**Committee Meeting**

**September 22, 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 167-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 Bids were received on the above referenced project. One bid was received from BET Construction of Thibodaux, LA. in the amount of $1,198,087.00. The board has three available options at this time.**

**Option 1- Reject all Bids, adjust the Plans and Re-advertise.**

**Option 2- Accept the Bid received and move forward to construction.**

**Option 3- Authorize the Chairman and the Director to meet with the Engineer and Contractor to attempt to negotiate the bid down to an acceptable budget without a change in scope.**

**At this time, given the climate of the construction industry due to the Covid Pandemic and the recent effects of Hurricane Ida, Mr. Joseph Savoie is recommending Option 3. Should the project be negotiated to an acceptable budget then a reduction Change Order would be executed to move forward to construction.**

**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 September 20, 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 five were shown at the Vacherie location. They were as follows:**

**Storm Clean Up Safety (Vacherie)**

**Vehicle Safety (Vacherie)**

**Electrical Wire Safety (Vacherie)**

**Chain Saw Caution (Vacherie)**

**Snakes And Wasp Warning (Vacherie)**

**Stop The Bleeding (Sunset)**

**Eye Safety (Sunset)**

**Good Housekeeping (Sunset)**

**The next safety meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 11, 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 roads had been closed for two weeks following hurricane Ida. Once the roads reopened, the workers were finally able to check on the equipment. All the equipment on site was in good condition. The workers are currently still waiting for T. Baker Smith to finish their part so that dredging can continue.**

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

 **Executive Director**