

2025-0188

**INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)**

ORDINANCE NO. 25-7-11

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Contract with Sealevel Construction, Inc., for Montz Pump Station No. 2 and Drainage Improvements (Project No. P210806), as part of the East Bank West Shore Hurricane Protection Levee system, in the amount of \$18,882,865.00.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 21-11-4 adopted on November 15, 2021, by the St. Charles Parish Council, approved and authorized the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with GIS Engineering, LLC, to perform engineering services for Montz Pump Station No. 2 (Project No. P210806), not to exceed \$913,980.00; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 22-3-13 adopted March 21, 2022 and Ordinance No. 23-2-7 adopted February 27, 2023, by the St. Charles Parish Council, approved and authorized the execution of Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 21-11-4, which approved the Professional Services Agreement with GIS Engineering, LLC, to perform engineering services for the Montz Pump Station No. 2 (Parish Project Number P210806), to address the addition of Additional Services (Permitting, Topographic Surveying and Cultural Resource Surveying) and to cover fees for additional permitting work as it became necessary; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 23-7-8 adopted July 10, 2023, by the St. Charles Parish Council, approved and authorized the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Principal Engineering, Inc., to perform engineering services for a US 61 Canal Improvements Project (Project No. P230602), in the not to exceed amount of \$48,656.25; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 24-8-6 adopted August 19, 2024, by the St. Charles Parish Council, approved and authorized the execution of a Wetlands Mitigation Agreement by and between St. Charles Parish and Delta Land Services, L.L.C., for wetlands mitigation for the Montz Pump Station (Parish Project No. P210301), Montz Pump Station No. 2 (Parish Project No. P210806) and drainage improvements along Highway 61 permitted under the Montz Pump Stations and Drainage Improvement Project in the amount of \$175,800.00; and,

WHEREAS, Montz Pump Station No. 2, being part of the Spillway Levee and closure for the West Shore Levee, will provide 340 cfs of pumping capacity and provide flood protection for 843 dwellings, 28 industrial buildings, an electrical power plant, several industrial facilities, a church, and a fire station; and,

WHEREAS, Montz Pump Station No. 2, includes five (5) 67cfs, pumps, five (5) sets of automatic screen cleaners, associated 36" discharge piping, and a one (1) acre sump for rain water storage capacity; and,

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received by St. Charles Parish on June 17, 2025, for Montz Pump Station No. 2 and Drainage Improvements (Project No. P210806), as part of the East Bank West Shore Hurricane Protection Levee system; and,

WHEREAS, GIS Engineering, LLC, has reviewed the bids and recommends that the Contract be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Sealevel Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$18,882,865.00.

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. That the bid of Sealevel Construction, Inc. for the construction of Montz Pump Station No. 2 and Drainage Improvements (Project No. P210806), as part of the East Bank West Shore Hurricane Protection Levee system in the amount of \$18,882,865.00 is hereby approved and accepted.

SECTION II. That the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Contract on behalf of St. Charles Parish.

SECTION III. A final Notice of Contract shall be printed and filed in place of the contract documents with the St. Charles Parish Clerk of Court and in the records of the St. Charles Parish Council.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MOBLEY, FONSECA, WILSON, SKIBA, PILIE, COMARDELLE,
O'DANIELS, FISHER, DEBRULER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 21st day of July, 2025, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: *Shelly Fonseca*
SECRETARY: *Michelle Dupontato*
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: *July 22, 2025*
APPROVED: *✓* DISAPPROVED:

PARISH PRESIDENT: *Math Jones*
RETD/SECRETARY: *July 22, 2025*
AT: *2:49pm* RECD BY: *[Signature]*

SECTION 00500

CONTRACT

This agreement entered into this 22nd day of July, 20 25, by Sealevel Construction, Inc., hereinafter called the "Contractor", whose business address is P. O. Box 1037, Thibodaux, LA 70302, and the St. Charles Parish, hereinafter called the "Owner".

