**REGULAR MEETING**

**August 7, 2019**

 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 and was called to order by its President, James P. Jasmin, at 6:00 P.M.

 Present: Commissioners…President James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Stanley Folse, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Whitney Jasmin, Jr., St. John the Baptist Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish and Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish were present.

 A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Larry Buquoi, Attorney; Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive Director and Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist were present.

 The meeting opened with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

 There were no audience comments in reference to agenda items.

 On motion of Commissioner Stanley Folse, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, no discussion, no public comments and unanimously approved, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 7, 2019 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

 On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, no discussion, no public comments and unanimously approved, the following cash available for distribution of the month of July 31, 2019 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

 **FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

 **Checking account balance June 2019 126,191.70**

 **Deposits/Transfer In - June**

**Revenues/Refund 195,564.38**

 **Matured D-Notes 0 .00**

 **Interest on Checking 17.63**

 **Transferred from LAMP 1,056,406.58**

**Total Cash Available $ 1,378,180.29**

 **Cash Disbursements: Operating Expenses 1,171,321.38**

 **Funds Transferred to Lamp 0.00**

 **FIRST AMERICAN BANK BALANCE July 31, 2019 $ 206,858.91**

 **INVESTMENTS: Discount Notes/Bonds 9,228,643.33**

 **TOTAL BOOK BALANCE FOR: July 31, 2019 $ 9,435,502.24**

On motion of Commissioner Kevin Hebert, seconded by Vice-President Eric Matherne, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.

 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to pay APTIM the outstanding invoice numbers: 432888, 432989, 437487, 440774 and 444670 for Task Orders 3 and 4 totaling $7,581.65 that was recommended by the Finance Committee.

On motion of Vice-President Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Russell Loupe, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.

 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize the request from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Right of Entry, along with ingress and egress, to conduct environmental and vegetative habitat surveys in connection with the Mississippi River Levee (MRL) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), Lafourche Basin Levee District, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

 Mr. Sreenivasulu Bollu with BKI gave an update on the Upper Barataria Project. The intergovernmental agreement between CPRA and LBLD is still in the process of being signed. The approved geotechnical work will begin once the agreement is completely signed. Work on the Sunset Levee is ongoing. Preliminary design has begun by GIS and BKI and are coordinating with Greenup on stability analysis. A presentation took place in St. Charles Parish on the Drone Survey. Oneil Malbrough informed the Board that there are possibilities within the district on locating dirt to be used. All the dirt will have to be tested before being hauled for the levee usage.

 President Jasmin informed Mr. Malbrough that he had received a letter from Senator Smith asking for an update. President Jasmin asked Mr. Malbrough if he can prepare a briefing for Senator Smith. Mr. Malbrough agreed and stated a presentation can be used for the briefing.

 Mr. Malbrough stated that a list will need to be made on the different suppliers for the dirt for comparisons and testing. A plan will be presented to the Board with different plans on how to handle the different situations available.

 President Jasmin asked if there were any other comments concerning the Upper Barataria Project. Vice-President Matherne stated that there was a tour planned with CPRA, the Corps and other involved parties. He suggested on rescheduling the tour again along with inviting the politicians involved to show the updated work that has taken place. President Jasmin suggested the engineers coordinate with the Executive Director, Mr. Donald Henry, to plan the tour.

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

 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners untable the motion made concerning the cost of living salary increase and/or a merit performance salary increase for the Executive Director, Donald Henry, and the Assistant Executive Director, Ivy Chauvin as per their contracts.

 President James P. Jasmin called for a roll call vote to untable the item.

Roll call vote thereon as follows:

 YEAS:

* Stanley Folse
* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Russell Loupe
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS:

* Eric Matherne
* Whitney Jasmin, Jr.

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 2 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstained the motion passed by majority.

On motion of Commissioner Stanley Folse, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following resolution was proposed.

 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners move to send the untabled motion to Committee Meeting for discussion.

 President James P. Jasmin called for a roll call vote to untable the item.

Roll call vote thereon as follows:

 YEAS:

* Stanley Folse
* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Russell Loupe
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS:

* Whitney Jasmin, Jr.

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 1 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained the motion passed by majority. President Jasmin informed the Board it will be discussed in the Committee Meeting and later refer it to the September 4, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

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

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