deferred*.

The next item (4) on the agenda was a discussion concerning tall grass along West 167th Street, West 148th Street, and East 152nd Street. Mr. Daniel Lorraine stated that the employee processing the grass complaints is aggressive in handling the complaints, but asked for the Administration to provide assistance to the department since there is a back log of tall grass complaints. Mr. Phillip Gouaux stated that there was an Ordinance in place that is causing the back logging.

The next item (5) on the agenda was a discussion concerning broken culverts causing drainage problems in Councilmatic District 9. Mr. Daniel Lorraine made a **motion** to authorize the Administration to take the money from the drainage funds to repair the culverts (in-house) on East 175th, West 175th, West 117th, and West 163rd. Mr. Brent Callais seconded the motion. Mr. Lindel Touns asked if the broken culverts were in driveways or in the streets. Mr. Daniel Lorraine explained that the culverts are in the drainage. A discussion ensued about saving the Parish money. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (6) on the agenda was a discussion concerning drainage regulations imposed by the parish. Mr. Brent Callais asked that the Administration and the Department of Public Works create a policy on drainage regulations by the end of the year that can be enforced and adopted by ordinance. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer suggested that the Council address the Subdivision Regulation Committee regarding this matter. Mr. Callais said that he would attend the next meeting to discuss this matter.

RESOLUTIONS

The next item (7) on the agenda was a resolution certifying to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development that they have and will continue to comply with all FHWA/DOTD requirements regarding performance of interim inspections, calculating the load carrying capacity and load posting deficient bridges under their jurisdiction for 2004. The Administration requested that this resolution be *deferred*.

RESOLUTION WAS DEFERRED

The next item (8) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Legislative Delegation concerning the raising of Louisiana Highway 24 during the up coming upgrade between Larose Bridge and the big Bayou Blue Marina. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups. Mr. Phillip Gouaux gave a briefing on the resolution stating that when the tide is high, the water comes onto the Highway and raising it would be beneficial since it is an evacuation route. The motion *carried* to adopt said resolution by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES. NO. RAISING OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 24

The next item (9) on the agenda was a resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by Low Land Construction Co., Inc. in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion on the construction of the Lockport Boat Launch Renovations, Ward (4), District (6), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine. A brief explanation was given by Mr. Joe Picciola, with Picciola and Associates. The motion *carried* to adopt said resolution by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES. NO. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK, LOW LAND CONSTRUCTION

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays, to *open* the Two-Third Agenda.

TWO-THIRD AGENDA

The first item (1) was a discussion concerning Morristown Sewerage Community Services Block Grants (CSBG) Project. Mr. Cullen Curole, Parish Administrator explained the situation. He asked for the Council's guidance. Mr. Curole stated that it was a sewerage project in the Morristown area that was funded by the CSBG that was received from the Federal Government. The project has been engineered twice and spent over \$90,000. The current design needs the landowners to sign over their property rights and they are refusing. Mr. Curole said that South Central Planning suggested that it be re-engineered. He stated that the two landowners that are not complying own the majority of the property and that re-engineering would not help the situation. He stated that if the Parish stopped the project, \$90,000 would be owed to the Government in re-payments, and that the re-engineering costs would not be 100% reimbursable. Mr. Curole stated that the project needed to canceled or completed before the Parish would be eligible to receive any other grants from CSBG. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer asked for some time for the Council to get together before a decision was made. Mr. Lindel Toups asked the Administration why they did not get the landowners' approval

to where the sewerage plants were to be built before the grant was applied for. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer said that he would get a recommendation for the Council for the next meeting.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays, to **close** the Two-Third Agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next item on the agenda was Other Business. Mr. Phillip Gouaux stated that he had a couple of items to discuss. The first matter was that the Holy Rosary Church wants to expand their cemetery and they are having problems with the drainage ditch that runs through the existing cemetery. Mr. Gouaux asked for assistance from the Church, Drainage District No. 1, and the Lafourche Parish Council, to close the ditch with culverts. The second matter was in the back of the Nolan Troups Subdivision, he said there is a main drainage ditch and the banks are falling into the ditch causing the road to be undercut. He then asked that the Administration research for a grant that can be applied for to repair the road with sheet piling, cement, or whatever could be obtained. President Randolph asked if it was part of the FEMA project. Mr. Gouaux responded that it was not part of the project and then asked for Mr. Joe Picciola to clarify the situation. Mr. Picciola stated that the edge of the road is right up against the ditch (which is a fairly big outfall canal) and it is hard to support the edge of the road. He said that FEMA had put stipulations on the amount of money that would be allowed for the grant awards. Mr. Picciola stated that to concrete the whole length of the ditch (from 13th St. to the 40 Arpent Canal) would cost approximately three quarters of a million dollars. He went on to say that due to the cost is why it was out of the scope of the project for FEMA. Further discussions ensued about the drainage issues. Mr. Picciola said that it took great effort to try to stabilize the shoulder, but the ditch is too deep, the road is too close, and it is near the 40 Arpent Canal. Further discussions continued.

Mr. Lindel Troups asked Mr. Picciola for an update on the FEMA project in progress behind the St. Anne Hospital. Mr. Picciola stated that he will get with the Department of Public Works to discuss ideas on how to handle the water behind the shopping center which was proposing a dilemma and after doing so, the project would be ready for bidding. Mr. Ray Cheramie gave an explanation on how diverting the water behind the shopping center and the truck stop to Bayou Lafourche would benefit the area and that it was being researched to see if that was a possible solution.

ADJOURNMENT

On **motion** by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Public Works and Solid Waste Committee meeting of October 26, 2004, **adjourned** at 6:30 pm.

**MICHAEL DELATTE, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH PUBLIC WORKS
AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

**SHEILA B. BOUDREAUX, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**