Owner and Contractor, in consideration of premises and the mutual covenants; consideration and agreement herein contained, agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

STATEMENT OF WORK

- 1.01 Contractor shall furnish all labor and materials and perform the work required to build, construct and complete in a thorough and workmanlike manner in connection with the following:

Montz Pump Station No. 2 and Drainage Improvements
Project Number: P210806

- 1.02 The abovementioned work shall be completed in strict accordance with Contract Documents prepared by: GIS Engineering, LLC and Principal Engineering, Inc.
- 1.03 It is recognized by the parties herein that said Contract Documents including by way of example and not of limitation, the Specifications and Pump Station Drawings dated June 25, 2025, the Drainage Improvement Drawings dated May 7, 2025, Addenda number(s) 1 & 2, the Instruction to Bidders, Supplemental Instructions to Bidders, Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Form, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions (if applicable), any Addenda thereto, impose duties and obligations upon the parties herein, and said parties thereby agree that they shall be bound by said duties and obligations. For these purposes, all of the provisions contained in the aforementioned Contract Documents are incorporated herein by reference with the same force and effect as though said Contract Documents were herein set out in full.
- 1.04 The Work is generally described as follows: Construct a new drainage pump station with discharge over the Bonnet Carre Spillway upper guide levee. Construct new ditch and berm parallel to existing ditch on US Hwy 61.

ARTICLE 2

ENGINEER

- 2.01 The Project has been designed by GIS Engineering, LLC, who is hereinafter called "Engineer" and who will assume all duties and responsibilities and have the rights and authority assigned to Engineer in the Contract Documents in connection with completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents as it pertains to Montz Pump Station No. 2.
- 2.02 The Project has been designed by Principal Engineering, Inc., who is hereinafter called "Engineer" and who will assume all duties and responsibilities and have the rights and authority assigned to Engineer in the Contract Documents in connection with completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents as it pertains to the drainage improvements in association with the Montz Pump Station No. 2.

ARTICLE 3

CONTRACT TIME

- 3.01 The Contractor shall complete the Work under the Contract within 540 calendar days from the date stated in the Notice to Proceed.

ARTICLE 4

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

- 4.01 Owner and Contractor recognize that the Owner will suffer direct financial loss if Work is not completed within the Contract Time specified plus any extensions thereof allowed in accordance with these General Conditions of this Contract, and therefore, time is of the essence. They also recognize the delays, expense and difficulties involved in proving in a legal proceeding the actual loss suffered by Owner if the Work is not completed on time. Accordingly, instead of requiring any such proof, Contractor and Surety agree to forfeit and pay Owner ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED dollars \$1,500.00 per day as Liquidated Damages for delay (but not as a penalty). Such Liquidated Damages will be assessed for each calendar day that expires after the Contract Time. This amount represents a reasonable estimate of Owner's expenses for extended delays and the costs associated therein. This provision shall be effective between the parties ipso facto and without demand or putting in default, it being specifically agreed that the Contractor by his mere failure to complete the work on or before the date specified shall be deemed in default.

ARTICLE 5

CONTRACT PRICE

- 5.01 The Owner will pay and the Contractor will accept in full consideration for the performance of the Contract the sum of:
- a) (\$18,882,865.00) EIGHTEEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE Dollars based on unit prices specified within this contract document. Contract price is firm and subject only to modification by written Change Order agreed to and signed by both parties and the Engineer and approved by the St. Charles Parish Council.

ARTICLE 6

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

- 6.01 Contractor shall submit Applications for Payment to the Engineer in accordance with Article 15 of the General Conditions. Applications for Payment will be processed by Engineer as provided in the General Conditions.
- 6.02 Progress Payments. Progress payments will be based upon estimated quantities of contract unit price items or upon estimated percentages of completion of the schedule of lump sum values of labor and materials incorporated into the Work or suitably stored, on the last day of each month or other mutually agreed regular monthly date ending the progress payment period, less retainage.
- 6.03 Application for Payment Form. The form of the Application for Payment must be suitable to the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to withhold payment until the form of Application for Payment is deemed acceptable by the Owner.
- 6.04 Retainage. Per Paragraph 15.01.D retainage shall be withheld and payments will be made by the Owner in the payment amount of:
- a) Ninety percent (90%) of the approved payment applications for projects with contract of less than \$500,000.00; or
- b) Ninety-five percent (95%) of the approved payment applications for projects with contract prices of \$500,000.01 or greater.
- 6.05 The normal retainage shall not be due the Contractor until after Substantial Completion and expiration of the forty-five (45) day lien period and submission to the Engineer of a clear lien certificate and invoice for retainage.
- 6.06 Final Payment. Upon the final completion of all Work, the Contractor may request a final inspection and may make a final Application for Payment as provided by Paragraph 15.06 of the General Conditions.

