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**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 2, 2022**

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 234- JBE 2021 Renewal of State Emergency for COVID-19, Extension of Emergency Provisions, LBLD office will required 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, Eric Matherne, at 6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Commissioners… Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; President Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Commissioner 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; and Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist, were present. Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive Director, was absent.

Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. 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
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

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 Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2022 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

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
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

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 Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV., the following cash available for distribution of the month of November 30, 2021 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Dec. 2021 $ 29,815.10**

**Deposits/Transfer In – Jan.**

**Revenues/Refund $ 1,310,598.29**

**Interest on Checking 21.70**

**Funds transferred in 250,000.00 Operating Expenses/Other 318,539.47**

**Funds transferred out 0.00**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE JAN. 31, 2021 $ 1,271,895.62**

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**Account balance – Dec. 2,793,508.15**

**Funds transferred in 0.00**

**Funds transferred out 250,000.00**

**Interest Income Earned 115.74**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE JAN. 31, 2021 $ 2,543,623.89**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,325,267.59**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF JAN. 31, 2021 $ 9,140,787.10**

No public comments were made. Mr. Donald Henry, Executive Director, acknowledged attorney, Mr. Larry Buquoi for doing a great job for almost 20 years of service with the district and wish him the best for his retirement. Mr. Henry also explained to the Board that the cash status may look different from last year due to all ad valorem taxes are not in as of yet. 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
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

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 Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Right of Entry to the Ellington levee so that St. Charles Parish can begin construction on the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee – Kellogg Pump Station T-Wall.

Ms. Jane Dufour explained that they are close to finishing their work for the Sunset Levee Lift. Most of the scope that is left is the second Chevron agreement. 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
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

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 Gary Watson, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve a second amendment to the contract for Civix to include an additional $10,200 to complete the remaining scope of work for the Sunset Levee Lift project in February.

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
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

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 Vice-President Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Larry Watson, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the purchase 1 new John Deere 5125r utility tractor and 2 new John Deere 6120m cab tractors, all on state contract.

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
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

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 Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to place for bid two new 2022 Ford F150 4x4 crew cab trucks or equivalent when they become available.

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
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

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 to purchase safety shoes for the employees of the Lafourche Basin Levee District as per the Board’s Safety Plan with a voucher amount of $140.

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
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

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 Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to have annual physicals for employees performed at St. Joseph Medical Clinic beginning in March.

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
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

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 Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve for the Board and/or Staff to attend the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Spring Conference in Washington D.C on March 12-16, 2022.

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
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

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.

Mr. Domoine Rutledge, CSRS, Inc., gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project.

* **Segment 2 – Sunset Levee**
  + Pipeline Agreements/LONOs: All LONOs have been finalized and fully executed.
  + Matherne-Warren Drive & Chevron Wagner Road: Both agreements are fully executed and filed.
  + St. Charles Parish-Canal #14: Council approved both resolutions at January Council Meeting
  + SCP drafting ROE letter for LBLD execution. CSRS preparing access plats for route 5 and 6
  + Chevron-Canal #14: Draft agreement under LBLD legal review. CSRS preparing plat exhibit.
  + CPRA Comments**:** CSRS Scheduling meeting with CPRA and Entergy February 6-8th to confirm final approval on Segment 2 plan sheets and determine next steps for IGA execution
* **Segment 3 – Bayou des Allemands Flood Gate**
  + Permitting (Greenup): Budget approved by LBLD board. Greenup drafting permitting scope for Notice to Proceed.
  + Flood Gate Design (GIS): GIS budget approved by LBLD board and Notice to Proceed has been issued for determining design criteria and 65% design submittal.
* **Chief’s Report**
  + **Signed** and **Approved** on January 28th for Upper Barataria Basin Louisiana Feasibility Study
  + Final agency support needed to submit UBRR to Congress as candidate for authorization and appropriations.
  + UBRR is now in Pre-Construction Engineering & Design (PED) while the Chief’s Report makes its way to Congress for construction authorization consideration
* **Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (DRSAA) 2022**
  + January 19th, 2022: $2.6 billion announced for Louisiana
    - **$8 million appropriated for UBRR**
  + Approval of Chief’s report authorizes use of funds
* **USACE MOA Discussions**
  + Greenup and CSRS scheduling meeting with USACE to discuss execution of MOA for future flood gate accreditation.

A round of thanks to the Executive Director, Commissioners and to the Engineering Team for the accomplishment of the Chief Report went around. Mr. Rodney Greenup explained to the Board what it means to be rewarded with federal monies for the UBRRP. Mr. Donald Henry informed the Board that we have been reimbursed over $250,000 in Capital Outlay for the Bayou Verret/Bayou Napoleon project. Mr. Joseph Savoie gave an update for the new building.

Vice-President Jeffery Henry made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Gary Watson seconded his motion.

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02/07/2022