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**REGULAR MEETING**

**November 3, 2021**

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 181- JBE 2021 Renewal of State Emergency for COVID-19, Extension of Emergency Provisions, LBLD office will require 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.

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

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

Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. made the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV. 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 Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2021 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 Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry, the minutes of the Special Call Meeting of August 16, 2021 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 Vice-President Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following cash available for distribution of the month of October 31, 2021 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Sept. 2021 $ 334,549.84**

**Deposits/Transfer In – Oct.**

**Revenues/Refund 25,166.41**

**Interest on Checking 18.19**

**Funds transferred in 342,835.50 Operating Expenses/Other 368,677.46**

**Funds transferred out 0.00**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE OCT. 31, 2021 $ 333,892.48**

**LAMP**

**Account balance – Sept. 3,502,948.36**

**Funds transferred in 0.00**

**Funds transferred out 342,835.50**

**Interest Income Earned 99.48**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE OCT. 31, 2021 $ 3,160,212.34**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,348,145.93**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF OCT. 31, 2021 $ 8,842,250.75**

No public comments were made. 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.

St. Charles Parish President, Matthew Jewell presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Commissioners pertaining to the Magnolia Ridge Levee System. President Matthew Jewell described the Magnolia Ridge Levee System to the Board. The system was substantially completed on December 11, 2020. The parish waited to turn it over because over the past year they worked to make sure it was ready for the turn over. Executive Director, Donald Henry, Assistant Executive Director, Ivy Chauvin and Maintenance Superintendent, Sean Webre inspected the levee. They had findings that they reported to the parish that they requested to be completed before the district would take over. The debris has been removed. The parish had problems growing the grass especially around the time of the storm. They attempted it multiple times and will continue with the effort. The no trespassing signs have been ordered. They will make sure the potholes are filled on the gravel road. BKI sent a letter with their opinion that the levee system was substantially completed and recommended the district to take over. President Jewell also explained that in the Willowridge/Ellington levee systems that the district has already been maintaining has a few of the problems suggested that are occurring in the Magnolia levee system that they would like completed. Upper Barataria Project has 62% if its levees in St. Charles Parish. The other 28% in Lafourche Parish. All of this is important to protect the residents. He suggests they keep pushing for the 100-year flood protection. CPRA has requested that we close out this project. Commissioner Arthur Bosworth asked if the debris was clear, if there is a one-year warranty and would the parish address any unevenness. President Jewell responded with yes. Commissioner Marlin Rogers asked if there was any storm surge in the area of the levee system. President Jewell responded. Commissioner Larry Sorapuru made a suggestion to President Jewell concerning the extra $1,000,000 from CPRA to be used to protect the Highway 3127 area. President Jewell responded. Mr. Donald Henry stated that the district was prepared to respond with a PowerPoint presentation, but he feels it is unnecessary. He agrees 100% with President Jewell’s information.

On motion of Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners accept and approve the operations and maintenance of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee – Magnolia Ridge Levee St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, Sta. 11+26.35 to Sta. 149+65.34.

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 Marlin Rogers, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the proposal by the United States Army Corps of Engineers to perform annual maintenance surveys, stone repairs, and articulated concrete mattress repair work along the Mississippi River.

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 the 2022 Per Diem Rates.

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 Marlin Rogers, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to change the date of the December 2021 Finance and Committee Meeting from December 6th & 8th, 2021 to December 13th & 15th, 2021.

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.

CSRS, Inc. gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project.

* **CPRA/LBLD Intergovernmental Agreement**
  + *CSRS, LBLD and CPRA legal met on Oct. 25th to discuss IGA*
  + *CPRA currently conducting internal approval for IGA execution. LBLD execution to follow.*
* **Civix Land Rights**
  + *Pipeline Agreements/LONOs: 4 out of 8 LONOs have been finalized. Remaining LONOs under technical and legal review prior to finalization.*
  + *Construction Access Agreements: Civix and design team finalizing (1) Matherne, (2) Chevron-Wagoner Road, and (3) St. Charles Parish/Chevron Canal #14.*
* **CPRA Comments**
  + *Grand Bayou Road – GIS has submitted DOTD permit application to modify turnaround at LA632.*
  + *Entergy Transmission Line – Civix/GIS providing updated drawings for levee lifts around power lines.*
  + *Sunset Pump Station – GIS has updated plans based on St. Charles Parish and CPRA feedback.*
  + *Badeaux Lane – CPRA has approved bidding section as separate phase.*
* **Additional Capital Outlay Request submitted on Nov. 1st.**
  + *Potential funds for Badeaux Lane improvements or other UBRR needs*
  + *Total request: $1.25 million for 2022 Regular Legislation Session consideration.*
    - Proposed $125,000 in Priority 1 (10% for design/engineering)
* CSRS to receive draft CEA for Capital Outlay funds ($2 million)
* Design team to continue discussions with USACE and CPRA for Segment 3 H&H model
* CSRS to schedule meeting with CPRA to discuss Segment 2 comments
* Civix to finalize remaining LONOs, complete title research for St. Charles Parish and Chevron property along Canal #14 and finalize Matherne access agreement.
* Master Plan external stakeholder meeting

Mr. Domoine Rutledge explained the recent trip to Washington D.C. to speak with Ms. Shalanda Young, who serves as the acting Director of the United States Office of Management and Budget for the White House.

Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made a motion to adjourn and Vice-President Jeffery Henry seconded his motion.

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PRESIDENT

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11/8/2021