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**REGULAR MEETING**

**October 6, 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 167- JBE 2021 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.

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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; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Russell Loupe, 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. and Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist, were present.

Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. made the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV. 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 public comments on the agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner James P. Jasmin, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2021 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
* 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.

On motion of Commissioner Arthur Bosworth, seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry, the following cash available for distribution of the month of September 30, 2021 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Aug. 2021 $ 115,189.92**

**Deposits/Transfer In – Sept.**

**Revenues/Refund 240,711.13**

**Interest on Checking 9.26**

**Funds transferred in 250,000.00 Operating Expenses/Other 271,360.47**

**Funds transferred out 0.00**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE SEPT. 30, 2021 $ 334,549.84**

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**Account balance – Aug. 3,752,839.46**

**Funds transferred in 0.00**

**Funds transferred out 250.000.00**

**Interest Income Earned 108.90**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE SEPT. 30, 2021 $ 3,502,948.36**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,355,673.67**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF SEPT. 30, 2021 $ 9,193,171.87**

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
* 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.

On motion of Commissioner James P. Jasmin, seconded by Commissioner Larry Sorapuru, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the proposed bid for the new building from B.E.T. Construction, Inc. for the price of $1,198, 087.00 with the cost deductions of option 3 to bring it to the amount of $1,170,000.oo contingent upon amending the budget to cover the cost.

Mr. Joseph Savoie, Consulting Engineers, Inc., explained the bid that was made by B.E.T. Construction, Inc. for the new building for the cost of $1,198,087.00, along with the cost deduction options. The three options were:

#1 – $1,198,087.00 – original bid

#2 - $1,041,000.00

#3 - $1,170,000.00

Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. made the motion to accept the bid with the cost deduction option of #3. Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV seconded his motion. Commissioner Marlin Rogers expressed to the Board that the size of the new building was unnecessary. He also feels that using the workshop would suffice for their meetings and that the Board shouldn’t be spending that kind of money at the time. Commissioner Kevin Hebert asked Mr. Savoie questions pertaining to the costs. Commissioner Hebert feels that Mr. Savoie should have done a better job with the estimate and sticking closer to the original number and feels like the Board was misled. He will not support the bid offer. A discussion took place pertaining to the budget. Commissioner James P. Jasmin made the sub motion to keep the motion Commissioner McKinney made with the exception to amend the budget for the cost. Commissioner Larry Sorapuru 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
* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* James P. Jasmin
* Eric Matherne

NAYS:

* Russell Loupe
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 3 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

President Matherne commented that the Board needs to get more professional with dealing with serious items like this. He feels that in the future, a better presentation of all the facts and costs should be given to the Board. He feels that the tax payers of the district was not be looked out for with this project.

Mr. Elliot Boudreaux with CSRS, Inc. gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project. LBLD has approved Amendment No. 1 for Civix task order to continue land rights efforts on Segment 2. Civix has developed draft access agreements for both Chevron and Matherne property in addition to engaging all utility and pipeline operators. BKI has completed H&H model for Segment 3 and is scheduling meeting with CPRA and USACE for review. The Board has approved Task Order 7-B for GIS to begin final design on barge gate, flood walls, and levee tie-ins for Segment 3 upon CPRA/USACE approval of H&H model results. Mr. Domoine Rutledge gave the highlights to the Board’s and consultants’ delegation visit to Washington, D.C. for the UBRRP.

Commissioner James P. Jasmin requested that the Board meeting for a Special Call Meeting after the Finance Meeting on Monday, October 11, 2021 to adjust the budget.

Vice-President Jeffery Henry made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Russell Loupe seconded his motion.

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PRESIDENT

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10/11/2021