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**REGULAR MEETING**

**October 5, 2022**

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. The public was invited to attend via Teleconference and at the LBLD office. The meeting was called to order by its President, Eric Matherne, at 6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Commissioners… Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; President Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Commissioner James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish ; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; and Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish were present.

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Spencer Long, Attorney; Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; and Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist were present. Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive Director, was absent.

Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice. President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 7, 2022 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

On motion of Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry, the following cash available for distribution of the month of September 30, 2022 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Aug. 2022 $ 172,994.39**

**Deposits/Transfer In – Sept.**

**Revenues/Refund $ 9,490.91**

**Interest on Checking 14.53**

**Funds transferred in 500,000.00 Operating Expenses/Other 349,395.81**

**Funds transferred out 0.00**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE SEPT. 30, 2022 $ 333,104.02**

**LAMP**

**Account balance – Aug. 3,662,570.14**

**Funds transferred in 0.00**

**Funds transferred out 500,000.00**

**Interest Income Earned 7,096.91**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE SEPT. 30, 2022 $ 3,169,667.05**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,241,969.07**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF SEPT. 30, 2022 $ 8,744,740.14**

No public comments were made. The motion passed by unanimous vote. .

On motion of Commissioner James Jasmin, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Executive Director, Donald Henry, to attend a meeting to speak with OMB Shalanda Young, Director of the Office of Management, in Washington, D.C. on October 11-12, 2022 in Washington, D.C.

Commissioner Marlin Rogers asked Mr. Donald Henry if he was going to Washington by himself. Mr. Henry replied no, he will be attending with Mr. Domoine Rutledge, CSRS, and Mr. Rodney Greenup, Greenup Industries. Commissioner Kevin Hebert asked what were they going for. Mr. Henry replied that they were going request money for the Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Project. Mr. Rodney Greenup addressed the question as well.

President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

On motion of Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the following resolution was proposed unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the USACE request for the Right of Entry (ROE) to construct the Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T), Mississippi River and Tributaries, Lafourche Basin Levee District, Ama #2 Levee Enlargement, B/L Sta. 3109+50 to B/L Sta. 3137+50, St. Charles Parish, LA.

President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Short Form of Agreement between LBLD and GIS Engineering, LLC for Professional Services provided for the possibility of the shared costs of the lift and armoring of the WBV, as discussed in the September 14, 2022 Committee as Whole meeting.

President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

On motion of Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Larry Sorapuru, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the 2023 per diem rates, $117.75 per meeting, which will start in October 2022.

President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

On motion of Commissioner Marlin Rogers, seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to authorize employees to purchase prescription safety glasses from Williamson Eye Center, not to exceed $500.00.

President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

On motion of Vice-President Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve for the Board/staff to attend the 2023 Louisiana Emergency Management Conference Winter Educational Workshop on January 8-11, 2023 in Lake Charles, LA.

President Matherne called for a vote. 10 yeas, one nay (Kevin Hebert). The motion passed.

Mr. Domoine Rutledge, CSRS, Inc., Mr. Michael Chopin, BKI, and Mr. Oneil Malbrough and Mr. Kyle Galloway, GIS, gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project.

**Sunset Levee 7.5’ Lift**

* + **September 7th: Final bid opening date**
  + **LBLD has reviewed received bid and is discussing path forward with St. Charles Parish and CPRA**
  + **LBLD scheduled to meet with CPRA on October 6th**

**Reach 5B - Badeaux Lane Alternative Analysis**

* + **Preliminary draft of CSRS report has been completed and submitted to LBLD and St. Charles Parish for review**
  + **CSRS scheduling meeting with St. Charles Parish to review and discuss stakeholder impacts, relocation possibilities and potential buyout options**

**Segment 3: GIS 65% design**

* + **Greenup/Gulfsouth updating geotechnical report based on new design criteria**
  + **BKI preparing mechanical/electrical design proposal for flood gate**

**USACE Reach G & H**

* + **St. Paul’s District to begin engineering and design on Reaches G & H once Design Agreement (DA) is executed between MVP and MVN.**
  + **Anticipated 30–60-day turnaround for Design Agreement execution.**
  + **LBLD coordinating with CPRA as local sponsor to determine next steps for design team role to ensure USACE alignment**
    - **H&H modeling, Segment 4, Permitting**

Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made the motion to have a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 added to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. 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 unanimously. Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made the motion to have a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. 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 unanimously.

Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. seconded his motion.

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PRESIDENT

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10/10/2022