**REGULAR MEETING**

**September 2, 2020**

 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 102 JBE 2020 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. Guidelines on public meeting participation for the LBLD during the additional Phase 2 Mitigation Measures of Reopening can be found at COVID19 office notice 08-17-2020. 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.

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; Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish; President James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; and Jeffery Henry, Ascension 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 Ms. Melanie Broden Accounting Specialist were present.

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

 Adoption of the agenda was motioned by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. and seconded by Commissioner Arthur Bosworth IV. There were no public comments. 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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

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 Gary Watson, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 5, 2020 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 15, 2020 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Vice-President Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 29, 2020 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the following cash available for distribution of the month of August 31, 2020 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

 **Checking account balance July 2020 $ 232,316.44**

 **Deposits/Transfer In – Aug.**

**Revenues/Refund 52,106.96**

 **Interest on Checking 17.96**

 **Funds transferred in 409,544.01 Operating Expenses/Other 256,093.42**

 **Funds transferred out 0.00**

 **TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE AUG. 31, 2020 $ 437,891.95**

**LAMP**

 **Account balance – July 3,698,340.64**

 **Funds transferred in 0.00**

 **Funds transferred out 409,544.01**

 **Interest Income Earned 472.54**

 **TOTAL ENDING BALANCE AUG. 31, 2020 $ 3,289,269.17**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

 **Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,331,431.16**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF AUG. 31, 2020 $ 9,058,592.28**

 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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

 There weren’t any Old Business or New Business brought to the Board.

On motion of Commissioner Arthur Bosworth IV, seconded by Vice-President Craig Carter, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2020 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Lafourche Basin Levee District:

 MILLAGE

Operation and Maintenance 3.84 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parishes of Ascension, Assumption, St. Charles, St. James and St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2020, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

No public comments were made. Accountant, Wayne Theall, explained to the Board of Commissioners that there was a decrease in millage from 3.88 mils to 3.84 mils due to the reevaluation of property. He also explained, for the new Commissioners, that every four years the state requires the assessors to reevaluate property and the millage is automatically adjusted to the new rate. The District has the opportunity to adopt the 3.88 mils rate next year. This year it was not done due to time constraints. There wasn’t enough time to properly advertise for the higher rate to roll forward, so the Board will be able to consider it next year. Commissioner Arthur Bosworth IV made the motion to adopt the millage rate of 3.84. Vice-President Craig Carter seconded the motion. 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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following resolution was proposed.

 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopt the Annual Operation Budget of the Lafourche Basin Levee District for January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, be granted.

