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**REGULAR MEETING**

**November 2, 2022**

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. The meeting was called to order by its President, Eric Matherne, at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Spencer Long, Attorney; Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; and Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist were present. Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive Director, was absent.

Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry. President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2022 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry, the following cash available for distribution of the month of October 31, 2022 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Sept. 2022 $ 333,104.02**

**Deposits/Transfer In – Oct.**

**Revenues/Refund $ 8,471.57**

**Interest on Checking 18.07**

**Funds transferred in 550,000.00 Operating Expenses/Other 698,569.84**

**Funds transferred out 0.00**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE OCT. 31, 2022 $ 193,023.82**

**LAMP**

**Account balance – Sept. 3,169,667.05**

**Funds transferred in 0.00**

**Funds transferred out 550,000.00**

**Interest Income Earned 7,335.03**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE OCT. 31, 2022 $ 2,627,002.08**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,242,907.69**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF OCT. 31, 2022 $ 8,062,933.59**

No public comments were made. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Larry Sorapuru, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve LADOTD to install a drain pipe (culvert) to cross under Highway 20 as a protective drainage measure for the total cost of $98,887.75.

Mr. Joseph Savoie, C. J. Savoie Consulting Engineers, Inc., answered questions the Board had pertaining to the culvert.

President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner James P. Jasmin, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the procurement and installation of one high-definition projector and one165” recessed screen for the total price of $10,226.33 as discussed in the October 2022 Committee as a Whole Meeting.

President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the United States Army Corps of Engineers to perform annual maintenance surveys, stone repairs, and articulated concrete mattress repair work along the Mississippi River.

President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the USACE request for the Right of Entry (ROE) for surveys, HTRW assessments, soil borings, site visits, and other general investigations for a duration of 24 months along the Mississippi River in St. Charles Parish, LA.

President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the 2022 St. James Parish Christmas Bonfire Agreement.

President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed.

Mr. Elliott Boudreaux, CSRS, Inc., and Mr. Kyle Galloway, GIS, gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project.

**Sunset Levee 7.5’ Lift**

* LBLD met with CPRA on October 6th to discuss Sunset Levee bids.
* LBLD to meet with St. Charles Parish to discuss bid options and potential cost sharing.
* Onshore bid has been extended until December 5th

**Segment 3: GIS 65% design**

* Greenup/Gulfsouth updating geotechnical report based on new design criteria
* BKI has prepared mechanical/electrical design cost estimate for flood gate

Evan Graves underway with bathymetric survey for remaining Bayou des Allemands.

* Data required for future FTN H&H modeling.

**Capital Outlay Request: 2023 LBLD**

* West Bank Vicinity Tie In
* Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Project

**USACE Reach G & H**

* St. Paul’s District to begin engineering and design on Reaches G & H.
* Design Agreement has been executed between MVP and MVN.
* LBLD coordinating with CPRA as local sponsor to determine next steps for design team role to ensure USACE alignment
* H&H modeling, Segment 4, Permitting

Commissioner Vice-President Jeffery Henry made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. seconded his motion.

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11/07/2022