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**REGULAR MEETING**

**August 4, 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 131- JBE 2021 Renewal of State Emergency for COVID-19, Extension of Emergency Provisions, LBLD office will require all individuals to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth. 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; Ivy Chauvin, Sr. and Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist, were present.

Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. made the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arthur Bosworth IV. 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.

Commissioner Kevin Hebert made the motion to adopt the new agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arthur Bosworth IV. 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.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 7, 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
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Marlin Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Eric Matherne, the following cash available for distribution of the month of July 31, 2021 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance June 2021 $ 88,085.32**

**Deposits/Transfer In – July**

**Revenues/Refund 124,348.41**

**Interest on Checking 13.92**

**Funds transferred in 432,813.57 Operating Expenses/Other 537,431.17**

**Funds transferred out 0.00**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE JULY 31, 2021 $ 107,830.05**

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**Account balance – June 4,553,479.51**

**Funds transferred in 0.00**

**Funds transferred out 432,813.57**

**Interest Income Earned 119.79**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE JULY 31, 2021 $ 4,120,785.73**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,353,877.24**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF JULY 31, 2021 $ 9,582,493.02**

No public comments were made. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

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* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru
* Russell Loupe
* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Russell Loupe, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorize Eric Matherne, President of the Board of Commissioners, effective August 1, 2021 in addition to Vice-President Jeffery Henry and Executive Director Donald Ray Henry are hereby authorized to sign all checks, vouchers, money transfers at First American Bank and other required documents, be granted.

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.

President Jasmin thanked the Commissioners for supporting him during his years of service and stated he appreciated it. Former President James P. Jasmin exchanges the gavel to newly elected President, Eric Matherne.

On motion of Commissioner James P. Jasmin, seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the Lafourche Basin Levee District and MB3 Inc. dba Civix in the amount of $42,000.00 for acquisition of various land rights for the Sunset Levee Lift Project and authorize the President of the Board or Executive Director to execute said Amendment.

Ms. Jane Dufour, Civix, explained and answered questions pertaining to the amendment. Executive Director, Donald Henry, stated that after discussing the item with the team, it was discussed that this item is necessary and he recommends to the Board that approve this to be able to move on. President Eric Matherne stated that he spoke with CSRS, Inc. and they think the numbers are good and he also recommends that the Board approves this to move forward. More discussion took place amongst the Commissioners and engineers. Commissioner Jasmin made the motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Gary Watson seconded his motion. President Matherne 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 Commissioner James P. Jasmin, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to fill the vacant positions for Mobile Equipment Operator 2.

President Matherne 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 Marlin Rogers, seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the 4th Annual Run 4 the Paws to be held on October 9, 2021 in Luling, St. Charles Parish, LA.

President Matherne 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 James P. Jasmin, seconded by Commissioner Arthur Bosworth IV, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to change the September Finance Meeting to Wednesday, September 8, 2021 and the Committee Meeting to Wednesday, September 15, 2021 due to the Labor Day holiday falling on September 6, 2021.

President Matherne 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 Larry Sorapuru, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Board and/or Staff to attend the ALBL Annual Meeting being held December 7-9, 2021, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside in New Orleans.

President Matherne 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 Craig Carter, seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Board and/or Staff to attend the MVFCA 86th Annual Meeting, December 9-11, 2021, New Orleans, LA.

President Matherne 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.

President Matherne reminded the Commissioners to please go online to complete their sexual harassment and ethics courses that are required by the State.

Mr. Elliot Boudreaux with CSRS, Inc. gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project. Mr. Nicholas Matherne, BKI, gave an update on the H & H Modeling. Mr. Sam Scholle, St. Charles Parish, and Mr. Oneil Marbrough updated on the H & H Modeling as well. Mr. Donald Henry showed the Board a map of the area that will need to be surveyed pertaining to the lifting in the WB-71 and WB 72 areas.

The Board congratulated Mr. Jeffery Henry on his Vice-President appointment, as well as thanking Mr. James P. Jasmin and Mr. Craig Carter for their service as the previous leaders.

Commissioner Russell Loupe made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner James P. Jasmin seconded his motion.

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PRESIDENT

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08/09/2021