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**REGULAR MEETING**

**August 3, 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. 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 Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish were present. Kevin Hebert, 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, and Astrea Jupiter, Administrative Assistant 5 were present. Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive Director, was absent.

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. 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.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 6, 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
* 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 James P. Jasmin, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following cash available for distribution of the month of July 31, 2022 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance June 2022 $ 382,393.60**

**Deposits/Transfer In – July**

**Revenues/Refund $ 18,016.33**

**Interest on Checking 23.43**

**Funds transferred in 250,000.00 Operating Expenses/Other 550,008.50**

**Funds transferred out 0.00**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE JULY 31, 2022 $ 100,424.86**

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**Account balance – June 4,483,481.30**

**Funds transferred in 0.00**

**Funds transferred out 484,148.30**

**Interest Income Earned 5,790.31**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE JULY 31, 2022 $ 4,005,123.57**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,279,553.27**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF JULY 31, 2022 $ 9,382,101.70**

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 Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, 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 ALBL Annual Meeting being held November 29-December 1, 2022, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside in New Orleans.

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 the Board and/or Staff to attend MVFCA 87th Annual Meeting, December 1-3, 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.

* **Sunset Levee 7.5’ Lift *- PROJECT IS OUT FOR BID!!***
  + **CPRA approved final plans and closed out all comments on July 27th with approval to begin advertisement.**
  + **GIS has submitted advertisement to St. James News Examiner to run through August.**
  + **Next Steps in Bid Process**
    - **Pre-bid meeting and site visit scheduled for August 19th at Paradis Volunteer Fire Department**
    - **Final bids due September 7th at 2:00PM**
    - **Once bids are received, LBLD will submit copies of lowest bids to CPRA for review.**
    - **CPRA will review bids and then advise LBLD on contract award and Notice to Proceed.**
* **Reach 5B - Badeaux Lane Alternative Analysis**
  + **10% Design and Badeaux Lane concepts underway with real estate damages and infrastructure realignment costs**
* **Segment 3: GIS 65% design**
  + **Greenup to update geotechnical report based on new design criteria**
  + **BKI to prepare mechanical/electrical design proposal for flood gate**
* **USACE Site Visit – UBRR Reach G & H**
  + USACE St. Paul’s (MVP) and New Orleans (MVN) Districts conducted site visit for Reach G & H on July 14 with LBLD, NLLD, St. Charles Parish and design team.
  + St. Paul’s District to begin engineering and design on Reaches G & H once Design Agreement (DA) is executed between MVP and MVN.
  + Anticipated 30–90-day turnaround for Design Agreement execution.
  + LBLD coordinating with CPRA as local sponsor to determine next steps for design team role to ensure USACE alignment
    - H&H modeling
    - Segment 4 design
    - Permitting

Mr. Sam Scholl, St. Charles Parish, updated the Board on the Kellogg T Wall. The parish is in the process of starting a boat launch. The launch shouldn’t interfere with UBRR work. It will be in the area the levee district maintains. Commissioner Larry Sorapuru asked Mr. Scholl if he has a presentation for the launch. Mr. Scholl said no, they just acquisitioned land and are in the beginning stages. Mr. Donald Henry informed the Board he received some information that he will present to the Board on Wednesday at the Committee Meeting. Mr. Rodney Greenup stated that he will try to complete the Geotech information this month. He also informed the Board not to lose sight of the Bill that was passed. We need to continue to communicate with the delegates because we need to get past the pre-construction stage.

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 Greenup Industries to engage Gulf South Engineering and Testing to update Geotechnical report based on revised design criteria to Bayou des Allemands flood gate.

Commissioner Marlin Rogers asked how much the work would cost. President Matherne pointed him in the direction where the information was listed in the packets located in the meeting folders. It will be $54,000. 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.

Mr. Donald Henry thanked the staff for a perfect audit.

Vice-President Jeffery Henry made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV seconded his motion.

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PRESIDENT

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