**Special Meeting**

**November 20, 2019**

**The Special Meeting of the Lafourche Basin Levee District met at the official domicile of the Board in Vacherie, Louisiana and was called to order by President James P. Jasmin at 6:30 pm.**

**The following Commissioners were in attendance: Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; President James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish. Whitney Jasmin, Jr., St. John the Baptist Parish and Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish were absent. Ivy Chauvin, Assistant Executive Director and Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director were present. Attorney Larry Buquoi was absent.**

**Adoption of the agenda was motioned by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. and seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter.**

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

**There were no comments from the audience.**

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

 **BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Maintenance Servitude Agreement and Right of Way Agreement, Maintenance Dredging of Bayou Verret and Bayou Napoleon, St. James Parish, LA between Nire, Inc. and the Lafourche Basin Levee District, with authorization being granted to the Executive Director to sign said agreement upon approval.**

**President James P. Jasmin stated that he and Mr. Donald Henry spoke with the attorney, Larry Buquoi, when they were notarizing the other agreement. Mr. Buquoi brought it to their attention that the previous contract only pertained to 95% of the land pertaining to the Bayou Napoleon and Bayou Verret dredging. The Board will need to authorize another agreement that will pertain to the other 5% of land in order to begin the project. Vice-President Matherne stated he spoke with Mr. Buquoi and he informed him that the new agreement for the 5% of land will have the same language as the other contract for the other 95%, just different owner names. President Jasmin asked for a motion. Vice-President Eric Matherne made the motion to approve the new agreement for the 5% of land along with allowing the Executive Director, Donald Henry to sign the agreement. It was seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:**

**YEAS:**

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

**ABSENT: Russell Loupe, Whitney Jasmin, Jr.**

**ABSTAINED: None**

**By a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed by majority.**

**Commissioner Marlin Rogers questioned if the equipment that will be in place for the project will stay at the project site during the Thanksgiving holidays. He stated the reason for asking is if the police see the equipment just sitting there not being used. Mr. Donald Henry stated that it is a gated area. Mr. Ivy Chauvin stated that it should stay there because the Levee Board had to pay for an escort to get the equipment there, so an escort would have to be hired again to bring it back to the shop and to bring it back again to the site. Commissioner Rogers said he understands and is ok with the arrangement.**

 **Commissioner Marlin Rogers moved to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter.**

 **President**