**REGULAR MEETING**

 **June 7, 2017**

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, 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 And Commissioner Gary Watson, St. John The Baptist 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.

The President Recognized Agenda **Item # 3**

There Were Comments From The Audience.

Parish President, Larry Cochran, Stated He Would Like To Speak At The Time Of The Discussion About Agenda Item #8. He Stated That He Wanted To Be Very Clear Because He Didn’t Want To Miss His Opportunity To Speak. He Also Stated That A Couple Of Other People Would Speak Too. Commissioner Stanley Folse Asked The Question About Who Along With St. Charles Parish Would Speak On Agenda Items # 8 And #12. Parish President, Larry Cochran Stated That Mr. Billy Raymond, Mr. Paul Hogan And Mr. Sam Shotz Would Speak Also.

President Michael McKinney Informed Each Speaker That They Would Have A Limited Amount Of Time To Speak…..Someone Ask How Limited, And He Said He Does Not Know But Reiterated That The Time To Speak Would Be Limited Accordingly

**Agenda Item #4**

It Was Motioned By Commissioner Staley Folse Seconded By Commissioner Russell Loupe To Untable Agenda **Item #4.**

It Was Unanimously Passed.

Request From The U.S. Corps Of Engineers For A Letter Of Objection For The St. Charles Parish Mitigation Project. It Was Motion By James Jasmin Seconded By Eric Matherne. Motion Pass Unanimously.

**Mr. Mark Roberts** Gave A Very Brief Explanation About The Easement And How They Did Not Line Up… And After Having Conversations With Core Over The Last Several Weeks They Line Up Now..He Also Stated Why He Recommends The Approval Of Agenda **Item #4**. Following His Explanation, Executive Director, Randy Trosclair Recommended The Approval Of Agenda **Item #4** Too!

Commissioner Eric Matherne Proceeded To Ask President McKinnney To Give Him Time To Give Attention To The Agenda That President Larry Cochran Had. He Stated That He Had An Old Agenda. The Subject Matter Was Cleared.

**Agenda Item #5**

It Was Motioned By Commissioner Eric Matherne And Seconded By Commissioner Gary Watson To Accept And Approve The Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of May 10, 2017. Motion Passes Unanimously.

**Agenda Item #6**

A Reference To A Copy Of The Cash Status Report Enclosed In The Packgage Was Given By The Accountant, Mr. Wayne Theall. Report Was Unanimously Approved And Accepted. Motions By Commissioners Marlin Rogers And Whitney Jasmin.

**Agenda Item #7**

A Motion By Commissioner Kevin Hebert And Seconded By Commissioner Jeffery Henry To Approve Changing The Date Of The July 5, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Due To The July 4, 2017 Holiday To July 12,19, And 26, 2017. After A Brief Discussion, The Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Agenda Item #8**

President Michael McKinney Stated That He Met With Executive Director Randy Trosclair And Discussed The Change Of His Role As Executive Director To Consultant And Project Director Of The (UBRRP), Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Project. **Commissioner Marlin Rogers Ask Who Met?**..Present Stated Again..Randy And He Met. He Informed The Board That Randy And He Met A while Back Too. He Also Stated That Everything In His Contract Will Remain The Same Essentially For The Exception Of A Few Things.

