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**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 3, 2021**

 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 174-JBE 2020 Renewal of State Emergency for COVID-19, Extension of Emergency Provisions, LBLD office access is limited to 50% of the total occupancy as determined by the State Fire Marshal, which is 44 individuals at one time, including our employees. Every individual SHALL wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when entering the building. You can refer to gov.louisiana.gov for guideline exceptions. The meeting 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.

 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; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; President James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish and Kevin Hebert, 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 adjusted agenda was motioned by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. and seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry. President Jasmin 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
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Craig Carter

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

 There were no public comments on the agenda items.

 On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Eric Matherne, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2020 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

President Jasmin 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
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

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.

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Russell Loupe, the following cash available for distribution of the month of January 31, 2021 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

 **Checking account balance Dec. 2020 $ 445,544.18**

 **Deposits/Transfer In – Jan.**

**Revenues/Refund 3,732,977.17**

 **Interest on Checking 81.17**

 **Funds transferred in 0.00 Operating Expenses/Other 380,473.05**

 **Funds transferred out 0.00**

 **TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE JAN. 31, 2021 $ 3,798,129.47**

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 **Account balance – Dec. 1,418,294.77**

 **Funds transferred in 0.00**

 **Funds transferred out 0.00**

 **Interest Income Earned 97.88**

 **TOTAL ENDING BALANCE JAN. 31, 2020 $ 1,418,392.65**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

 **Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,346,370.66**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF JAN. 31, 2020 $ 10,562,892.78**

 No public comments were made. President Jasmin 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
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

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.

 On motion of Commissioner Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners to accept the proposed retirement resolution for the retired employee, Myron Borne: WHEREAS, Myron Borne, who has retired from the Lafourche Basin Levee District serving as Levee Foreman from April 14, 2003 to January 19, 2021; we the Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District are disappointed with the retirement of this valuable member of our workforce; however, we wish him a productive retirement and the best in his future endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Lafourche Basin Levee District offer congratulations to Myron Borne and approve his retirement.

President Jasmin 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
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

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.

 On motion of Commissioner Russell Loupe, seconded by Commissioner Marlin “
Rogers, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve t 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 $140.

President Jasmin 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
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

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.

 On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

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

President Jasmin 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
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

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.

 On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to purchase an 80” Brushcat with motor cover and polycarbonate door kit from Clark Equipment for $7,879.20.

President Jasmin 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
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

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.

 On motion of Commissioner Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Board and/or staff to attend the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Spring Conference in Washington D.C on March 20-24, 2021.

President Jasmin 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
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

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.

 Mr. Nicholas Matherne with BKI gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project. There is a full report in the folders. Davis Diversion – BKI and GI are preparing the required documentation to be submitted to CPRA for the reimbursement of funds to Lafourche Basin Levee District. Sunset Levee – (Reach 5-B) The design team submitted responses to the comments of residents from the November 9, 2020 public meeting. Sunset Levee Lift – Gulf South submitted soil design parameters and are waiting CPRA approval. Public Review for Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Scenic Stream permit concluded on January 4th. LDWF has 30 days to process permit. LNDR permit expected soon after. Barge Gate – team will be proactive in submitting design package to CPRA for review. Highway 90 Tie-In – Segment 4 geotechnical information was submitted to BKI as needed to complete the project. Full report to be completed this month. Permit – Coordinating effort to conduct Wetland Delineation for Comprehensive Permit. Currently reviewing DNR question sheet to work on permit application. USACE conducted public webinar meetings in January. Public comment period ended January 25th. Design team drafted comments and submitted on behalf of Lafourche Basin Levee District. USACE PDT plans to respond to comments by February 5, 2021. Mr. Sam Scholle discussed St. Charles Parish perspectives on the UBRRP. Commissioner Eric Matherne agreed that St. Charles Parish isn’t just working on certain aspects on the project and is doing more. A discussion took place about the feasibility study from USACE. Mr. Oneil Marbrough gave the highlights on the Watershed Initiative – LBLD and design team met with President Matthew Jewell to discuss project. President Jewell agreed to advocate for the project and engage elected officials and agencies to help move project forward. LBLD and design team presented project to State Legislatives on January 20, 2021. GIS met with CPRA on January 26, 2021, who agreed to support the project in LWI program and encouraged LBLD to complete E&D for Segment 3 to be shovel ready for construction funding when available.

 Commissioners agreed to hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 10 after the Committee Meeting to discuss amending the budget for the engineering costs for the Lac Des Allemands flood gate.

Commissioner Arthur Bosworth IV made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. seconded his motion.

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