**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 4, 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 and Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist were present. Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive Director was absent.

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

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 Jeffery Henry, no discussion, no public comments and unanimously approved, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 5, 2020 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Russell Loupe, no discussion, no public comments and unanimously approved, the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 12, 2020 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., no discussion, no public comments and unanimously approved, the following cash available for distribution of the month of February 29, 2020 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Jan 2020 $ 98,980.75**

**Deposits/Transfer In – Feb.**

**Revenues/Refund 296,535.48**

**Interest on Checking 17.52**

**Funds transferred in 250,000.00**

**Operating Expenses/Other 246,251.07**

**Funds transferred out 29,169.96**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE FEB. 29, 2020 $ 370,112.72**

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**Account balance – Feb. 4,252,233.65**

**Funds transferred in 29,169.96**

**Funds transferred out 250,000.00**

**Interest Income Earned 5,247.19**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE FEB. 29, 2020 $ 4,036,650.80**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 7,047,696.49**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF FEB. 29, 2020 $ 11,454,459.98**

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 for the Board’s President to sign the assignment from Entergy after the assignment gets approved by legal counsel.

Discuss and take action, by the by the Lafourche Basin Levee District Board of Commissioners, on whether to decide if the Assignment referred to in Item 3 of the Assignment of Servitude on the Right of Way Template from Entergy should be a partial assignment or should it stay as stated, in the ROW, by assigning full rights to the servitude. Also, there are certain terms and conditions in the servitude agreement which were requested in Ridgeland Properties. Is there specific language that should be included in the Assignment to reference/assign those conditions?

Mr. Larry Buquoi, attorney, stated that in the assignment sent by Entergy, they were requesting for the levee district to sign over all rights for the servitude in question. Mr. Buquoi stated that he did not agree that that should happen. He, along with Ms. Jane Dufour, discussed the assignment and agreed that it should be a partial assignment (partial rights). It would allow Entergy to go in and install the electrical components. He said that he is still waiting for Entergy’s response to his counter proposal. He would suggest to the Board that they should approve the assignment once legal counsel has approved. Vice-President Eric Matherne made the motion to authorize the President of the Board to sign the assignment once legal counsel has approved. He informed the Board that he also spoke with Ms. Dufour. He informed the Board that it is very important to get electricity to the pump station. Mr. Sam Scholle that the pump station is scheduled to be completed by the end of May which is why they are pushing for the assignment to completed as soon as possible. Mr. Buquoi suggested to call a Special Meeting to discuss the changes proposed by Entergy so that the assignment can be completed and signed. Again, Vice-President made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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 authorize the firms of Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. (BKI), Greenup Industries (GI), and GIS Engineering, LLC. (GIS)to perform continued design and data collection efforts outlined in the attached Task Order Plan for Task Order 5-A Phase 2, Task Order 5-B Phase 2, Task Order 6-B Sunset Levee Final Design, and Task Order 6-A Sunset Levee Additional Survey & Stability Analysis and Overall UBRR Permitting for the Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Project.

Vice-President Matherne asked the engineers if the funds for the Sunset Levee Project are the funds coming CPRA. They responded by saying yes. Commissioner Kevin Hebert asked how far was Greenup Industries on Task Order #4. Mr. Rodney Greenup responded that there are two permits that they are working on. Data is still coming in pertaining to the permits. As for the timing to be completed will also depend on public comments that will have to be addressed before the permit can be completed. Commissioner Hebert also requested a more detailed invoice from the engineers. He would like to see a timed goal for the Task Orders to be completed as well as seeing the work before paying the invoices. The engineers complied to his request. Vice-President Eric Matherne made the motion to authorize the Task Orders. It was seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter. 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
* Kevin Hebert
* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* James P. Jasmin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve to change the dates of the May Meetings due to the Board/Staff attending the AOLBOL Workshop and the LEPA Conference in the first week of May:

Regular Meeting: May 11, 2020

Finance Meeting: May 13, 2020

Committee Meeting: May 20, 2020

Mr. Henry Picard with BKI gave an update on the Upper Barataria Project. For Segment 1 – Davis Pond Levee Project, field operations have been put on hold and awaiting direction from CPRA. On Segment 2 – Sunset Levee Project, all geotechnical work and structural design are complete. Preliminary designs for the T-Walls were the delivered to the levee district. Gulf South is currently addressing the comments from CPRA. The team is currently working on the Task Order that was approved by the Board. Greenup Industries and Gulf South will coordinate to complete geotechnical analysis for the Barge Gate. Formal comment has been submitted to CPRA pertaining to their FY2021 Annual Plan.

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

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PRESIDENT

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