**Committee Meeting**

**August 11, 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 131-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.**

**Commissioner made the motion to adopt the agenda. Commsioner seconded his motion. The motion passed.**

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

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

**Commissioner Sorapuru reported that Mr. Joseph Savoie with C.J. Savoie Consulting Engineering will update the Board.**

**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 August 9, 2021 for the Vacherie and Sunset location and started at 6:00 AM. Three subjects were discussed at the Vacherie location and three films from the National Safety Council were discussed at Sunset location. They were as follows:**

**Covid 19 Outbreak (Vacherie)**

**Levee Board Policies and Procedures (Vacherie)**

**Levee Board Operation (Vacherie)**

**Basic Electrical Safety (Sunset)**

**Skid Steer Safety Operation and Maintenance (Sunset)**

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

**The next safety meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13, 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**

**Vice-President Matherne reported that there will be two public meetings being held pertaining to the Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Project - on January 7, 2020 at the Eddie Dufrene Community Center in Luling, LA at 6:00 pm and on January 9, 2020 at the Thibodaux Library in Thibodaux, LA at 5:00 pm. He also stated that they are still working on getting answers for CPRA on the Sunset Project.**

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

**Commissioner Watson reported that the plans for the new office building being proposed at the existing District Site in Vacherie are now complete and approved by the State Fire Marshal's Office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The project is now advertised for bids in both the local journal and online through Central Bidding nationwide.**

**Plans and Specifications are available for viewing at the office C.J. Savoie or online at www.centralbidding.com. Bids are scheduled to be received on September 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the office in Vacherie, Louisiana. Upon receipt of a successful bona fide bid, the Board would be able to move forward with construction.**

**Recommendation from the Executive Director, Donald Henry (Larry Buquoi)**

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

**Executive Director**