1. Comments Were Immediately Made By **Commissioner Marlin Rogers** That He Disagreed With The President’s Statement And Suggested That Executive Director, Randy Trosclair Get A Year Extention Of His Present Contract For A Year If He Would Except That…
2. Immediately, Additional Comments Were Made By Commissioner **Kevin Hebert** About The Director’s Contract…So We Are **NOT** Extending His Contract, We Are Writing A New Contract?!?! He Clearly Made Reference That The Agenda Item Was To Extend His Contract Vs Revising It. Commissioner Kevin Hebert Then Ask For An Opinion About The Situation. Executive Director Randy Trosclair The Stated That His Contract Ends July 1. **Commissioner Kevin Hebert** Asked The Board’s Attorney, Larry Buquoi **Again** For Clarification.
3. Attorney Larry Buquoi Stated That Basically, The Request Was Put On The Agenda To Talk About Contract Extension.. You Can Certainly Talk About The Extension, You Can Talk About Changes To The Contract, Or Terms Of The Contract For The/An Extention. He Stated That He **DID NOT** Think That There Is A Restriction That Has To Actually Be An Extention Of That Contract Without Revisions. You Certainly Can Take The Old Contract And Make Changes. Obviously It Has Things In It That You Want To Change That Can Be Changed. **SO, I BELIEVE YOU CAN!**
4. Commissioner Hebert Then Responded, VERY GOOD!!
5. **Commissioner Marlin Rogers** Again Stated That He Would Like To Extend The Contract That He Has NOW For One Year!! With An Option In It..That’s Fine. “That Way We Have It…See Auh.” He Then Reference The Master Plan. That Would Help Everything Go Through That. President McKinney Ask Director Trosclair Were We In The Master Plan And WAS It Sign By The Governor…
6. **Director Trosclair** Stated That It Goes To The Secretary Of State, Then To The Governor. President McKinney Again Reiterated That Randy Would Be Place Over That Project. Commisioner Marlin Rogers Stated His Concerns About Having To Pay One Person Now To PAYING Two People.
7. **Commissioner Stanley Folse** Made A Motion To Consider Item #8.. To Which Commissioner Marlin Rogers Responded “I MADE A MOTION” To Which Commissioner Kevin Hebert Seconded Commisioner Marlin Roger’s Motion.
8. **Commissioner Stanley Folse** Proceeded To Make A Substitute Motion On **Agenda Item #8** Seconded By Commissioner James Jasmin.
9. To Which The Question Was Ask By **Commissioner Kevin Hebert..**”Are We Going To Vote On Our Motion?!?!?
10. A Brief Deliberation About How To Proceed Took Place And Commissioner Whitney Jasmin Stated That The Attorney Is Over There. **Attorney Larry Buquoi** Made No Clarifications Or Comments At That Time.
11. **President Mckinney** Clarified That The Second Motion Was To Change The Job Title And What He Had Previously Stated That Was Discussed By He, Randy And Attorney Larry Buquoi.
12. **President Larry Cochran** Begin To Speak And Said The..”We Operate A Little Bit Different” We Make A Motion And A Second..There Is No Discussion After That. WE VOTE ON IT! He Further Stated That He Wanted To Begin By Thanking All Of The Board Members And Theat They All Have Done A Great Job For St. Charles Parish And Appealed To The Board That He Trusted Them To Start With That Levee In Paul’s (Hogan) District. The Levee Board Took The Project Over And Did A Very Good Job!! He Stated That He Agreed With **Commissioner Marlin Rogers** That He Would Like To See Randy Trosclair Stay As Executive Director For Another Year. He Begin To Describe The Place That Everyone Is In With The Master Plan And If It Were Not For The Things That The Levee Board Has Done, His Administration And Other Administration…WE WOULD NOT BE IN THE MASTER PLAN. So We Need To Leave It As It Is. No Use In Wasting Money. He Begin To Talk About St. Charles Parish Investment Into The Lafourche Basin Levee District…”And He Would Hope That The Board Would Go Along With Us”..Thank You!
13. Further Comments Were Made By **Paul Hogan** That He Agreed With Present Larry Cochran To Keep Randy On Another Year. He Further Reference His Disagreement Of The Changes That The Board WAS Proposing.
14. **Commissioner Marlin Roger** Ask Did The Personnel Committee Discuss The Matter. The President Ask Did The Personnel Need To DISCUSS It. Commissioner Marlin Rogers Stated That This Was The First Time We Changed Something In 44 Years.
15. **Commissioner Kevin Hebert** Ask About Why He Did Not Get The Curtesy….To Which The President Responded. You GOT YOUR AGENDA! He Responded That It Was Not On The Agenda That Was Mailed To Him…**Commissioner Kevin Hebert** Very Angrily Made The Statement That He Believed The Board Was Rushing Through This Because Of A Political Pay Back.
16. **Mr. Sam** Begin To Speak About His Long Standing Working Relationship With Randy Trosclair..It Also Talked About The Importance Of The Levee System Importance In The Upper Barataria Project. He Stated That His Concern Was A Technical Concern And Putting People In Place Who Know Nothing About The Technical Part Of The Many Conversations That Will Be Held With Engineers And Core. President McKinney Made Clear To Mr. Sam That Randy Trosclair Was NOT Being Fired And Would Remain In Place To Make The Necessary Decisions. He Vehemently Disagreed.
17. **Mr. Billy Hash** Stated His Wish That Randy Trosclair Would Stay Another Year As Was Proposed By Commissioner Mr. Marlin Rogers.
