**Committee Meeting**

**October 13, 2021**

**The Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District met as a Committee of the Whole this day 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 181-JBE 2021 Renewal of State Emergency for COVID-19, Extension of Emergency Provisions, LBLD office will continue to require all individuals to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth, unless the person has been fully vaccinated with a Covid-19 vaccine. You can refer to gov.louisiana.gov for guideline exceptions. The meeting was called to order by its President, Eric Matherne, at 6:00 P.M.**

**The following Commissioners were in attendance: Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish; Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, St. James Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; J** **Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; James Jasmin, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish. Donald Henry, Executive Director and Ivy Chauvin, Assistant Executive Director were present. Larry Buquoi, Attorney was absent.**

**Vice-President Jeffery Henry made the motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV 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.**

**There were no comments from the audience on the agenda items.**

**Building Committee Report: Larry Sorapuru, Chairman**

**Commissioner Sorapuru reported that Bids were received on the new building project. One bid was received from BET Construction of Thibodaux, LA. in the amount of $1,198,087.00. The board has accepted the bid with the contingency of reducing the project cost by approximately $25,000.00. Mr. Joseph Savoie is currently drafting the construction contracts for review and signature. He has scheduled a meeting with the Owners of BET Construction on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 10:00 am at his office to discuss the deductions and scheduling of construction. Once a schedule has been set, he will set a meeting with the Mr. Donald Henry to discuss.**

**Safety Committee Report: Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, Chairman**

**Commissioner Bosworth reported that there were no lost time accidents. The Safety Meeting for the Maintenance Department was held on October 11, 2021 for the Vacherie and Sunset location and started at 6:00 AM. Three films from the National Safety Council were discussed at Sunset location and three were shown at the Vacherie location. They were as follows:**

**Preventing Sexual Harassment (Vacherie)**

**Sexual Harassment Training for Employees (Vacherie)**

**Harassment In the Work Place (Vacherie)**

**Sexual Harassment in Work Place (Sunset)**

**Chain Saw Safety (Sunset)**

**House Keeping on The Job (Sunset)**

**The next safety meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6:00 A.M.**

**Equipment Committee Report: Jeffery Henry, Chairman**

**Commissioner Henry reported that all of the district’s light and heavy-duty equipment is presently operational. All equipment is located on their respective job sites or here at the maintenance shop.**

**Upper Barataria Project Committee Report: Eric Matherne, Chairman**

 **President Matherne reported that they have a meeting every Monday pertaining to UBRRP. Will be meeting with CPRA & USACE pertaining the chief report. He feels that Mr. Donald Henry made a good decision with bringing on CSRS to the team. He feels they are very knowledgeable and bring more to the team.**

**Bayou Napoleon/Bayou Verret Committee Report: Gary Watson, Chairman**

 **Commissioner Watson reported that the workers are currently waiting for dredging to continue. Effects from hurricane Ida, as well as well as waiting for T. Baker Smith to finish their part have held up the dredging.**

 **Mr. Donald Henry and members of the Board wanted to give thanks to the workers for how well they worked as a team to clean our area from Hurricane Ida damage.**

 **Commissioner Arthur Bosworth questioned President Matherne about his change of mind in voting for the building. President Matherne said he had time to think about it and after he spoke with different people, he had a right to change his mind. He didn’t like the way some things were going in the process. Mr. Donald Henry stated he agreed with some of the concerns Commissioner Rogers have. It is all our responsibility that this building is erected correctly and legally. He encourages the Commissioners to vigilant and press for answers. Commissioner Loupe asked what was going on with damages from the storm. Mr. Henry stated we have been contacting our insurance and working through the process to get it fixed.**

 **President Matherne and Vice-President Jeffery Henry discussed with the Board that there are changes to the Chairmen of the Committees. President Matherne wants to share responsibility with choosing chairmen but the Chairmen will choose who will serve on the committees.**

**There were no additional committee matters to discuss, Commissioner Russell Loupe moved to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson.**

 **Executive Director**