**Committee Meeting**

**July 13, 2022**

**The Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District met as a Committee of the Whole this day 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 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.**

**The following Commissioners were in attendance: Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish; Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; James Jasmin, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish. Donald Henry, Executive Director was present. Ivy Chauvin, Assistant Executive Director and Larry Buquoi, Attorney were absent.**

**Commissioner Arthur Bosworth made the motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Jeffrey Henry seconded his motion.** **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 comments from the audience on the agenda items.**

**Personnel Committee Report: Marlin Rogers, Chairman**

**Commissioner Rogers reported that tonight we will hold the election of officers for the board of commissioners. This item will be voted on to be forwarded to the July 6, 2022 regular board meeting.**

**Building Committee Report: Larry Sorapuru, Chairman**

**Commissioner Sorapuru reported that after our meeting on June 2, 2022 with Mr. Spencer Long, the Board's Attorney, I spoke with the Contractor and expressed the Board's concerns. Since that conversation the Contractor has been on site and is currently installing one of the main drains to facilitate runoff from the new building as well as improve drainage from the existing site. In order to install this line, the existing fence had to be removed. The fence was rotten in several locations and had been damaged by recent storms. I recommend replacing the fence once construction is complete.**

**Since the last meeting report on May 10, 2022, the building foundation has been poured and concrete testing has been completed. The building erectors are scheduled to be on site staring tomorrow to begin erecting the steel columns and beams. Once this is complete the exterior panels will be installed and the interior build out can begin.**

**Safety Committee Report: Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, Chairman**

**Commissioner Bosworth reported that there were no lost time accidents. The last safety meeting for the maintenance department was held on May 26, 2022. The meeting started at 6:00 am. Three topics were discussed. They were as follows:**

**CAL/OSHA fire extinguishers**

**Tractor safety**

**Heat stress**

**The next safety meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6:00 A.M.**

**Equipment Committee Report: Michael McKinney, Sr., Chairman**

**Commissioner McKinney reported that as of today, all equipment is either located on their respective job sites or here at the maintenance shop. Our maintenance superintendent, Sean Webre, is requesting permission from the board to order 3 John Deere fc15r flex wing mowers on state contract.**

**Upper Barataria Project Committee Report: Eric Matherne, Chairman**

 **President Matherne reported that on the Sunset Project we are having a conference with JSRS tomorrow at 2:30 to go over with whatever they talked to CPRA. He continued to give an update and advised the rest of the Commissioners that once that meeting is done, he would give them a further update.**

**Bayou Napoleon/Bayou Verret Committee Report; Gary Watson, Chairman**

 **Commissioner Watson reported that LBLD is waiting on the proper paperwork for the assumption parish portion of the project. We have less than 3000 feet of the project to its completion. It should be completed withing the next few weeks.**

 **There were no additional committee matters to discuss, Commissioner Russell Loupe moved to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry.**

 **Executive Director**