18. A Continued Discussion By Commissioner Marlin Rogers Took Place About The Timing That He Received The Information And How Much Would Randy Receive As Compensation.
19. **Attorney Larry Buquoi** Began To Clarify That He And The President Discussed About The Summary Of What Would Be Proposed A A New Conrtract For Mr. Randy Trosclair. He DREW It Up And Sent It To The Commissioners That He Had Emails For. He Stated That The Board Needed To Clarify Precisely What Changes They WANTED To make In The Existing Contract So That He Would Better Operate Going Forward. He Begin To Let The Board Know The Difference Between What He Was Told Verses What Was Being Discussed. He Also Stated That HE NEEED TO KNOW THE DETAILS FI THE BOARD WISED TO EXTEND RANDY’S CONTRACT.
20. **President Larry Cochran** Made The Statement ..POINT OF ORDER To Which The President Refused To Acknowledge And Said That He Was Out Of Order.
21. **Commissioner Eric Matherne** Then Made Another Motion To Table The Agenda Item Until The Board Can Have A Precise Copy Of The Changes That Will Be Made To Randy Trosclair’s Contract.
22. **Commission James Jasmin** Stated To The President That There Were Already Two Motions On The Floor.
23. Attorney Larry Buquoi Stressed That He Just NEEDED TO HAVE THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THE DETAILS!!! Be Verbalized With All The Details Of What We Are Doing.
24. **President Larry Cochran** Begin To Suggest That The Board Should Be More Professional Than They Were Conducting Themselves In His Opinion. He Stressed The Point That His Parish Affords The Board Millions Of Dollars, Etc. And Proceeded To State That The Board Was Violating Many Roberts Rule Of Order To Which The President ASKED WHICH ONES. He Then Stated Very Heatedly That The President May HAVE The Gavel, But He Had The Money. The President Then Used The Gavel And Said…..**ENOUGH!!!!!!!! And President Larry Cochran Said ”I’M OUTTA HERE!!!**
25. **Commissioner Stanley Folse** Stated That Before President Cochran Leaves That He Wanted Him To KNOW That Nothing Has Changed And Nothing Will Change Concerning The Projects In St. Charles Parish. The Commitment To Work With The Parish Remains Strong.
26. **Again, Mr. Sam** Stressed That Over Twenty-Five Miles Of Levee Is In St. Charles Parish And Without The Support Of President Cochran, The Board Greatly Jeopardizes The Project. You Need His Support!! To Which The President Explained Again That Randy **Will** Be Involved With The Project.
27. Commissioner James Jasmin Then Ask The Question To Mr. Trosclair Did He (YOU) Agree To The President’s Proposed Changes In His Contract…And Followed By Saying He Spoked To Randy Several Times And He Concluded That He Understood Clearly What Was Going To Take Place. He Also Stated That “WE DOn’T MAKE THE RULES, WE JUST LIVE BY THEM”
28. Director Trosclair Responded By Saying Yes. And That He Had Talked To Many Of The Board Members And Requested That They Support An Extension Of The Existing Contract And When He Had The Meeting With The President And He Was Told That The Board Was Taking A Different Direction And Gladly Accepted The Other Opportunity For He And His Family. He Stated That It Had Been Discussed A Lot Over The Last Several Months. He Also Stated That He Has Been Around For A Long Time And He Realize When You Have Something Or WHEN You Do Not Have It. He Concluded That This Gives Him The Opportunity To Continue Working On a Project That He Dearly Loves.
29. Commissioner Kevin Hebert Suggested That The Board Should Have Had A Search Committee.
30. **Mr. Paul Hogan** Stated Again That There Was A Conflict In What Was Being Said About Randy’s Contract As Opposed To His Actual Job Description Changes.
31. It Was Proposed Again To Table The Discussion To **Agenda Item#8.**
32. Attorney Larry Buquoi Suggested That If The Board Chooses to Table The Agenda Item, They Would Then Have To Extend The Contract Of RANY Trosclair For One Month To August 1. Then Take This Through Committee And Take A Look AT This. Get All Your Ducks In Row And Come Back In The July Meeting And Decide What Y’ALL Want To Do. So Everyone Will Know That Green Is Green And Red Is Red, Etc. Everybody Will Have A Chacne To Ask Questions.
33. **Commissioner Craig Carter** Ask Randy Trosclaire Did He See The Contract That Was Being Discussed Prior To That Night. A Lengthy Discussions Took Place And Commissioner Craig Carter Stated That It Was Time To Vote On The Agenda Item..
34. **Attorney Larry Buquoi** Discribed Again To The Board How They Arrived AT The Proposed Contract And When He Was Contacted. Made Notes And Called Randy.
35. **Commissioner Stanley Folse** Stated Also That It Was Time To Vote. Cease Discussions.
36. **Commissioner Kevin Hebert** Stated To Commissioner Stanley Folse That When He Becomes President Next TERM.. He Can Make Those RULES.
37. **Attorney Larry Buquoi Advised** How To Proceed With The Three Motions That Were On The Floor. THIRD One(Table)Motioned By Commissioners Eric Matherne Seconded By Marlin Rogers… Must Vote First, If It Passes, Then All Else Fails, ETC, Then Second Motion(Commissioners Stanley Folse Seconded By Jeffery Henry) Was To(Except The Tentative Proposed Changes By The President), Then First Motion(Marlin) To Extend Randy’s Existing Contract For A Year.

