



ATCHAFALAYA BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT

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September 2, 2015

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District was held at the Office of the Board in Port Allen, Louisiana at 4:00 pm, Wednesday, September 2, 2015. President John Grezaffi called the meeting to order. Mrs. Janice Jarreau called the roll. The following members were present:

COMMISSIONER

Gerald Alexander
Glenn Angelle
Bill Flynn
John Grezaffi
Karen Jewell
Moise LeBlanc
Harry Marionneau
Earl Matherne
Barry Soileau

PARISH

Ascension
Iberia
West Baton Rouge
Pointe Coupee
Iberville
St. Martin
Iberville
Assumption
St. Landry

Absent:

Cory Chustz
Daniel Hebert
Jody Meche
Nickie Rockforte

West Baton Rouge
Iberville
St. Martin
Pointe Coupee

Also Present:

INDIVIDUAL

Rick Dugas
Steve Marionneau
Cecil Tessier
Richard Sparks
Janice Jarreau
Kristy Jewell
Tiffany Weber
Crissi Canezaro

REPRESENTING

CPRA
Levee Board Attorney
Assistant Executive Director
Levee Board Operations Superintendent
Administrative Program Manager
Human Resource Analyst
Accounting Specialist
Accounting Technician

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President John Grezaffi asked for any public comments. Hearing none, he proceeded. President John Grezaffi asked the board for approval to add two items to the agenda. They include a Right of Entry request for W52 from the Corps of Engineers. Commissioner Glen Angelle moved, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soileau and unanimously carried to approve adding this item. The second item was a travel sheet for commissioners. Commissioner Karen Jewell moved, seconded by Commissioner Earle Matherne and unanimously carried to approve adding this item.

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President John Grezaffi announced this is a public hearing to modify the Commissioners per diem rate, which was advertised according to law. No comments from the public were made. The Levee Board Attorney Steve Marionneau advised the board that they can vote at this time. He said to modify the rate will take a 2/3 vote of the members or 9 votes. Mr. Marionneau explained that meetings in New Orleans or Baton Rouge would have a different rate than in Port Allen. The rates can change in October. Commissioner Karen Jewell moved, seconded by Commissioner Moise Leblanc to change the existing \$75 per month per diem to 75% of the rate allowable for per diem deduction as established by applicable federal per diem rates as provided for in USA-R.S. 38:308. A roll call vote was called. The following votes were recorded:

Yeas: Commissioners Alexander, Angelle, Flynn, Jewell, Grezaffi, LeBlanc, Marionneaux, Matherne and Soileau.

Nays: None

Absent and not voting: Commissioners Chustz, Hebert, Meche, and Rockforte

The motion passed.

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The Commissioners reviewed the Minutes from August 5, 2015 Board meeting. Mr. Will Tyson advised the board that per their request at the last meeting, he reviewed to see if there was anything we could do to increase any of our employee's salaries above the 4% annual increase. He asked for permission to request that Civil Service change the Mobile Equipment Operator I from \$9.92 per hour to \$12.15 per hour, then after 12 months, they could be promoted to Mobile Equipment Operator II at \$13.00. Commissioner Glenn Angelle moved, seconded by Commissioner Earl Matherne and unanimously carried to approve authorizing Mr. Tyson to request this change from the Civil Service. Commissioner Barry Soileau moved, seconded by Commissioner Kay Jewell and unanimously arrived to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2015 meeting as presented, and to publish the minutes in the official journal.

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A meeting of the Equipment Committee of the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District was held at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at the Board Office in Port Allen, Louisiana. Commissioner Moise LeBlanc called the meeting to order. The following members were present:

Moise LeBlanc, Chairman
Harry Marionneaux, Member
Earl Matherne, Member
Glenn Angelle, Member
Bill Flynn, Ex-Officio Member

Absent:

Nickie Rockforte, 2nd Vice Chairman
John Grezaffi, Ex-officio Member

Also Present:

Commissioner Gerald Alexander
Commissioner Karen Jewell
Richard Sparks, Levee Board Operations Superintendent
Janice Jarreau, Administrative Program Manager
Kristy Jewell, Human Resource Analyst
Crissi Canezaro, Administrative Coordinator
William Tyson, Executive Director, Levee Board

1. Receive and open bids for grader blades

NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin

Levee District, in its office in Port Allen, Louisiana, up to 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 1,

2015, and can also be viewed and submitted online at www.centralauctionhouse.com for:

1. One Thousand Five Hundred (1,500) new Motor Grader (single beveled) Drag Blades.

All bids will be publicly opened and read at 4:00 p.m. of the same day, and any bid received subsequent to 2:00 p.m. will be returned unopened.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities.

Specifications, proposal forms, etc., are available at the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District,

(525 Court Street) P.O. Box 170, Port Allen, Louisiana 70767.

Janice G. Jarreau
Secretary

John Jrezaffi
President

The following bids were duly opened and read:

a) Scott Equipment Co.
Baton Rouge, LA
\$76.10 each x 1,500
Total \$114,150.00

b) Crawler Supply Co.
Baton Rouge, LA
\$77.30 x 1,500
Total \$115,950

Commissioner Glenn Angelle moved, seconded by Commissioner Harry Marionneau and unanimously carried to request the staff review the bids and make a recommendation to the board at their meeting on September 2, 2015.

