**Committee Meeting**

**April 20, 2022**

**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 17- JBE 2022 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.**

**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; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; James Jasmin, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish. Donald Henry, Executive Director was present. Ivy Chauvin, Assistant Executive Director and Larry Buquoi, Attorney were absent.**

**Commissioner Arthur Bosworth made the motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Jeffrey Henry 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**
* **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 comments from the audience on the agenda items.**

**Personnel Committee Report: Marlin Rogers, Chairman**

**Commissioner Rogers reported that the board’s lawyer, Spencer Long, has sent a reply to the attorney of the Assistant Executive Director, Ivy Chauvin, pertaining to the letter that was sent from his attorney.**

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

**Commissioner Sorapuru reported that the project is underway. The existing concrete parking area has been demolished, the piles driven and the foundation plumbing installed. The main concrete slab is being formed for pouring next week. Once the foundation is complete, erection of the building will begin. We are currently coordinating material submittals and deliveries. The prefabricated building materials arrived ahead of schedule and are on site. This crucial delivery has us ahead of schedule for Construction. We are experiencing a minor delay from South Central Planning on scheduled inspections.**

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

**Commissioner Bosworth reported that there were no lost time accidents. The last safety meeting for the maintenance department was held on April 13, 2022. The meeting started at 6:00 am. Three topics were discussed. They were as follows:**

**LBLD rules refresher**

**Health & hygiene refresher**

**Weather condition caution refresher**

**The next safety meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 A.M.**

**Equipment Committee Report: Michael McKinney, Sr., Chairman**

**Commissioner McKinney reported that as of today, all equipment is either located on their respective job sites or here at the maintenance shop. Our maintenance superintendent, Sean Webre, is requesting permission from the board to order 3 John Deere fc15r flex wing mowers on state contract.**

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

**President Matherne reported that on the Sunset Project we are having a conference with JSRS tomorrow at 2:30 to go over with whatever they talked to CPRA. He continued to give an update and advised the rest of the Commissioners that once that meeting is done, he would give them a further update.**

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

**Commissioner Watson reported that the 6.7-mile project will be coming to its completion. LBLD has completed 6 miles of the project and is currently working on finishing the last 7 tenths of a mile of the project in the upcoming weeks. LBLD will be entering the Assumption Parish portion of the project by late next week. This project was started in November of 2019 from South Burton Road and Bayou Verret intersection. Upon completion we will be at the south eastern side of Highway 70 and Bayou Verret. The Bayou Verret/ Bayou Napoleon project was granted to help increase drainage capacity and prevent backwater flooding between the parishes that are impacted during storm events.**

**Tommy Landry with Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance presented to the Board.**

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

**Executive Director**