**REGULAR MEETING**

**July 10, 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 President, James P. Jasmin, at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Commissioners…President James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Stanley Folse, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension 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; and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish were present. Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish was absent.

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Larry Buquoi, Attorney; Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive Director and Konetha LaGrange, Administrative Assistant 2 were present.

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 Stanley Folse, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., no public comments and unanimously approved, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2019 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board after the grammatical errors are corrected that Vice President Eric Matherne pointed out.

On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, no discussion, no public comments and unanimously approved, the following cash available for distribution of the month of June 30, 2019 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance May 2019 55,271.59**

**Deposits/Transfer In - June**

**Revenues/Refund 508,195.77**

**Matured D-Notes 0 .00**

**Interest on Checking 14.32**

**Total Cash Available $ 563,481.68**

**Cash Disbursements: Operating Expenses 437,289.98**

**Funds Transferred Lamp 0.00**

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK BALANCE June 30, 2019 $ 126,191.70**

**INVESTMENTS: Discount Notes/Bonds 10,268,204.01**

**TOTAL BOOK BALANCE FOR: May 31, 2019 $ 10,394,395.71**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve an “Intergovernmental Agreement Between State of Louisiana, through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board and Lafourche Basin Levee District, Regarding the Engineering and Design of Davis Pond/ Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Project (BA-0219).”

A discussion took place. Vice-President Eric Matherne asked the attorney, Larry Buquoi, if there were any problems with the Intergovernmental agreement between Lafourche Basin Levee District and C.P.R.A. Mr. Buquoi stated that “we” were the ones to put it together and would like to commend Oneil Malbrough and everyone else who helped. C.P.R.A. had sent over a copy of an agreement they had used before. He and Oneil and others had looked over it and made a lot of changes. It was sent back and forth several times and was finally accepted by both parties. Mr. Buquoi believes the final copy would meet the Board’s approval and he thanked Mr. Malbrough again for his help. President James P. Jasmin stated that all the persons that were included in the arrangement of the agreement contract, Mr. Henry, Mr. Buquoi, we appreciate it.

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 authorize the request from St. Charles Parish for the Right of Entry with ingress and egress for Magnolia Ridge Pump Station Access Road 250’x30’ and Sunset Drainage District Levee Sta. 955+00 to Sta. 959+00 (North) for construction of Paradis Canal Flood Control Structure.

On motion of Commissioner Stanley Folse, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the following motion was proposed and unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive Director to sign all documents and papers, after review and approval of legal counsel, that are needed to acquire the access, servitudes and right of ways necessary for the execution and completion of the Maintenance Dredging of Bayou Napoleon and Bayou Verret Project, previously approved by the Board on November 7, 2018, for Assumption, St. James, and Ascension Parishes.

On motion of Commissioner Stanley Folse, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the following motion was proposed and unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve the Board/Staff to attend the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association’s 38th Annual Fall Legislative Meeting on September 22-25, 2019 in Washington, D.C.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize the staff to hire and/or advertise for one new Mobile Equipment Operator 2.

Mr. Donald Henry informed the Board that one of the Mobile Equipment Operator 2 guys had resigned that week, and he would like to replace him soon.

On motion of Commissioner Stanley Folse, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following motion was proposed and unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners gives authorization to approve the bid from Cazenave Motor Company for a 2019 Ford F-150 4x4 Crew Cab Pick-Up.

Mr. Oneil Malbrough with GIS Engineering gave an update on the Upper Barataria Project. He stated that the permit application that was submitted was withdrawn due to the lack of design information. A new application will be submitted with the new location. Survey field work is complete. All cost, survey and design work has been approved by C.P.R.A. geotechnical work will begin soon now that the intergovernmental agreement is complete and getting signed. Sunset Levee Segment II survey work is complete and has been provided to the design group. Mr. Sam Scholle gave an update to what is being accomplished in St. Charles Parish concerning Ellington Phase II, along with the Magnolia and Ellington Pump Stations and the on meeting about the Highway 90 surveying for evacuation.

Commissioner Stanley Folse moved to motion that the Board to go into Executive Session. It was seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr.

The Board of Commissioners may meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters under the provision of Louisiana Revised Statute 42:17. While in Executive Session, the Board may meet with its’ staff, attorneys or other persons it deems necessary. No votes or other action may be taken while in Session.

The Personnel Committee met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

While in Executive Session, no motions were made, nor votes taken.

Commissioner Kevin Hebert motioned to reconvene the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Stanley Folse.

Commissioner Russell Loupe made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Jeffery Henry seconded his motion.

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