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**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 1, 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 17- JBE 2022 Renewal of State Emergency for COVID-19, Extension of Emergency Provisions, LBLD office will request 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 Vice-President, Jeffery Henry, at 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Jeffery Henry.

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; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish were present. President Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish was absent.

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Spencer Long, Attorney; Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; and Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist, were present. Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive Director, was absent.

Commissioner Arthur Bosworth IV made the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru (teleconference)
* Russell Loupe
* Jeffery Henry
* Gary Watson
* Craig Carter
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent, 0 abstained and 1 does not count (teleconference). The motion passed.

There were no public comments.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 2, 2022 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board. Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru (teleconference)
* Russell Loupe
* Jeffery Henry
* Gary Watson
* Craig Carter
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent, 0 abstained and 1 does not count (teleconference). The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner James P. Jasmin, the following cash available for distribution of the month of May 31, 2022 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Apr. $ 592,754.34**

**Deposits/Transfer In – May**

**Revenues/Refund 125,117.81**

**Interest on Checking 21.28**

**Funds transferred in 500,000.00 Operating Expenses/Other 744,306.76**

**Funds transferred out 123,996.10**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE MAY 31, 2022 $ 349,590.57**

**LAMP**

**Account balance – Apr. 5,625,519.93**

**Funds transferred in 0.00**

**Funds transferred out 500,000.00**

**Interest Income Earned 3,455.64**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE MAY 31, 2022 $ 5,128,975.57**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,285,946.67**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF MAY 31, 2022 $ 10,764,512.81**

Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru (teleconference)
* Russell Loupe
* Jeffery Henry
* Gary Watson
* Craig Carter
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent, 0 abstained and 1 does not count (teleconference). The motion passed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to purchase a Kubota ZD1211-3-60 for $16,740.18 on state contract.

Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru (teleconference)
* Russell Loupe
* Jeffery Henry
* Gary Watson
* Craig Carter
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent, 0 abstained and 1 does not count (teleconference). The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to purchase a Volvo EC220EL for $181,411.05 on state contract, along with one clean out bucket for $6,450.00 and a 5 year/3000-hour warranty for $4,735.00.

Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru (teleconference)
* Russell Loupe
* Jeffery Henry
* Gary Watson
* Craig Carter
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent, 0 abstained and 1 does not count (teleconference). The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner James P. Jasmin, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve a 3% cost of living raise and a 3% merit raise for the Executive Director, Donald Henry.

Commissioner Marlin Rogers asked if the evaluation results were in. Vice-President Jeffery said he wasn’t sure. Vice-President Henry stated “He collected all of them”. Commissioner Rogers said that President Matherne didn’t collect them. Vice-President Henry said “Yes, he did”. Commissioner Rogers stated “HE DON’T HAVE MINE”. Vice-President Jeffery stated “Well he got all ours that night. We gave it to him that night”. Commissioner Rogers state “I still have mine”. Vice-President Henry asked “Who else didn’t give their form to Eric?” No one answered. Vice-President Henry asked “Just you Marlin?” Commissioner James Jasmin stated to Vice-President Henry that this was discussed in the Committee Meeting already. There is a motion on the table and they should vote. Commissioner Rogers stated that the evaluations are not here today. Vice-President Henry stated that if President Matherne had a problem with the evaluations, he would have informed them.

Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru (teleconference)
* Jeffery Henry
* Gary Watson
* Craig Carter
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS:

* Russell Loupe
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert

ABSENT:

* Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 6 yeas, 3 nay, 1 absent, 0 abstained and 1 does not count (teleconference). The motion passed. Commissioner Rogers stated that would be an $8000 raise when you add it up. Commissioner Carter stated that we are paying a man $96,000 to sit at home and doing nothing. Commissioner Rogers stated that he’s sick. Commissioner Carter stated that it doesn’t matter. Vice-President Henry stated that they were speaking out of turn.

On motion of Commissioner Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve for the Board and/or staff to attend the MVFCA Annual Fall Delegation Visits on September 17-21, 2022 in Washington, D.C..

Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru (teleconference)
* Russell Loupe
* Jeffery Henry
* Gary Watson
* Craig Carter
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers

NAYS:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSENT:

* Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 1 nay, 1 absent, 0 abstained and 1 does not count (teleconference). The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner James P. Jasmin, the following resolution was proposed.

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 $180.

Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru (teleconference)
* Russell Loupe
* Jeffery Henry
* Gary Watson
* Craig Carter
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent, 0 abstained and 1 does not count (teleconference). The motion passed.

Mr. Elliot Boudreaux with CSRS, Inc. gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project.

* **Segment 2 – Sunset Levee**
  + CPRA provided partially executed IGA for LBLD execution. LBLD to execute/notarize IGA.
  + Project ready to begin bid process after IGA is fully executed. LBLD to formally request approval from CPRA to advertise project for bid.
  + GIS has TO in place for bid process and has developed preliminary bid schedule.
  + USACE/CPRA MOA timeline will likely drive bid schedule to ensure CPRA receives reimbursement from USACE.
* **Segment 3 – Bayou des Allemands Flood Gate**
  + CSRS and Greenup met on 5/18 to discuss permitting scope. Existing USACE EIS may be sufficient for portion of permit needs.
  + Greenup to revise permitting scope to focus on USFWS approval. CSRS to schedule meeting with CPRA to discuss path forward.
  + FTN has revised H&H modeling scope for reverse head consideration and environmental modeling needs.
  + GIS has identified additional Geotech needs for Segment 3. Greenup preparing proposal.
* **USACE/CPRA MOA Discussions for UBRR**
  + LBLD and design team to coordinate further with agencies while simultaneously progressing with further design measures.
* **UBRR Segment 2-5B Final Phase**
  + CPRA has requested further consideration for alternative alignments
  + CSRS/BKI developing SOW for conceptual alternative analysis
  + LBLD and St. Charles Parish met on 5/2 to discuss public input and stakeholder awareness.

Commissioner James P. Jasmin asked for an update on the permitting. Mr. Elliott Boudreaux responded. Mr. Donald Henry asked about the H&H Modeling. Mr. Boudreaux responded.

Vice-President Jeffery Henry called for an adjournment. Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner James P. Jasmin seconded his motion.

Commissioner Craig Carter asked Vice-President Henry if the President, Eric Matherne, called or notified him that he would not be attending tonight’s meeting. Vice-President Henry stated that no he did not. Vice-President Henry closed the meeting.

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PRESIDENT

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06/06/2022