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**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 7, 2021**

 The Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District met this day in regular session 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 18-JBE 2021 Renewal of State Emergency for COVID-19, Extension of Emergency Provisions, LBLD office access is limited to 50% of the total occupancy as determined by the State Fire Marshal, which is 44 individuals at one time, including our employees. Every individual SHALL wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when entering the building. You can refer to gov.louisiana.gov for guideline exceptions. The meeting was called to order by its President, James P. Jasmin, at 6:00 P.M.

 The meeting was called to order by President James P. Jasmin.

 The meeting opened with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Present: Commissioners… Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; President James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish were present.

 A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Larry Buquoi, Attorney; Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; and Ivy Chauvin, Sr. were present.

 Adoption of the adjusted agenda, with the elimination of agenda item #10, was motioned by Commissioner Gary Watson and seconded by Commissioner Larry Sorapuru. President Jasmin 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
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED: None

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

 Adoption of the agenda, with the new agenda item #10 to be discussed at that time, was motioned by Commissioner Larry Sorapuru and seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry. President Jasmin 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
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

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 public comments on the agenda items.

 On motion of Vice-President Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney Sr., the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2021 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

President Jasmin 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
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

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.

On motion of Vice-President Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney Sr., the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 10, 2021 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

President Jasmin 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
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

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.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Vice-President Craig Carter, the following cash available for distribution of the month of March 31, 2021 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

 **Checking account balance Feb. 2021 $ 677,244.49**

 **Deposits/Transfer In – Mar.**

**Revenues/Refund 225,540.50**

 **Interest on Checking 29.30**

 **Funds transferred in 114,800.76 Operating Expenses/Other 491,527.04**

 **Funds transferred out 0.00**

 **TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE MAR. 31, 2021 $ 526,088.01**

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 **Account balance – Feb. 5,068,072.70**

 **Funds transferred in 124,628.14**

 **Funds transferred out 114,800.76**

 **Interest Income Earned 173.17**

 **TOTAL ENDING BALANCE MAR. 31, 2021 $ 5,078,073.25**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

 **Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,347,222.51**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF MAR. 31, 2021 $ 10,951,383.77**

 No public comments were made. President Jasmin 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
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

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.

 On motion of Commissioner Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the West Bank Bridge Park 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 15, 2021 in Luling, St. Charles Parish.

President Jasmin 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
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

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.

 On motion of Commissioner Russell Loupe, seconded by Commissioner Marlin “
Rogers, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve a Professional Services Agreement with MB3, Inc., d/b/a Civix on a time & materials basis not to exceed $25,000.00 to secure temporary right-of-way agreements from affected landowners and letters of no objection from relevant pipeline companies necessary for construction of the proposed Sunset Levee Lift.

Mr. Donald Henry, Executive Director, stated that there was a meeting held with representatives of St. Charles Parish to discuss the Sunset Levee Project. The first proposal that was previously listed as item 10 on the agenda was provided by Ms. Jane Dufour, Civix. A new proposal has been drafted by the design team after they got together to discuss the scope of the work. Mr. Nicholas Matherne, BKI, explained that the work listed on the first proposal was discussed for a worse case scenario until further discussion could take place. Once the design team got together, they were able to narrow down the scope of the work that Civix will need to provide. Further discussion took place. Commissioner Marlin Rogers made the motion to approve a Professional Services Agreement with MB3, Inc., d/b/a Civix on a time & materials basis not to exceed $25,000.00 to secure temporary right-of-way agreements from affected landowners and letters of no objection from relevant pipeline companies necessary for construction of the proposed Sunset Levee Lift. It was seconded by Commissioner Eric Matherne. President Jasmin 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
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

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.

 Mr. Nicholas Matherne with BKI gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project. There is a full report in the folders. Davis Diversion – the team met with CPRA on March 18, 2021 to discuss reimbursement issues. CPRA will pay back full amount invoiced and 30% on design. BKI and GI are finalizing required documentation. Sunset Levee – Sunset Levee improvements to elevate +7.5 feet from Paradis Gate Structure to Tippy Pump Station/Floodgate. Barge Gate – Preliminary design was forwarded to CPRA for review and comment on March 1. WebEx meeting will be held on April 14, 2021 to discuss hydraulics needs for cross-section of Barge Floodgate. Highway 90 Tie-In – Segment 4 geotechnical report submitted to BKI for review and acceptance. Watershed Initiative – GIS submitted application on March 19, 2021 for Segment 3. The team with Congressman Garret Graves on March 29, 2021 to update him on progress and to secure assistance commitments.

Commissioner Jeffery Henry made a motion to adjourn and Vice-President Craig Carter seconded his motion.

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 PRESIDENT

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