**REGULAR MEETING**

**December 11, 2019**

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 and was called to order by its Vice-President, Eric Matherne, at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Larry Buquoi, Attorney; Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive Director and Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist were present.

Adoption of the agenda was motioned by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. and seconded by Commissioner Russell Loupe.

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

There were no audience comments in reference to agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Russell Loupe, no discussion, no public comments and unanimously approved, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 4, 2019 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

On motion of Commissioner Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., no discussion, no public comments and unanimously approved, the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 18, 2019 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Russell Loupe, no discussion, no public comments and unanimously approved, the following cash available for distribution of the month of November 30, 2019 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Oct 2019 166,235.43**

**Deposits/Transfer In – Nov.**

**Revenues/Refund 99,987.48**

**Matured D-Notes 0 .00**

**Interest on Checking 17.14**

**Transferred from LAMP 410,000.00 Total Cash Available $ 676,236.65**

**Cash Disbursements: Operating Expenses 442,574.22**

**Funds Transferred to Lamp 0.00**

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK BALANCE Nov. 30, 2019 $ 233,662.43**

**INVESTMENTS: Discount Notes/Bonds 7,885,466.48**

**TOTAL BOOK BALANCE FOR: Nov. 30, 2019 $ 8,119,128.91**

On motion of Vice-President Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Ellington Pump Station Flowage Easement - Parcel 1-6B Servitude Agreement and approve for it to be signed.

On motion of Vice-President Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted .

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of a Kabota tractor on state contract.

On motion of Vice-President Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners to approve the purchase of a mulcher attachment for an excavator.

On motion of Vice-President Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Russell Loupe, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve to advertise for bids for the mulcher attachment if approved on item #11, along with amending the budget for said item.

Vice-President Matherne stated that this item will need to be expedited as soon as possible. President Jasmin stated that it can be sent in for advertisement tomorrow to start the process.

On motion of Commissioner Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve to change the dates of the January meetings due to the office being closed for the holidays to the following dates:

* Regular Meeting – January 8, 2020
* Finance Meeting – January 15, 2020
* Committee Meeting – January 22, 2020

On motion of Vice-President Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Russell Loupe, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve to pay the outstanding APTIM invoice in the amount of $70,000 as per the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

President Jasmin stated that the item was discussed before and it has been recommended by the Finance Committee Chairman, Kevin Hebert, to be paid, as he has completed extensive research on the item.

President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Gary Watson
* Craig Carter
* Russell Loupe
* Eric Matherne
* Whitney Jasmin, Jr.
* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* James P. Jasmin, President

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Jeffery Henry
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert (Absent for the vote, present at meeting)

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 7 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Larry Buquoi, attorney, asked if the amount of the invoice was the compromised price between the Board and Aptim. It was confirmed that it was. Mr. Buquoi stated that he should draw up a signature page for when the check is delivered for APTIM to sign. It will include that the $70,000 invoice price is the agreed upon compromise price for satisfaction for the work done and not a partial payment, so that there will be no confusion. Mr. Buquoi asked the Executive Director, Donald Henry, for the first original invoice and the new agreed upon invoice so that he can complete the needed document. He also stated that he attended quite a lot of the discussions with Commissioner Kevin Hebert and had advised him to achieve a compromise for the work done.

Commissioner Kevin Hebert arrived to the meeting. He informed Mr. Buquoi that there was a document included stating that APTIM is satisfied with the price. Mr. Buquoi said he would look over it.

Mr. Sreenivasulu Bollu with BKI gave an update on the Upper Barataria Project. Based on the survey, most of the levee is at or above 7.5 feet. CPRA advised BKI to identify other deficient areas for the use of funds. BKI will coordinate with CPRA for a field visit. In a meeting on December 2, CPRA advised the team to do stability analysis to see how much the levee can be raised before continuing the plans and specs. Mr. Oneil Malbrough and Mr. Sam Scholl discussed whether the levee will have 50 year or 100-year insurance coverage. More information will have to be obtained to solve that matter. Vice-President Matherne asked when would be a good time to start looking for dirt to build up the levees. Mr. Malbrough stated that they have started the process. An application will be submitted to the Watershed Initiative for funds for the floodgate.

Commissioner Russell Loupe made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Craig Carter seconded his motion.

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