**Committee Meeting**

**January 19, 2022**

**The Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District met as a Committee of the Whole this day at its official domicile at 21380 Highway 20 in Vacherie, Louisiana. The public was invited to attend via Teleconference and at the LBLD office in accordance with the Louisiana Governor’s Proclamation Number 234- JBE 2021 Renewal of State Emergency for COVID-19, Extension of Emergency Provisions, LBLD office will require all individuals to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth. You can refer to gov.louisiana.gov for guideline exceptions. The meeting was called to order by its President, Eric Matherne, at 6:00 P.M.**

**The following Commissioners were in attendance: Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish; Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; James Jasmin, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish. Donald Henry, Executive Director was present. Ivy Chauvin, Assistant Executive Director and Larry Buquoi, Attorney were absent.**

**Commissioner Arthur Bosworth made the motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Jeffrey Henry seconded his motion.** **President Matherne called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:**

**YEAS:**

* **Michael McKinney, Sr.**
* **Arthur Bosworth IV**
* **Larry Sorapuru**
* **Russell Loupe**
* **Gary Watson**
* **Jeffery Henry**
* **Craig Carter**
* **James P. Jasmin**
* **Marlin Rogers**
* **Kevin Hebert**
* **Eric Matherne**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAINED: None**

**By a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**There were no comments from the audience on the agenda items.**

**Personnel Committee Report: Marlin Rogers, Chairman**

**Commissioner Rogers had nothing to report.**

**Building Committee Report: Larry Sorapuru, Chairman**

**Commissioner Sorapuru reported that Joseph Savoie was supposed to be in attendance. He then directed to Donald Henry and asked “Is there anything you would like to say or has Joseph giving you an update. Donald Henry responds, “we can inform the board that we had a mock showing Tuesday to make sure everything was going as planned and it is. We discovered that the back of the building didn’t have any lights so the electrician came and put the wiring for the lights. The sheetrock seems to be 80% complete.**

**Safety Committee Report: Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, Chairman**

**Commissioner Bosworth reported that there were no lost time accidents. The last safety meeting for the maintenance department was held on January 13, 2022. The meetings started at 6:00 am.**

**The maintenance superintendent went over the district’s manuals with the crews to refresh their memories. They reviewed the operational safety plan manual and the personnel policies and procedures manual. Along with the manuals, they reviewed covid prevention.**

**The next safety meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:00 a.m.**

**Equipment Committee Report: Michael McKinney, Sr., Chairman**

**Commissioner McKinney reported that as of today, all equipment is either located on their respective job sites or here at the maintenance shop. The executive director, Donald Henry, and Maintenance Superintendent, Sean Webre, are requesting approval from the board to open bids for two new 2022 ford f150 4x4 crew cab trucks or equivalent to the specs of the of the trucks. They are also requesting to purchase 3 new John Deere 5125r utility tractors and 3 new John Deere 6120m cab tractors, all on state contract.**

**Upper Barataria Project Committee Report: Eric Matherne, Chairman**

**President Matherne reported that on the Sunset Project we are having a conference with JSRS tomorrow at 2:30 to go over with whatever they talked to CPRA. He continued to give an update and advised the rest of the Commissioners that once that meeting is done, he would give them a further update.**

**Bayou Napoleon/Bayou Verret Committee Report; Gary Watson, Chairman**

**Commissioner Watson reported that the Bayou Verret/Bayou Napoleon is still ongoing. The workers have begun shredding trees again on Thursday, January 13, 2022.**

**The Board discussed to approve or not approve the Personnel Committee to be the “Committee of the Whole” which would consist of all Commissioners as it functioned for many years**

**There were no additional committee matters to discuss, Commissioner Russell Loupe moved to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry.**

**Executive Director**