MORE PROJECT PLANNED FOR PUBLIC BEACH

Leaders in the successful move to build Cypremort public beach have plans for further projects in connection with the controversial beach.

Nathan Levy, a police jury member of St. Mary Parish, reported in Franklin that the sand beach is being built on a section of land that includes 500 acres in St. Mary and 140 acres in Iberia Parish. The land is owned by the school boards of the respective parishes.

The idea for the plan developed one day in a barber shop in Franklin during a discussion between Levy and school board members Marvin Morris and Dr. Paul Trowbridge, according to Levy.

A state grant of some $975,000 was obtained from the bond and building commission for the construction of two beaches, one for white people and another for colored about two miles away and on the opposite side of Cypremort on land that is being obtained from the Miami Corporation.

Quintana Oil Company dug a three quarter mile long canal at the property, said Levy, and the firm of T. L. James recently won a $275,000 Department of Public Works bid to begin work on excavation. Levy estimated that the job will get underway in 10 days.

After the base settles and a road and bridge have been built said will be hauled in, probably from the mouth of the Mississippi River. Wharves and other facilities will be installed at the site.

Levy predicted that the beach would serve a large area of Southwest Louisiana. He said a causeway out into the Gulf of Mexico, as in Galveston, Texas as the next step to consider.

Survey work and land acquisition steps have been taken for the Negro beach, said Levy, who said the police jury, the school board and public works department among agencies who would work out the program.

A civic building at the site a parking area of some 100 acres, and a sewer disposal plant were other possibilities for the beach. The beach proper will be about three quarters of a mile in width from the Quintana Canal to Shark Bayou. Levy predicted the second phase of the project would be let out on bids in about a year.