**Committee Meeting**

**November 10, 2021**

**The Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District met as a Committee of the Whole this day 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 181-JBE 2021 Renewal of State Emergency for COVID-19, Extension of Emergency Provisions, LBLD office will continue to require all individuals to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth, unless the person has been fully vaccinated with a Covid-19 vaccine. 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 following Commissioners were in attendance: Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish; Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, St. James Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; J** **Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; James Jasmin, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish. Donald Henry, Executive Director and Ivy Chauvin, Assistant Executive Director were present. Larry Buquoi, Attorney was absent.**

**Commissioner made the motion to adopt the agenda. Commsioner seconded his motion. The motion passed.**

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

**Building Committee Report: Larry Sorapuru, Chairman**

**Commissioner Sorapuru reported that the contracts were received yesterday evening from the Contractors with the required signatures and bonds. Please review and sign the contracts and we will notify Mr. Savoie’s office upon execution and he will send a carrier to retrieve them as soon as possible to assist in expediting the construction process. Once he has received the executed contracts the approved reduction change order can be processed to bring the contract cost within the approved budget. A notice to proceed will also be immediately sent to the Contractor to begin Construction. He will be scheduling a Pre-Construction meeting with the Contractor next week so that we can begin construction.**

**Safety Committee Report: Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, Chairman**

**Commissioner Bosworth reported that there were no lost time accidents. The Safety Meeting for the Maintenance Department was held on November 4, 2021 and started at 6:00 AM. Three films from the National Safety Council were discussed. They were as follows:**

**Accidents: The People Factor**

**Understanding & Preventing Slips, Trips & Falls**

**Lawn Mower Safety**

**The next safety meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:00 A.M.**

**Equipment Committee Report: Jeffery Henry, Chairman**

**Commissioner Henry reported that all of the district’s light and heavy-duty equipment is presently operational. All equipment is located on their respective job sites or here at the maintenance shop.**

**Upper Barataria Project Committee Report: Eric Matherne, Chairman**

 **Vice-President Matherne reported that there will be two public meetings being held pertaining to the Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Project - on January 7, 2020 at the Eddie Dufrene Community Center in Luling, LA at 6:00 pm and on January 9, 2020 at the Thibodaux Library in Thibodaux, LA at 5:00 pm. He also stated that they are still working on getting answers for CPRA on the Sunset Project.**

**Bayou Napoleon/Bayou Verret Committee Report: Gary Watson, Chairman**

 **Commissioner Watson reported that the Bayou Verret/Bayou napoleon project has been completed up to the point of the little Bayou Verret cross ditch. We are in the process of getting the proper clearance from the landowners and Entergy Highline to bring our land excavators in from highway 70. We will have to have to shred the areas of spoil placement from behind Ascension Water Plant back to the Little Bayou Verret cross ditch. Once we reach that point, we will continue dredging the bayou with the marsh buggy up to the completion of the project at Highway 70.**

**There were no additional committee matters to discuss, Commissioner Russell Loupe moved to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry.**

 **Executive Director**