**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 6, 2019**

 **The Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee**

**District met this day in regular session at its official domicile**

**at 21380 Hwy. 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; Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension**

**Parish; Whitney Jasmin, Jr., St. John the Baptist Parish; Russell**

**Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish;**

**Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish and Gary Watson, St. John the**

**Baptist Parish were present. Commissioner Eric Matherne, St. Charles**

**Parish was absent.**

 **A quorum was present to conduct business.**

**Messrs. Larry Buquoi, Attorney; Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive**

**Director; Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director and Sara Long, Human Resource**

**SpecialistHhUM were present.**

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

**the flag.**

**On motion of Commissioner Stanley Folse, seconded by Commissioner**

**Michael McKinney and unanimously approved, the minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting January 9, 2019 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.**

 **On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner**

**Craig Carter and unanimously approved, the following report of cash**

**available for distribution of the month of January 31, 2019 be accepted**

**and filed in the minutes of the Board.**

 **FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

 **Checking account balance December 2018 69,658.77**

 **Deposits: Revenues/Refund 3,863,719.13**

 **Matured D-Notes .00**

 **Interest on Checking 43.55**

 **Funds Transferred In .00**

 **Total Cash Available $ 3,933,421.45**

 **Cash Disbursements: Operating Expenses 310,697.34**

 **Purchased D-Notes .00**

 **Funds Transferred LAMP 3,358,465.46**

 **FIRST AMERICAN BANK BALANCE January 31, 2019 264,258.65**

 **INVESTMENTS: Discount Notes/Bonds 12,318,301.97**

 **TOTAL BOOK BALANCE FOR: January 31, 2019 $12,582,560.62**

**On motion of Commissioner Russell Loupe, unanimous second the**

**following resolution was proposed and adopted.**

**WHEREAS, Haston Lewis, Sr., who was a former president and commissioner of the Lafourche Basin Levee District serving from August 6, 1992 to August 31, 2009, was called to his reward by Almighty God on Monday, January 21, 2019; and**

**WHEREAS, we the Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District are sadden by this loss and are aware of and moved by the grief and sorrow by his family and loved ones.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Lafourche Basin Levee District offer condolences to the family of the late Haston Lewis, Sr. and wish them strength and comfort.**

 **On motion of Commissioner Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Gary**

**Watson, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.**

 **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize Executive Director Donald Ray Henry to post on the Department of Civil Service LA Careers website to hire an Administrative Assistant 2, be granted.**

 **On motion of Commissioner Kevin Hebert, seconded by Commissioner**

**Jeffery Henry, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously**

**adopted.**

 **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize Executive Director Donald Ray Henry to post on the Department of Civil Service LA Careers website to hire a Mobile Equipment Operator 2, be granted.**

 **On motion of Commissioner Kevin Hebert, seconded by Commissioner**

**Marlin Rogers, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously**

**adopted.**

 **BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be amended, to add additional dates for the Board of Commissioners to visit with delegates in Washington, D.C., be granted.**

 **On motion of Commissioner Kevin Hebert, seconded by Commissioner**

**Jeffry Henry, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.**

 **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize Commissioners, Attorney and staff members to visit with delegates in Washington, D.C. from March 9, 2019 through April 12, 2019, be granted.**

 **Further, the expenses incurred by those attending be reimbursed.**

 **On motion of Commissioner Stanley Folse, seconded by Commissioner**

**Craig Carter, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.**

 **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioner authorize to purchase three(3) John Deere Tractors and three(3) John Deere Mowers on State Contract, be granted.**

 **On motion of Commissioner Russell Loupe, seconded by Commissioner**

**Michael McKinney, Sr., the following resolution was proposed and unanimously**

**adopted.**

 **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the purchase of safety shoes for the maintenance and administrative personnel not to exceed $140.00, be granted.**

**On motion of Commissioner Stanley Folse, seconded by Commissioner**

**Russell Loupe, the following resolution was proposed. And unanimously**

**adopted.**

 **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the employees annual physicals to be performed at St. Joseph Medical Clinic in Vacherie, Louisiana, beginning in March 2019, be granted.**

