**Committee Meeting**

**May 22, 2019**

**The Committee Meeting of the Lafourche Basin Levee District met at the official domicile of the Board in Vacherie, Louisiana and was called to order by Vice-President Eric Matherne at 6:00 pm.**

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

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

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

**Commissioner McKinney reported that two of the four Mobile Equipment Operator 2 positions were selected. The position will be re-advertised for the other tow of the four Mobile Equipment Operator 2 positions that were already approved by the Board. Approval from the Board to hire an additional Mobile Equipment Operator 2 to replace an employee who resigned and whose official last day of employment is May 30, 2019. The Board approved for it to be placed on the agenda. The employee from the May 2018 accident as of today is out and still on workmen’s compensation. Also, the new and revised personnel policy was distributed during the last meeting. Please continue to review and share any questions or suggestions.**

**Safety Committee Report: Vice-President Eric Matherne**

**Vice-President Matherne reported there are no lost time accidents to report to the Board. The Safety Meeting for the Maintenance Department was held on May 20, 2019. Two films from the National Safety Council were shown and discussed at the Vacherie location and three at the Sunset location. The two films at the Vacherie location were: Understanding and Preventing Heat-Related Illnesses and Safe Lifting in Construction Environments. The three films shown at the Sunset location were: Personal Protection, House Keeping on the Job and Lawn Care Hazard. The next safety meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, 2019. Mr. Matherne expressed how important it was to keep the employees hydrated in the days to come because of the heat.**

**Equipment Committee Report: Stanley Folse, Chairman**

**Commissioner Folse reported that the equipment was ordered as per the approval of the Board for the purchase of three John Deere tractors and three John Deere mowers. There is a hold on the delivery of the entire order due to only one of the three mowers being unavailable. As soon as all tractors and mowers are available, they will be delivered at the same time. The Directors are requesting permission to place on the June 5, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda to accept bids for a 2019 Ford F150 4x4 Crew Cab Pick-Up as per the approved 2019 budget. The Board approved for it to be on the agenda.**

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

**Vice-President Matherne turned over the report to the engineers to give an update on the Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Project. Michael Chopin of BKI reported to the Board that Mark Roberts will shortly be moving to another engineering firm and will no longer be working on the project. On one of the segments, there has been a bit of trouble accessing the land. Vice-President Matherne reported that he spoke some with some to the family members and they will be meeting with their lawyer and he would be able to advise everyone of the decision after that. Mr. Oneil Malbrough of GIS explained to the Board that they will need to pay attention to the IGA agreements and the different things that are being asked, money wise, because of the changes that are going on.**

**A discussion took place about the removal of trees and gates on the Sunset Levee. A large tree is on blocking the path. It has been suggested to have the lawyer write some form of agreement to safely remove the tree and cover property damages.**

**There were no additional committee matters to discuss, Commissioner Craig Carter moved to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr.**

 **Executive Director**