**REGULAR MEETING**

**November 2, 2016**

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 Michael McKinney, Sr. At 6:00 Pm.

Present: COMMISSIONERS…, President Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish, Gary Watson, St. John The Baptist Parish; Whitney Jasmin, Jr., St John The Baptist Parish; Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; James Jasmin, St. James Parish; Vice-President, Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Stanley Folse, St. James Parish; Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish.

 Messrs. Larry Buquoi, Attorney; Randy Trosclair, Executive

Director; Ivy Chauvin, Assistant Executive Director And Executive Secretary, Donald Ray Henry

Were Present. A Quorum Was Present To Conduct Business.

The Meeting Opened With A Prayer And The Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag.

There Were Comments From The Audience Concerning

**Agenda Items #11.**

A Request From St. Charles Parish President Larry Cochran To Authorize Legal Counsel To Assist In Property Expropriation For Willowridge Levee, Ellington Levee, Sunset Levee And The West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee. Attorney Charlie Chauvin.

It Was Motion By Commissioner Marlin Rogers Seconded By Commissioner Russell Loupe To Replace The Attorney. Motion Passes Unanimously.

Additionally, There Were Comments From St. John The Baptist Parish President Natalie Robottom, Councilman Larry Sorapuru, And Kurt Becnel Asking For Favorable Consideration To Construct A Trail To Be Place On Top Of The Levee On The West Side Of The Parish.

Commissioner Whitney Jasmin Remarked About His Long Standing Work/Interest In This Project. It Was Motion By Commissioner Gary Watson And Seconded By Whitney Jasmine For Approval. Motion Passes Unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Proposed Policy Changes By Commissioner Stanley Folse Which Was Tabled At The October 5, 2016 Meeting.

Upon A Motion By Commissioner Gary Watson, Seconded By Commissioner Jeffery Henry To Re-Open The Item For Discussion. It Was Unanimously Approved.

A Motion By Commissioner Stanley Folse Seconded By Commissioner James Jasmine To Consider **Agenda Item #4** In Global. There Were Comments And Questions Recognized By The President As Follow:

Attorney Larry Bouquoi Stated ThatItem #2 Of

**Agenda Item #4** Was In Conflict With State Statue. He Advised And Reference The Board To The Statue RS30:226 As Printed In The Package For Review. After A Long Discussion About The Statue And An Explanation That The Board Did ‘NOT’ Have A Right/Ability To Approve Nor Disapprove A Permit And That CPRI Requires No Voting For An Approval For Permits/ CPRA- CORE OF ENGINEERS- DOTP Etc.

Commissioner Stanley Folse Stated That As Long As The Board Does Not Execute Item #2Of **Agenda Item #4,** The Board Would Not Be In Conflict With The Statue.

In Addition, Commissioner Kevin Hebert Questioned The Intent Of The Word ‘STAFF’ On Item #4 Of **Agenda Item #4**.

In Response, Commissioner Stanley Folse Stated That The Staff Consisted Of Members/Staff Present At The Meeting,(Attorney Larry Bouquoi, Executive Secretary, Donald Ray Henry, And Assistant Director, Ivy Chauvin) And Workers Such As The Secretaries/Staff Who Work In The Building Down And Upstairs.)

It Was Moved, Respectively, To Withdraw The Motion By Commissioners Stanley Folse And James Jasmine To Consider In Global.

A Motion Was Made To Consider The Entire Proposal

Without/With Exception To Item #2 Of Agenda Item # In Global By Commissioner Stanley Folse And Seconded By Commissioner James Jasmin. A Role Call Vote Was Called:

**YEAS 7**= Commissioners Stanley Folse, Craig Carter, Jeffery Henry, Gary Watson, James Jasmin And Whitney Jasmin

**Nays 4**= Commissioners Marlin Rogers, Russell Loupe,

Eric Matherne And Kevin Hebert Motion Passes.

**Abstained: 0**

**Absent: 0**

New Business:

**Agenda Item #5**

On Motion By Commissioner Jeffery Henry, Seconded By Commissioner Whitney Jasmin And Unanimously Approved, The Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of October, 5, 2016, Be Accepted And Filed In

The Minutes Of The Board Provided The Necessary Changes Be Corrected: The Term ‘**By-Laws’** Must Be Changed And Corrected In Two Places With The Word **‘POLICY’**. After These Corrections/Changes Are Made, The Agenda Is Adapted Into The Record.

**Agenda Item #6** Cash Status Report Was Read By Executive Director, Randy Trosclair. On Motion By Commissioner Stanley Folse, Seconded By Commissioner Jeffery Henry. The Cash Status Report Was Unanimously Approved.

On Motion By Commissioner Marlin Rogers, Seconded By Commissioner Whitney Jasmine, To Changed The Dates For The December 2016 And January 2017 Meetings Due To The Annual Meeting In New Orleans And The Christmas Holidays. It Was Discussed And Proposed. Unanimously Adopted.

**Agenda Item #8**

That The Request For The Authorization To Declare Unit #892 A 2001 Hyundai Long Reach Excavator As Surplus Property And Further Place On The Surplus Equipment. Auction List To Be Sold. Motion By Commissioner Marlin Roger And Seconded Commissioner James Jasmine. Unanimously Adapted.

**Agenda Item #9**

Request For Authorization To Purchase On State Contract One (1) New Bobcat Compact Mini Excavator For 83,029.50

On Motion By Commissioner Stanley Folse, Seconded By Commissioner Russell Loupe, Motion Passes.

**Agenda Item #10**

As Was Discussed In Committee Meeting, To Request The Authorization To Advertise Through The Louisiana Department Of Civil Service To Hire One 1 Mobile

Equipment Operator AND Two 2 Employees. The Request Was Proposed By Commissioners Whitney Jasmin Seconded By Commissioner Russel Loupe. Motion Was Unanimously Adopted.

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It Was Motion By Commissioner Marlin Rogers Seconded By Commissioner Russell Loupe To Replace The Attorney. Motion Passes Unanimously.

**Agenda Item #12**

That The Request From St. James Parish Government To Approve The 2016 Christmas Bonfire Program.

On Motion By Commissioners James Jasmine, Seconded By Commissioner Whitney Jasmine. The Request Was Proposed And Unanimously Adopted.

**Agenda Item #13**

Request From St. John The Baptist Parish President Natalie Robottom, Councilman Larry Sorapuru, And Kurt Becnel Asking For Favorable Consideration To Construct A Trail To Be Place On Top Of The Levee On The West Side Of The Parish.

Commissioner Whitney Jasmin Remarked About His Long Standing Work/Interest In This Project. It Was Motion By Commissioner Gary Watson And Seconded By Whitney Jasmine For Approval. Motion Passes Unanimously.

**Agenda Item #14**

Request From St. Charles Parish President’s Office To Proceed With Expropriation On Parcel 24-1 Due To Not Being Able To Identify An Owner With A Clean And Merchantable Title Of The Parcel. It Was Proposed By Commissioner Marlin Rogers Seconded By Commissioner Eric Matherne. Motion Passes Unanimously.

**Agenda Item # 15**

Request For Lafourche Basin Levee District To Sign And Execute An Ease/Servitude Agreement For Parcel 2-1 Sunset Drainage Levee, St. Charles. It Was Proposed By Commissioner Marlin Rogers Seconded By Commissioner Eric Matherne. Motion Passes Unanimously.

An Update Was Given On The Lafourche Basin Levee District Hurricane Project By Project Mgr.(Sam Sholer)

Commissioner Eric Matherne Made A Motion To Adjourn.

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 President