**LAFOURCHE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT**

**BUDGET CALENDAR YEAR ENDING 2021**

**REVENUES BUDGET**

**Local Sources 2021**

**Ad Valorem Taxes-Current Year**

 **Ascension 403,000**

 **Assumption 64,000**

 **Lafourche 122,000**

 **St. Charles 2,915,000**

 **St. James 945,000**

 **St. John the Baptist 32,000**

 **TOTAL $ 4,481,000**

**Licenses and Permits**

 **Levee Permits 25,000**

 **TOTAL $ 25,000**

**Use of money and property**

 **Interest Earned-Investments**

 **LAMP 6,000**

**Treasury Bills 47,181**

 **Checking Account Interest 200**

 **Royalties 11,000**

 **Royalties-South Lafourche 1,000**

 **Miscellaneous 0**

 **TOTAL $ 65,381**

**Refund of Expenditures**

 **Off Levee Projects 1,200,000**

 **Flood Fight Refunds 0**

 **Refunds-Workmen’s Compensation 0**

 **Refund-St. Charles Parish 75,000**

 **Refunds-Insurance 0**

 **Refund–St. Charles Parish 0**

 **Refund-Miscellaneous 0**

 **TOTAL $ 1,275,000**

 **TOTAL LOCAL SOURCES $ 5,876,381**

**STATE SOURCES**

**Intergovernmental Revenue**

 **State Revenue Sharing**

 **Ascension 8,000**

 **St. Charles 48,000**

 **St. James 22,000**

 **St. John 3,500**

 **TOTAL STATE SOURCES $ 81,500**

**FEDERAL SOURCES**

 **FEMA (Fed. Emerg. Man. Agency) 0**

 **TOTAL FEDERAL SOURCES $ 0**

 **TOTAL OERATING REVENUES $ 5,957,881**

**EXECUTIVE**

**Personal Services**

 **Salaries and Wages**

 **President’s Salary 12,000**

 **Executive Secretary Salary 6,000**

 **Commissioners’ Per Diem 40,950**

 **TOTAL $ 58,950**

**Employee Benefits**

 **Social Security 3,655**

 **Medicare 855**

 **TOTAL $ 4,510**

 **TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES $ 63,460**

**OPERATING SERVICES**

**Advertisements, Dues, Subscriptions**

 **Membership Dues 18,000**

 **TOTAL OPERATING SERVICES $ 18,000**

**TRAVEL AND OTHER CHARGES**

 **Travel**

 **President’s Expenses 4,000**

 **Commissioners’ Mileage 9,000**

 **Executive Secretary’s Expense**

 **Conventions, Seminars, Workshops**

 **In-State 36,000**

 **Out-of-State 22,000**

 **TOTAL TRAVEL/OTHER CHARGES $ 71,000**

 **TOTAL EXECUTIVE $ 152,460**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Personal Services**

 **Salaries and Wages**

 **Administrative Salaries**

 **Regular 403,625**

 **Overtime 10,000**

 **TOTAL $ 413,625**

**Employee Benefits**

 **Social Security 25,645**

 **Retirement Contributions 82,725**

 **Group Insurance 94,001**

 **Medicare 5,998**

 **Group Ins. – Surviving Spouse 4,217**

 **Group Insurance-Retires 8,183**

 **TOTAL $ 220,769**

 **TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES $ 634,394**

**Operating Services**

 **Advertisements, Dues, Subscriptions**

 **Legal Publication 5,000**

 **Subscriptions 700**

 **Membership Dues 3,600**

 **Advertisements 600**

 **TOTAL $ 9,900**

 **Computer System Expense**

 **Training 1,800**

 **Maintenance & Upgrade 4,700**

 **License Fee 18,000**

 **Software Support 0**

 **TOTAL $ 24,500**

**Communications**

 **Postage 1,400**

 **Telephone & Upgrade 15,000**

 **Radio Communications 0**

 **TOTAL $ 16,400**

**Rentals**

 **Rental of Equipment 1,000**

 **Uniform Rental 0**

 **TOTAL $ 1,000**

**Property & Equip Repairs/Outside Agent**

 **Building 0**

 **Automobiles and Trucks 0**

 **Office Machines and Equipment 6,000**

 **TOTAL $ 6,000**

**Maintenance Service-Contractual**

 **Pest Control 300**

 **Janitorial 10,500**

 **Office Machines and Equipment 4,000**

 **TOTAL $ 14,800**

 **Professional Services**

 **Annual Physical & Drug Screening 2,000**

 **Investment Consultant 12,000**

 **Board Attorney 28,000**

 **Accounting Services 35,000**

 **Audit Cost 4,000**

 **External Attorneys 45,000**

 **Public Relations 5,000**

 **Website 2,800**

 **TOTAL $ 133,800**

 **General Insurance**

 **Automobile Policy 8,500**

 **Public Official Bond 25,000**

 **Workmen’s Compensation 1,200**

 **Fiduciary Liability/Identity Fraud 2,200**

 **Cyber Liability 2,500**

 **TOTAL $ 39,400**

 **TOTAL OPERATING SERVICES $ 245,800**

**MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES
 Office Supplies 8,800**

 **TOTAL $ 8,800**

 **Operating Supplies**

 **Medical & Drugs 100**

 **Materials & Supplies 700**

 **Vehicle Supplies (Gas, Oil) 2,500**

 **Janitorial Supplies 400**

 **TOTAL $ 3,700**

**Miscellaneous 4,500**

 **TOTAL $ 4,500**

 **TOTAL MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES $ 17,000**

**TRAVEL AND OTHER CHARGES**

 **Conventions, Seminars, Workshops**

 **In-State Expenses 10,000**

 **Out-of-State Expenses 5,000**

 **Permit Cost 500**

 **Investment Security Fees 6,000**

 **Unrealized Loss-Investments 0**

 **Miscellaneous 300**

 **TOTAL TRAVEL/OTHER CHARGES $ 21,800**

**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

**Acquisitions for Office**

 **Office Equipment 0**

 **Office Furniture 50,000**

 **Office Furniture 698,280**

 **Air Conditioning System 0**

 **Expedition/Carryall 0**

 **TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY $ 748,280**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL**

