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**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 6, 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 required 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 meeting opened with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Present: Commissioners… Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; President Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Commissioner James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish were present. Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish was absent.

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Spenser 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 J. Bosworth, IV made the motion to add to the agenda to move the month of May meetings due to the Board and/or staff to attend the 35th Annual AOLBOL Workshop on May 4-6, 2022 in Baton Rouge, LA . The motion was seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry. 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
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. 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
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

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 James P. Jasmin, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2022 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

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
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV., the following cash available for distribution of the month of March 31, 2022 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Feb. 2022 $ 1,296,082.96**

**Deposits/Transfer In – Mar.**

**Revenues/Refund $ 1,385,534.69**

**Interest on Checking 52.83**

**Funds transferred in 0.00 Operating Expenses/Other 371,406.25**

**Funds transferred out 2,000,000.00**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE MAR. 31, 2022 $ 310,264.23**

**LAMP**

**Account balance – Feb. 3,499,318.03**

**Funds transferred in 2,000,000.00**

**Funds transferred out 0.00**

**Interest Income Earned 673.55**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE MAR. 31, 2022 $ 5,499,991.58**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,285,360.64**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF MAR. 31, 2022 $ 11,095,616.45**

No public comments were made. 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
* Eric Matherne

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. 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 the bid from Cazenave Motor Company for two (2) 2022 Ford F150 4x4 Crew Cab or equivalent for $90,000.

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
* Eric Matherne

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to move the Finance and Committee meetings due to the Board and/or staff to attend the National Hurricane Conference in Orlando, FL on April 10-14, 2022. The Finance meeting will be held April 18, 2022 and the Committee meeting will be April 20, 2022.

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
* Eric Matherne

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. 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 the Board and/or staff to attend the 35th Annual AOLBOL Workshop on May 4-6, 2022 in Baton Rouge, LA.

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
* Eric Matherne

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Marlin Rogers, seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Board and/or staff to attend the 2022 LEMC (LEPA) Annual Conference on May 15-19, 2022 in Lake Charles, LA.

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
* Eric Matherne

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Vice-President Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to move the month of May meetings due to the Board and/or staff to attend the 35th Annual AOLBOL Workshop on May 4-6, 2022 in Baton Rouge, LA. The May Regular meeting will be held on May 2, 2022.

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
* Eric Matherne

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

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

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

* **Segment 2 – Sunset Levee**
  + ***All pipelines, utility LONOs and construction access agreements have been finalized and fully executed.***
  + ***Project is ready to begin bid process. CPRA to advise on bid process timeline and notice to proceed.***
  + ***GIS has existing TO for bid process and construction administration. Notice to proceed from LBLD to be issued after CPRA approval.***
* **Segment 3 – Bayou des Allemands Flood Gate**
  + ***Permitting (Greenup): Budget approved by LBLD board. Greenup drafting permitting scope***
  + ***Flood Gate Design (GIS): GIS budget approved by LBLD board and Notice to Proceed has been issued for determining design criteria and 65% design submittal.***
* **Capital Outlay Funds**
  + Project manager has been assigned. LBLD coordinating Professional Services contract to secure funds.
* **USACE/CPRA MOA Discussions for UBRR**
  + LBLD and design team have met with USACE and CPRA to discuss Chief’s Report and federal appropriations
  + 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 and design team drafting scope of work for LBLD review

Vice-President Jeffery Henry made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. seconded his motion.

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04/18/2022