ROLE CALL VOTE TO TABLE **AGENDA ITEM #8**

**NAYS:7**

**YEAS:4**

Roll Call Vote To Consider Motion #2 On **Agenda Item #8**

**Nays:0**

**Yeas:6** Motion Passes

**By The Time This Vote Was Taken, The St. Charles Delegation And Commissioner Gary Watson Were Not Present.**

Attorney Larry Buquoi Reiterated That He Has To Know Details!! I Then Whispered To President Michael McKinney That The Attorney Did NOT HAVE TO KNOW THE DETAILS.

Commissioner Kevin Hebert Re-entered The Meeting And Quoted That The President Called Him And Stated He Was Going To Do Everything In His Power To Pull Out OF The Lafourche Levee Board. Mr. Sam Also Stated That Sixty-two Percent OF The Finances Come From St. Charles Parish. Kevin Again Talked About A Search Committee.. And That He Had NO Problems With ME And That Thought I was A GOOD MAN. AND If I were The Most Qualified, The We Should Hire Him, Etc. IT IS ALL POLITICAL.

And That He Hope That All The Good Catholic Church Men Could Sleep Tonight And Furthermore, That They Should Go To The Altar And Live With Yourself…To Which Commissioner Whitney Jasmin Said, “I CAN” To Which Commissioner Kevin Hebert Said To Examine His Conscience. By This Time Commissioner Kevin Hebert Suggested That The ST.CHARLES DELEGATION LEAVE THE MEETING…AND THEY DID!!

I Then Read The Tentative Agreement For Mr. Trosclair Completely To The Board.

After… The Vote Was Taken By The Board,

**With Six Yeas.**

It Was Advised By Attorney Larry Buquoi That A Motion Was Needed To Authorized The President To Sign The Contracts When It Is No Longer Tentative. Motion Was Made By Commissioner James Jasmin Seconded By Commissioner Whitney Jasmin. Motion Passes.

**Agenda Item #9**

A Motion Was Made By Commissioner Whitney Jasmin Seconded By Commissioner James Jasmine To Give A Contribution To The Association Of Levee Boards Of Louisiana A Contribution In The Amount Of 5,000 For The Louisiana Flood Risk Coalition. Motion Passes With

**Six Yeas.**

**Agenda Item #10**

To Grant The Request From St. Charles Parish To Host The 27TH Annual Independence Day Celebration On July The 3RD From 6P.M. To 9p.m. At The West Bank Bridge Park In Luling With The Fireworks To Begin At 9p.m. Motion By Commissioner Stanley Folse And Seconded By Commissioner Whitney Jasmin. Motion Passes With Six Yeas.

**Agenda Item # 11**

An Update Was Given To The Board On The Lafourche Basin Levee District Hurricane Project By Mark Roberts. Comments Were Made By Oneil Malbarough And Mr. Dennis Emile. The Legislation Will Be Sign By the Governor By The 16TH.

**Agenda Item #12**

It Was Motioned By Mr. Whitney Jasmin And Seconded By Commissioner Stanley Folse To Hire MR. Donald Ray Henry As Executive Director Affective July 1st 2017. Roll Call Vote Took Place And The Results were 6 Yeas

Attorney Larry Buquoi Stated That He Had The Same Problem… He Needed To Know Details Of The Terms, Years, Salary, etc.

A Discussion Took Place And Concluded To Give Mr. Donald Ray Henry The Same Contract As Mr. Randy Troxclair…

Just Change The Names.

Mr. Ivy Chauvin Ask Several Questions About Qualifications For The Position… And Had Some Concerns About Advertising Because He Thought He Was Offered The Position. He Expressed That He Thought He Was Going To Get The Job!! He Expressed Concerned That He Thought The Place Would Fold Up. The Discussion Continued And Ended.

The Attorney Brought Up The Subject About A CAR…

A Discussion Took Place About A Car.

Motion To Amended Language To Change Contract Language From 135,000 To 125,000 By Stanley Folse With Everything Remaining The Same In The Former Contract.

And That Donald Ray Henry Will Be The Executive Director.

Motion On The Floor To Except The Contract As Written For Randy Trosclair For Donald Ray Henry.

Commissioner James Jasmin Stated That As Executive Director, Mr. Donald Ray Henry Will Be In Charge Of All Projects As Well.

It Was Also Stated That Attorney Larry Buquoi To Research If The CONTRACT Can Be For Seven Years As Passed In The Motion.

It Was Motioned By James Jasmin Seconded By Stanley Folse To Authorize President McKinney To Sign The Final Contract After All Amendments.

**YEAS:6**

**NAYS:0**

**Agenda Item #12**

It Was Motioned By Commissioner Jeffery Henry And Seconded By Commissioner Craig Carter To Renew The Contract Of Wayne Theall, External Accountant For A Year. Motion Passed WITH

**Nays:0**

**Yeas:6**

It Was Motion By Commissioner Jeffery Henry To Adjourn.