 **State Government**

 **Civil Service 8,700**

 **TOTAL $ 8,700**

**Deduction for Pensions**

 **Ascension 25,188**

 **Assumption 4,000**

 **Lafourche 0**

 **St. Charles 182,188**

 **St. James 59,063**

 **St. John the Baptist 2,000**

 **TOTAL $ 272,438**

 **Parish Government**

 **Parish Government 1,000**

 **TOTAL $ 1,000**

 **TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL $ 282,138**

 **TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE $ 1,949,411**

**LEVEE MAINTENANCE**

**Personal Services**

 **Salaries and Wages**

 **Maintenance Salaries**

 **Regular 1,135,425**

 **Overtime 80,000**

 **TOTAL $ 1,215,425**

 **Employee Benefits**

 **Social Security 75,356**

 **Retirement Contributions 243,085**

 **Group Insurance 574,154**

 **Medicare 17,624**

 **Group Ins – Surviving Spouse 10,323**

 **Group Insurance – Retires 34,790**

 **TOTAL $ 955,333**

 **TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES $ 2,170,757**

**OPERATING SERVICES**

 **Advertisements, dues, Subscriptions**

 **Membership Dues 1,500**

 **Advertisements 1,000**

 **TOTAL $ 2,500**

 **Utilities**

 **Electricity 10,000**

 **Gas 900**

 **Water 600**

 **Garbage 150**

 **TOTAL $ 11,650**

 **Communications**

 **Telephone 4,500**

 **Radio 0**

 **TOTAL $ 4,500**

 **Rental**

 **Equipment 1,200**

 **Equipment Off Levee 0**

 **Sanitation 0**

 **Uniform Rental 32,000**

 **$ 33,200**

**Property & Equip Repairs/Outside Agent**

 **Buildings 0**

 **Vehicles 15,000**

 **Equipment and Machinery 10,000**

 **Boat and Motor 2,000**

 **Damage – Personal Property 1,000**

 **TOTAL $ 28,000**

 **Maintenance Service-Contractual**

 **Pest Control 800**

 **Janitorial 0**

 **Auction Software Services 300**

 **Furniture & Fixtures 600**

 **TOTAL $ 1,700**

 **Professional Services**

 **Research/Surveys 0**

 **Annual Physical & Drug Screening 11,000**

 **TOTAL $ 11,000**

 **General Insurance**

 **Automobile Policy 78,000**

 **Buildings/Contents 6,000**

 **Tractors/Mowers/Heavy Equipment 0**

 **Equipment Floater/inland Marine 0**

 **Mobile Equipment Floater 23,000**

 **General Liability 73,000**

 **Excess Liability 0**

 **Marin - Hull P & I 14,000**

 **Marine – Excess P & I 0**

 **Workmen’s Compensation 155,000**

 **Pollution Liability 26,000**

 **Vessel Pollution Liability 2,500**

 **Terrorism 1,800**

 **Crime 0**

 **Flood Insurance 3,200**

 **TOTAL $ 387,500**

 **TOTAL OPERATING SERVICES $ 480,050**

**MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES**

**Operating Supplies**

 **Shop Supplies 5,400**

 **TOTAL $ 5,400**

 **Equipment Supplies**

 **Gasoline 12,000**

 **Lubricants 10.000**

 **Diesel Fuel 75,000**

 **Tires 14,000**

 **Tubes 400**

 **Batteries 3,200**

 **Janitorial 9,000**

 **Miscellaneous 6,000**

 **TOTAL $ 129,600**

 **Materials**

 **Levee Materials**

 **Limestone 50,000**

 **Sand 50,000**

 **Dirt 50,000**

 **Rock 3,000**

 **Culverts & Concrete 2,000**

 **Equipment & Vehicle Parts 100,000**

 **Chemicals 2,750**

 **Miscellaneous 5,000**

 **Workmen’s Tools 2,000**

 **TOTAL $ 264,750**

**Safety Program**

 **Equipment 12,000**

 **Supplies 2,000**

 **TOTAL $ 14,000**

**Contingencies and Emergencies**

 **Emergencies/Contingencies 6,000**

 **Flood Fight Contingency 2,000**

 **TOTAL $ 8,000**

 **TOTAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES $ 421,750**

**TRAVEL AND OTHER CHARGES**

**Conventions, Seminars, Workshops**

 **In-State 2,000**

 **Out-of-State 1,000**

 **Escort Fees 2,000**

 **Miscellaneous 400**

 **TOTAL TRAVEL/OTHER CHARGES $ 5,400**

**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

 **Acquisition of Vehicles**

 **Pickup Trucks 104,000**

 **TOTAL $ 104,000**

 **Acquisition of Heavy Equipment**

 **Rotary Mowers 60,000**

 **Tractors 270,000**

 **Finishing Mower 8,500**

 **Double Axel Pull Trailer 0**

 **Track 60’ Reach Excavator 0**

 **Dump Truck 140,000**

 **8’Disk Chopper 0**

 **TOTAL $ 478,500**

**Acquisition of Other Equipment**

 **Radio Equipment – 2 way 0**

 **Power Chain Saws 1,000**

 **Weed Trimmers 700**

 **Back Pack Blower 600**

 **Ice Maker 0**

 **Space Heater 0**

 **Mig Wire Feed Welder 0**

 **Riding Mower-61” Turf Tiger 0**

 **Tire Changer 0**

 **TOTAL $ 2,300**

 **TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY $ 584,800**

 **TOTAL LEVEE MAINTENANCE $ 3,662,757**

**LEVEE PROJECTS**

 **Materials**

 **Expropriation of Property 75,000**

 **Lubricants 20,000**

 **Diesel 125,000**

 **Parts 150,000**

 **Supplies 21,500**

 Materials 1,320,000