There being no further business to come before the committee, upon motion by Commissioner Earl Matherne and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Moise LeBlanc, Chairman

/s/Harry Marionneau, Member

/s/Glenn Angelle, Member

/s/Earl Matherne, Member

/s/Bill Flynn, Ex-Officio Chairman

Mr. Will Tyson advised the board that the staff has reviewed the two bids received at the Equipment Committee and they recommend awarding the bid to the low bidder, Scott Equipment. He also asked that the board allow the staff to amend the budget accordingly. Commissioner Glenn Angelle moved, seconded by Commissioner Harry Marionneau and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Equipment Committee of September 1, 2015, and to approve awarding the grader blades bid to the low bidder, Scott Equipment, allowing the staff to amend the budget accordingly.

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Mr. Will Tyson reported the following requests from the Corps of Engineers:

- 1) Right of Entry Request for stone revetment repairs on the Atchafalaya River Levees.
- 2) Right of Entry Request for stone revetment repairs on the Mississippi River Levees.
- 3) Right of Entry Request for survey and soil borings for the Atchafalaya Basin Levees, West Atchafalaya Basin River Levee, East Atchafalaya River Levee, East Atchafalaya

Basin Levee, and Morganza Floodway Upper Guide Levee, Atchafalaya Basin Levee District.

4) Right of Entry Request for construction levee slide repairs to W-52.

Commissioner Kay Jewell moved, seconded by Commissioner Harry Marionneau and unanimously carried to approve the requests from the Corps of Engineers.

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Mr. Rick Dugas of CPRA was present, but had no report.

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Commissioner Barry Soileau moved, seconded by Commissioner Earl Matherne, and unanimously carried to grant permanent status to Clay Lewis and give him a 2% increase.

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Commissioner Kay Jewell moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerald Alexander to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Moved by Commissioner Karen Jewell, seconded by Commissioner Gerald Alexander and Unanimously Carried:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District lost a valuable friend with the death of Brett Bergeron on August 14, 2015, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bergeron worked for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District from May 14, 2001 through August 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bergeron will be missed by many who were close to him and who cherished his friendship.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of this Board do hereby express its condolences to the family of Mr. Bergeron and its deepest regrets upon his death, that this Resolution be incorporated and made a permanent part of the Minutes of this Board, and further that a copy of this Resolution be presented to the Bergeron Family so that they may know of our sincere appreciation of the life of Mr. Bergeron and of our sincere regrets in his passing:

Vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Gerald Alexander, Glenn Angelle, Bill Flynn, John Grezaffi, Karen Jewell, Moise LeBlanc, Harry Marionneau, Earl Matherne and Barry Soileau

Nays: None

Absent and not voting: Commissioners Cory Chustz, Daniel Hebert, Jody Meche, and Nickie Rockforte

The vote in favor thereof being unanimous, the resolution was declared duly adopted.

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I, Janice G. Jarreau, Secretary for the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of excerpts of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District, a Regular Meeting held in Port Allen, Louisiana, on Wednesday, September 2, 2015.

/s/Janice G. Jarreau, Secretary

Yeas: Commissioners Alexander, Angelle, Flynn, Jewell, Grezaffi, LeBlanc, Marionneaux, Matherne and Soileau.

Nays: None

Absent and not voting: Commissioners Chustz, Hebert, Meche, and Rockforte

The motion passed.

Commissioner Harry Marionneaux moved, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soileau and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution

RESOLUTION

Moved by Commissioner Harry Marionneaux, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soileau and Unanimously Carried:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District lost a valuable friend with the death of Clebert Jarreau on August 5, 2015, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jarreau worked for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District from December 5, 1983 through March 18, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jarreau will be missed by many who were close to him and who cherished his friendship.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of this Board do hereby express its condolences to the family of Mr. Jarreau and its deepest regrets upon his death, that this Resolution be incorporated and made a permanent part of the Minutes of this Board, and further that a copy of this Resolution be presented to the Jarreau Family so that they may know of our sincere appreciation of the life of Mr. Jarreau and of our sincere regrets in his passing:

Vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Gerald Alexander, Glenn Angelle, Bill Flynn, John Grezaffi, Karen Jewell, Moise LeBlanc, Harry Marionneaux, Earl Matherne and Barry Soileau

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Nays: None

Absent and not voting: Commissioners Chustz, Hebert, Meche, and Rockforte

The motion passed.

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Commissioner Gerald Alexander moved, seconded by Commissioner Harry Marionneaux and unanimously carried to advertise for a grazing lease in Pointe Coupee Parish containing 71.48 acres.

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Commissioner Earl Matherne moved, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soileau and unanimously carried to approve the Professional Service Contracts including B & P Supply, Baton Rouge Duplicating, River Management Enterprise, LLC, Mary Sue Stages, CPA, Verma Systems, Stephen H. Marinneaux, Attorney, and Air Control Engineering, Inc.

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Mr. Will Tyson advised the board that the Travel Authorization and Travel Expense Account forms have been changed, effective July 15, 2015. He said the changes are overly burdensome, and he is trying to get some clarification and relief from the state. He will report back when he has this worked out.

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There being no further business to come before the board, upon motion by Commissioner Harry Marionneaux and unanimously carried the meeting adjourned.

Janice Jarreau, Secretary

John Grezaffi, President

Linda Alwood, Contract Stenographer