**Finance Meeting**

**September 11, 2019**

**The Finance Meeting of the Lafourche Basin Levee District met at the official domicile of the Board in Vacherie, Louisiana and was called to order by President James P. Jasmin at 6:00 pm.**

**The following Commissioners were in attendance: Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Michael McKinney Sr., Ascension Parish; Stanley Folse, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish; President James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish and Whitney Jasmin, Jr., St. John the Baptist Parish. Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish was absent. Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director and Ivy Chauvin, Assistant Executive Director were present. Attorney Larry Buquoi was absent.**

**There were no comments from the audience on the agenda items.**

 **The cash status report for ending August 31, 2019 was presented. There were no questions. All bills submitted for the month were approved.**

 **A draft copy of the minutes of the September 4, 2019 Regular Meeting were presented to Commissioners.**

 **Executive Director Donald Henry informed the Board that he received information from the Human Resource Department pertaining to the new 2019 Per Diem Rate changes. He informed the Board it was placed in the folders to inform them about the new rates and to also let them know that prior to voting on the new rate, the new rate will have to be advertised for 2 before voting. Commissioner Marlin Rogers asked if it can be advertised without voting. Mr. Henry stated the Board doesn’t need to vote to advertise, but the Board will have to vote to approve the new rate after it has been advertised. President Jasmin asked if there were any objections to advertising the new rates. There were no objections.**

 **Chairman Kevin Hebert, Finance Committee, was absent. His update will take place during the Committee Meeting.**

 **Vice-President Eric Matherne stated that he thinks something was overlooked by not adding anything to the budget for the Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Project. He stated that he would like the Board to address it especially since they will be going to Washington D.C. to talk about this project. Mr. Henry said that he already spoke to Wayne Theall, accountant, and he said all the Board would have to do is vote to amend the budget.**

 **Commissioner Stanley Folse stated all the levee boards are participating with the Watershed Project. Mr. Oneil Malbrough explained the Watershed Project to the Board.**

 **Commissioner Gary Watson informed the Board that the first phase of the bike path in St. John Parish will begin on October 20, 2019.**

 **Mr. Henry informed the Board about a meeting that had taken place with CPRA on the GOHMESA funds. He also informed the Board that they attended a meeting in St. Charles Parish that included a presentation on the Drone Survey.**

 **Commissioner Russell Loupe moved to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry.**

 **Executive Director**