 **TOTAL $ 1,711,500**

**Operating Services**

 **Project Engineers Reimbursed 0**

 **Project Engineer Surveying 500,000**

 **Rainfall Study**  **0**

 **TOTAL $ 500,000**

 **TOTAL LEVEE PROJECTS $ 2,211,500**

 **TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES $ 7,976,128**

**ESTIMATED EXCESS OPERATING**

 **REVENUE/ (DEFICIT) OVER**

 **OPERATING EXPENDITURES $(2,018,247)**

**NON-OPERATING INCOME/DISBURSEMENTS**

 **Sale of Property**

 **Sale of Equipment 0**

 **Sale/Castle Estates 0**

 **TOTAL OTHER INCOME $ 0**

**OTHER DISBURSMENTS**

**Transfers**

**Transfers to Other Funds**

 **Lafourche Basin Levee District**

 **Upper Barataria Project Invoices 0**

 **UBP-Ad Valorem Tax (.97 mils) 1,042,000**

 **Sunset Drainage Levee District 0**

 **TOTAL OTHER DISBURSEMENTS $ 1,042,000**

**ESTIMATED SURPLUS/DEFICIT**

**AT DECEMBER 31 $(3,060,247)**

**ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE**

 **At December 31, 2020 5,912,001**

**ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE**

 **At December 31, 2021**

 **TOTAL** **$ 2,851,754**

**LAFOURCHE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT**

**PROJECT DETAILS**

**Bayou Napoleon and Bayou St. James**

 **Expenses**

 **Materials 120,000**

 **Lubricants 20,000**

 **Diesel 125,000**

 **Parts 150,000**

 **Supplies**  **21,500**

 **$ 436,500**

**Sunset Drainage District**

**Levee lift to 7.5 feet**

 **Expenses**

 **Engineering 500,000**

 **Construction Cost** **1,200,000**

 **Total Project Cost** **$ 1,700,000**

 **Funding**

 **CPRA GOMESA** **$ 1,200,000**

**Recap By Year**

 **2021**

 **Project Expenses 2,136,500**

 **Less: Project Funding (1,200,000)**

 **Net Expenditures to LBLD $ 936,500**

No public comments were made. Commissioner Eric Matherne stated to the Board that in a meeting that was held, they agreed to amending the budget for the engineers once we knew the numbers for spending. So he just wanted to say that the budget is complete, but not complete. Commissioner Gary Watson made the motion to adopt the budget as presented. Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. seconded the motion. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Commissioner Eric Matherne asked Commissioner Kevin Hebert if he was okay with the budget after reviewing it. Commissioner Hebert said yes. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YAYS:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following resolution was proposed.

 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of a Kubota zero turn mower on state contract.

 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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Vice-President Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve the hire of one Mechanic 1 position and two Mobile Equipment Operator 2 positions.

No public comments were made. Commissioner Matherne made the comment that after reviewing the applications, he does not see anyone from St. Charles Parish applying. he asked if we are advertising in St. Charles Parish. He understands if they are not applying, it is just disappointing. Mr. Donald Henry, Executive Director, explained that we are advertising there and we try to recruit from there as well. And we have recently hired someone from there. 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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

 On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Arthur Bosworth IV, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve to change the September Finance meeting to September 9, 2020 and change the September Committee meeting to September 16, 2020.

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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

 Mr. Henry Picard with BKI highlights on the Upper Barataria Project. There is a full report in the folders. Davis Diversion – preparing the required documentation to be submitted to CPRA for reimbursement. Sunset Levee Lift – sent a summary of landowner coordination needs to Donald Henry and Larry Buquoi. Delivered 95% of plans to LBLD. Barge Gate – delivered draft preliminary plans to LBLD. Highway 90 Tie-In – one boring left to complete. Once survey data is completed, geotechnical analysis can be executed. USACE study final report release is anticipated in fall 2021. Watershed Initiative – presented funding and proposed strategy plan to Lafourche Parish President. Finalized letter of support with St. John Parish. Commissioner Matherne asked when will the meeting with Ascension Parish take place. Mr. Picard stated it was in the works. Mr. Rodney Greenup explained that the permit was submitted. Currently down to less than an acre for mitigation. He congratulated the team. Mr. Kyle Galloway stated that Region 6 moved them off the August meeting to the September meeting. Commissioner Matherne stated he received an email for a levee consortium in Baton Rouge. He asked if anyone else received it. No one did. Mr. Donald Henry stated that he provided each commissioner with a copy of the audit report. He thanked his staff for a job well done. President Jasmin stated that was very good for passing three years in a row. Commissioner Jeffery Henry also thanked Mr. Donald Henry and staff for a job well done.

Commissioner Russell Loupe made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Gary Watson seconded his motion.

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 PRESIDENT

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09/9/2020