- 6.07 Final Acceptance. When Final Acceptance is granted by the Owner, the Owner shall file the certificate with the Recorder of Mortgages for St. Charles Parish.
- 6.08 At the expiration of the lien period the Contractor shall obtain a certificate from the Recorder of Mortgages of the Parish of St. Charles that the Contract is clear of any liens or privileges, and said certificate shall be presented to the Owner for final payment and release of retainage, less any such sums as may be lawfully withheld under the Contract.
- 6.09 Claims. Pursuant to La. R.S. 38:2242, when the Owner receives any claim of nonpayment arising out of the Contract, the Owner shall deduct such claim from the Contract Sum. The Contractor, or any interested party, may deposit security, in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2242.2, guaranteeing payment of the claim with the Recorder of Mortgages for St. Charles Parish. When the Owner receives original proof of such guarantee from the Recorder of Mortgages, the claim deduction will be added back to the Contract Sum.

ARTICLE 7

CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS

- 7.01 In order to induce Owner to enter into this Agreement, Contractor makes the following representations:
- 7.02 Contractor has familiarized itself with the nature and extent of the Contract Documents, Work, site, locality, and all local conditions and laws and regulations that in any manner may affect cost, progress, performance or finishing of the Work.
- 7.03 Contractor has studied carefully all reports of explorations and tests of subsurface physical conditions and drawings of physical conditions which are identified in the Information Available To Bidders and as provided in the General Conditions.
- 7.04 Contractor has obtained and carefully studied (or assumed responsibility for obtaining and carefully studying) all such examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports and studies (in addition to or to supplement those referred to in Paragraph 2 above) which pertain to the subsurface or physical conditions at or contiguous to the site or which otherwise may affect the cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work as Contractor considers necessary for the performance or furnishing of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Time and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents. In exercising its responsibility with respect to subsurface conditions and physical conditions at the site, Contractor has or will obtain or perform at no additional cost to the Owner such additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports, studies, or similar information or data as may be required by Contractor for such purposes.

ARTICLE 8

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- 8.01 The following Contract Documents, which comprise the entire Agreement between Owner and Contractor, are all hereby made a part of that Agreement to the same extent as if incorporated herein in full:
- a) Contract (Section 00500)
 - b) Performance Bond (Section 00611)
 - c) Payment Bond (Section 00610)
 - d) Insurance Certificates
 - e) Advertisement for Bids (Section 00010)
 - f) Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Form (Section 00300)
 - g) Addenda (Numbers One to Two inclusive)
 - h) Contract documents bearing the general title "Montz Pump Station No. 2 and Drainage Improvements" dated June 25, 2025.
 - i) Drawings bearing the general title "Montz Pump Station No. 2 and Drainage Improvements – Pump Station" prepared by GIS Engineering, LLC, consisting of a cover sheet dated June 25, 2025 and the sheets listed on Drawing G02 entitled "General Notes and Drawing Index."
 - j) Drawings bearing the general title "Montz Pump Station No. 2 and Drainage Improvements – Drainage Improvements", prepared by Principal Engineering, Inc., consisting of a cover sheet dated May 7, 2025, and the sheets listed on Drawing 1 entitled "Title Sheet."
 - k) General Conditions (Section 00700)
 - l) Supplementary Conditions (if applicable for compliance purposes) (Section 0800)

There are no Contract Documents other than those listed above in this Article 8. The Contract may only be amended, modified or supplemented as provided for in the General Conditions.

ARTICLE 9

MISCELLANEOUS

- 9.01 No assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the Contract Documents will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and specifically but without limitation, moneys that may become due and moneys that are due may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent that the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), and, unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the Contract Documents. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Owner may assign this contract to the State of Louisiana or any political subdivision, municipality, special district or authority thereof without Contractor's consent and without recourse.
- 9.02 Owner and Contractor each binds himself, his partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party hereto, his partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives in respect to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.
- 9.03 It is hereby agreed and understood by the parties hereto that any and all disputes that may result in litigation shall be litigated in the 29th Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Charles.
- 9.04 In accordance with La R.S. 38:2216.1 and 39:1602.2, Contractor agrees that it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association based solely on the entity's or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association. Further, Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of the contract based solely on the entity's or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Owner and Contractor have signed this Agreement effective as of the date first written above. All portions of the Contract Documents have been signed or identified by Owner and Contractor or by Engineer on their behalf.

OWNER: Parish of St. Charles
By: [Signature]
Title: Parish President

CONTRACTOR:
By: [Signature]
Richard J. Roth
Title: Director

ATTEST:
By: [Signature]
Title: Deputy CAO

ATTEST:
By: [Signature]
Amanda R. Taylor
Title: Contract Administrator

END OF SECTION