**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 5, 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 President, James P. Jasmin, 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 Michael McKinney, Sr and seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter.

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 January 8, 2020 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr, seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, no discussion, no public comments and unanimously approved, the following cash available for distribution of the month of January 31, 2020 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Dec 2019 $ 210,606.21**

**Deposits/Transfer In – Jan.**

**Revenues/Refund 3,996,900.12**

**Matured D-Notes 0 .00**

**Interest on Checking 89.09**

**Transferred from LAMP 0.00**

**Total Cash Available $ 4,207,595.43**

**Cash Disbursements: Operating Expenses 460,555.01**

**Funds Transferred to Lamp 3,651,017.06**

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK BALANCE Jan. 31, 2020 $ 96,023.36**

**INVESTMENTS: Discount Notes/Bonds 11,262,587.40**

**TOTAL BOOK BALANCE FOR: Dec. 31, 2019 $ 11,358,610.76**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve to change the date of the March 11, 2020 Finance Meeting to March 18, 2020 and the March 18, 2020 Committee meeting to March 25, 2020.

President James Jasmin asked for a motion for item #8 on the agenda. Vice-President Eric Matherne made the motion to change the finance meeting to another date. Commissioner Gary Watson seconded his motion. Attorney Larry Buquoi asked if there are two meetings. President Jasmin confirmed there were. A discussion took place. Commissioner Jeffery Henry made the motion to move the finance meeting to the 18th of March and to move the committee meeting to the 25th of March. It was seconded by Commissioner Russell Loupe. It passed by unanimous vote.

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 approve the bid for One New Wag Way Tool 750 Drum/Hydraulic Brush Cutter or equivalent make and model from Wag-Way Tool, Inc.

Vice-President Matherne stated to the Board that this particular piece of equipment is needed for the Off-Levee Project, Maintenance and Dredging of Bayou Verret. He also informed the Board that there will be a meeting on Thursday, February 6th with a state representative for the money that will help reimburse the Levee Board. President Jasmin asked if he is trying to say that the Board should approve buying this particular piece of equipment and hope to be reimbursed for it from the allocated state funds, and if not, to approve it anyway just in case the Board needs it in the future. Vice-President Eric Matherne said yes that is what he means. Vice-President made the motion to purchase it, and Commissioner Marlin Rogers seconded his motion. It passed by unanimous vote. President Jasmin stated to the Board that he thinks it was a great idea to purchase the equipment, especially safety wise for the workers and when it will be needed further into the future.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve for the President of the Board of Commissioners to sign the 12’ Utility Servitude Agreement between the Ridgeland Properties, L.L.C. and LBLD with the term in paragraph 1, page 3 modified to extend the period of abandonment from 12 months to 24 months.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve for the purchase safety shoes for the employees of the Lafourche Basin Levee District, not to exceed $140. as per the Board’s Safety Plan .

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

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

On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve for the Board and/or staff to attend the National Hurricane Conference in Orlando, Florida on April 6-9, 2020.

Vice-President Eric Matherne stated that he does not think the Board should attend the Conference. From attending last year, for the first time, in New Orleans, he feels that information presented does not pertain to this levee board. Commissioner Jeffery Henry stated the he feels the Board should attend because a hurricane can hit anywhere. We should get the information in order to be prepared. Vice-President Matherne made the motion to not attend the Hurricane Conference. Commissioner Marlin Rogers seconded his motion. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Russell Loupe
* Eric Matherne
* Whitney Jasmin, Jr.
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert

NAYS:

* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* James P. Jasmin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 5 yeas, 5 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion failed.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Jeffery Henry to attend the Hurricane Conference. It was seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter. . President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Russell Loupe
* Eric Matherne
* Whitney Jasmin, Jr.
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert

NAYS:

* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* James P. Jasmin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 5 yeas, 5 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion failed.

On motion of Vice-President Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Russell Loupe, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve for the Board and/or staff to attend the Louisiana Emergency Management Conference in Lake Charles on May 4-7, 2020.

President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Russell Loupe
* Eric Matherne
* Whitney Jasmin, Jr.
* Marlin Rogers
* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 1 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed by majority vote.

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 Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana Workshop on May 7-8, 2020.

Mr. Michael Chopin with BKI gave an update on the Upper Barataria Project. The engineers are still looking at areas of deficiency on the Davis Pond Project. Still moving forward with the detailed information in the packets. On the Sunset Project, Mr. Chopin will be meeting with the geotechs to look at the survey information that will need to get to CPRA. Mr. Rodney Greenup of Greenup Industries informed the Board that they are also waiting for the geotechnical information for the permits.

President James Jasmin informed the Board, along with the attorney, Larry Buquoi, that after the Finance Meeting on next week there will be a Special Meeting held to discuss the lawsuit that is ongoing against the Board. The Board will go into Executive Session to speak with the attorney on case.

Commissioner Kevin Hebert made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Jeffery Henry seconded his motion.

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