 **A motion is needed to authorize the Board of Commissioners to approve**

**the CEA agreement between North Lafourche Levee District and Lafourche Basin**

**Levee District. Attorney Larry Buquoi explained the CEA Agreement, the**

**engineer firms who performs the task order will submit an invoice to**

**Lafourche Basin Levee District who will pay in full, then the Director of**

**the Lafourche Basin Levee District will send an invoice to North Lafourche**

**Levee District to pay 22.7% of invoice not to exceed $600,000.00.**

**Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. made a motion, seconded by Commissioner**

**Craig Carter to change the CEA agreement to include BKI, GSI, and Gulf**

**South. Commissioner Marlin Rogers stated that changes the whole agreement.**

**Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. said “That is why I made the motion.”**

**Commissioner Marlin Roger stated an unanimous vote is needed to add to**

**agenda. Commissioner Craig Carter said “roll call” Attorney Larry Buquoi it**

**was his understanding that four engineering firms would be handling task**

**orders. If only 3 would have to reorganize the task orders. If we going to**

**amend the contract, North Lafourche Levee District will have to approve it.**

**President James Jasmin state a motion was on the floor to include BKI, GSI &**

**Greenup. Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. said “Gulf South Gulf South.”**

**President James Jasmin told him it’s not Gulf South its Greenup.**

**Commissioner Kevin Hebert said “Put Gulf South that is what he is asking**

**for.” Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. said put Greenup. Commissioner**

**Kevin Hebert stated you don’t even know what you are making a motion about.**

**President James Jasmin said “Gentlemen, we have a motion on the floor,**

**seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter.” Commissioner Craig Carter said “roll**

**call.” Commissioner Marlin Rogers said “we will have a discussion first.” He**

**asked “Why are we removing APTIM from the contract, they have been on team**

**since beginning.” Rogers stated I didn’t make the motion, you made the**

**motion. President James Jasmin for convenience, for convenience?**

**Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. said “Yes.” Commissioner Marlin Rogers**

**asked “What does convenience mean?” Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr.**

**stated “Do we need four engineer firms?” Commissioner Marlin Rogers state**

**“we had three engineer firms and one was added.” Attorney Larry Buquoi asked**

**Mark Roberts if each engineer firm had their own master agreement, he said**

**yes. Mr. Buquoi stated that the CEA Agreement is between Lafourche Basin**

**Levee District and North Lafourche Levee District for reimbursement of task**

**orders, not to exclude an engineer firm. Commissioner Kevin Hebert stated**

**that the CEA Agreement is only to get reimbursed from North Lafourche Levee**

**District. If the Board wants to terminate APTIM’s contract that is a**

**separate issue. President James Jasmin asked “How would we go about removing**

**APTIM from the contract?” Mr. Buquoi stated would have to bring the issue**

**before a committee and/or address on an agenda at a meeting. Commissioner**

**Marlin Rogers stated again brought up at the last minute, out of courtesy**

**for the board members should have been made aware what was going on.**

**Commissioner Kevin Hebert said obviously it has been talked about among some**

**commissioners since Commissioner Craig Carter knows how to terminate the**

**contract, so it was discussed outside of us. Commissioner Craig Carter**

**stated “you calling me dumb.” Commissioner Kevin Hebert said no obviously**

**you read the contract to know how it can be terminated. Commissioner Marlin**

**Rogers stated Mr. President, I gave you the courtesy by calling you ahead of**

**time to ask questions and get answers before the meeting. So we can all be**

**on the same page and not last minute. Commissioner Marlin Rogers said and**

**convenience, we had three engineers then one was added making 4, now 4 is**

**too many. Attorney Larry Buquoi stated that the contract is for**

**reimbursement between LBLD and NLLD. If the Board wishes to terminate an**

**engineering firm that item needs to be placed on the agenda to do so.**

**On motion by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr, seconded by**

**Commissioner Craig Carter, the following resolution was proposed and**

**unanimously adopted.**

 **BE IT RESOLVED that the motion to only include BKI, GSI and Gulf South to the CEA agreement between LBLD and NLLD, be withdrawn.**

 **On motion of Commissioner Marlin Rogers, seconded by Commissioner**

**Roussel Loupe, the following resolution was proposed.**

 **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve the CEA agreement between North Lafourche Levee District and Lafourche Basin Levee District.**

**Roll call vote thereon as follows:**

**YEAS: Stanley Folse, Gary Watson, Jeffery Henry, Craig Carter, Michael**

 **McKinney, Russell Loupe, Whitney Jasmin, Jr., Marlin Rogers,**

 **Kevin Hebert, James P. Jasmin**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Eric Matherne**

**ABSTAINED: None**

**By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent and 0 abstained the**

**motion carried.**

 **President James P. Jasmin called a Special Meeting on Monday,**

**February 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm to discuss the master service agreements**

**with each engineer firm.**

 **A discussion was given by Mr. Oneil Malbrough and Daren with St.**

**Charles Parish Council on the Upper Barataria Action Coalition UBAC**

**nonprofit organization.**

 **On motion of Commissioner Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner**

**Michael McKinney, Sr., the following resolution was proposed and**

**unanimously adopted.**

 **BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda item to discuss the Upper Barataria Action Coalition (UBAC) nonprofit organization be deferred to the Special Meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019, be granted.**

 **On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner**

**Craig Carter, the following resolution was proposed and adopted.**

 **BE IT REOSLVED that the task orders be deferred to the Special Meeting agenda to be held on Monday, February 11, 2019,**

 **Commissioner Marlin Rogers voted not to defer task order to**

**Special Meeting held on Monday, February 11, 2019.**

 **Mr. Mark Robert with BKI gave an update on the Upper Barataria**

**Risk Reduction Project.**

**Commissioner Russell Loupe made a motion to adjourn and**

**Commissioner Jeffery Henry seconded his motion.**



 **President**

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