**Committee Meeting**

**March 9, 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 Executive Director, Donald Henry, would like to discuss updating the personnel policy.**

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

**Commissioner Sorapuru reported that the contracts were approved and signed. A notice to proceed has been granted and submittals are being received and processed. The prefab building structure and is scheduled for delivery by April 1, 2022. The contractor expects to begin construction by the end of February beginning of March. We would like to coordinate a ground breaking ceremony at your convenience.**

**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 march 7, 2022. The meeting started at 6:00 am. Three films from the national safety council were discussed. They were as follows:**

**Lawn mower safety**

**Chainsaw accidents: the consequences**

**Shop safety**

**The next safety meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 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. The excavator that is located near the river has broken down and repairs are being made.**

**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 we are still clearing the right-of-way with the shredder. We have approximately 500 feet left to shred before we can start dredging again. We predict that there is about another week of shredding before the dredging begins. This time frame will also depend upon the weather and/or any mechanical failures.**

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

**Executive Director**