**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 8, 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 and was called to order by its Vice-President, Eric Matherne, at 6:00 P.M.

 The meeting was called to order by President James P. Jasmin.

Present: Commissioners… Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Whitney Jasmin, Jr., St. John the Baptist Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish; President James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish and Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish were present. .

 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.

 Adoption of the agenda was motioned by Commissioner Craig Carter and seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr.

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

 There were no audience comments in reference to agenda items.

 On motion of Commissioner Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Russell Loupe, no discussion, no public comments and unanimously approved, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2019 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

 On motion of Commissioner Kevin Hebert, seconded by Vice-President Eric Matherne, no discussion, no public comments and unanimously approved, the following cash available for distribution of the month of November 30, 2019 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

 **FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

 **Checking account balance Nov 2019 $ 233,662.43**

 **Deposits/Transfer In – Dec.**

**Revenues/Refund 95,711.64**

 **Matured D-Notes 0 .00**

 **Interest on Checking 11.97**

 **Transferred from LAMP 300,000.00**

**Total Cash Available $ 629,386.04**

 **Cash Disbursements: Operating Expenses 410,248.06**

 **Funds Transferred to Lamp 0.00**

 **FIRST AMERICAN BANK BALANCE Dec. 31, 2019 $ 219,137.98**

 **INVESTMENTS: Discount Notes/Bonds 7,885,466.48**

 **TOTAL BOOK BALANCE FOR: Dec. 31, 2019 $ 7,814,772.93**

No motion or action was made or taken to approve a bid for One New Wag Way Tool 750 Drum/Hydraulic Brush Cutter or equivalent make and model. An invalid bid was submitted. The Board decided to advertise again.

 On motion of Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Russell Loupe, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted .

 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve and sign the Flowage Easement Agreement pertaining to Parcel 1-6D for the Ellington Pump Station.

 On motion of Vice-President Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.

 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners to approve and sign the 12’ Perpetual Utility Servitude Agreement between Ridgeland Properties, LLC and Lafourche Basin Levee District pertaining to the Ellington Pump Station.

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

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 7-11, 2020.

Mr. Sreenivasulu Bollu with BKI gave an update on the Upper Barataria Project. geotechnical work is ongoing. Engineers are currently waiting on the 2020 Task Order. Greenup Industries is still working on the previous permit from APTIM. Wetland delineations completed and determined that there are 9 acres of potential impact. The Corps has determined that if the 9 acres can’t be avoided or the impact minimized, a standard permit will be required. Final design of the Sunset Levee is due at the end of January. A permit request, if needed, will be made at that time. The Watershed Initiative pre-application is due January 17th.

 Commissioner Russell Loupe made a motion to adjourn and Commissioners Jeffery Henry and Craig Carter seconded his motion.

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