**Committee Meeting**

**March 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 18-JBE 2021 Renewal of State Emergency for COVID-19, Extension of Emergency Provisions, LBLD office access is limited to 50% of the total occupancy as determined by the State Fire Marshal, which is 44 individuals at one time, including our employees. Every individual SHALL wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when entering the building. The meeting was called to order by its President, James P. Jasmin, 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 Michael McKinney, Sr. made the motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV seconded his motion. President Jasmin 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**
* **Eric Matherne**
* **Marlin Rogers**
* **Kevin Hebert**
* **James P. Jasmin**

**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.**

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

**Commissioner Sorapuru reported The Plans are scheduled to be uploaded to the Louisiana State Fire Marshal and the Louisiana Department of Health next week for review and approval. Mr. Joseph Savoie will present to the Board at a special meeting on March 31, 2021, for review and comment. At that time, he will request to advertise for 30 days bids. The presentation will include virtual modeling and PowerPoint of the proposed building.**

**The following is an updated list and status of design items included in the Plans should the Board wish to review:**

**1. Foundation & Piling Plan-100% Complete**

**2. Structural-100% Complete**

**3. Floor Plan & Elevations-100% Complete**

**4. Plumbing Plan 95% Complete**

**5. Plumbing Details 95% Complete**

**6. Lighting Plan 95% Complete**

**7. Electrical Plan 95% Complete**

**8. Electrical & HVAC Details 95% Complete**

**9. Construction Details-100% Complete**

**10. Parking and Site Work-90% Complete**

**11. Drainage-85% Complete-Discovered problem exist front catch basins**

**12. Miscellaneous Details-Windows, Sills, etc.-100% Complete**

**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 March 2, 2021 for the Vacherie and Sunset locations and started at 6:00 AM. Covid Safety and Precautions were discussed along with three films from the National Safety Council at the Vacherie location and three films were discussed at the Sunset location. They were as follows:**

**Back Basics- Back Injury Prevention (Vacherie)**

**Struck By Hazards in Construction Environments (Vacherie)**

**Pandemic Flu Facts and Prevention (Vacherie)**

**Back Basics- Back Injury Prevention (Sunset)**

**Struck By Hazards in Construction Environments (Sunset) Pandemic Flu Facts and Prevention (Sunset)**

**The next safety meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:00 A.M.**

**Equipment Committee Report: Michael McKinney, Sr., 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. We are inquiring to purchase the following tractors from John Deere on state contract; 5125r with loader- equipment total $89, 377.80, and 5125R- equipment total $79,479.20 and Rl5 mower- equipment total $23,041.98.**

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

 **Commissioner Matherne reported that at this time, we are currently waiting on CPRA & USACE to agree with a height for the levee lift.**

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

 **Commissioner Watson reported that on March 9th, we made it up to Brock Rd. (east). We had some repair work on the shredder done and service on the marsh buggy while we were on a road. We started on Bayou Verret northwest of Brock Rd. We are headed to Lapice Rd. We have three pipelines that we are approaching in the next week or so. We will be contacting the companies this week so that they are available to meet us at their pipelines. Mr. Donald Henry, Executive Director, showed a slide show of the area and work that is going on. A discussion took place pertaining to the hold up that is caused by T. Baker Smith.**

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

 **Executive Director**