**Committee Meeting**

**May 12, 2021**

**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 79-JBE 2021 Renewal of State Emergency for COVID-19, Extension of Emergency Provisions, LBLD office access is limited to 75% of the total occupancy as determined by the State Fire Marshal, including our employees. Every individual SHALL wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when entering the building. You can refer to gov.louisiana.gov for guideline exceptions. The meeting was called to order by its President, James P. Jasmin, at 6:00 P.M.**

**The following Commissioners were in attendance: Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Whitney Jasmin, Jr., St. John the Baptist Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; J** **Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; James Jasmin, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish. Donald Henry, Executive Director and Ivy Chauvin, Assistant Executive Director were present. Larry Buquoi, Attorney was absent.**

**Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. made the motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Jeffery Henry seconded his motion. President Jasmin 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**
* **Eric Matherne**
* **Marlin Rogers**
* **Kevin Hebert**
* **James P. Jasmin**

**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.**

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

**Commissioner Sorapuru reported that the Plans and Specifications are now 95% complete and are in the final adjustment stage. The Plans are scheduled to be uploaded to the Louisiana State Fire Marshal and the Louisiana Department of Health next week for review and approval. Mr. Joseph Savoie presented to the Board at a special meeting on March 31, 2021, for review and comment. He has submitted plans to the State Fire Marshal for required reviewed approval. The Fire Marshal has begun review and requested additional information. He is in the process of gathering the information to meet the request.**

**The following is an updated list and status of design items included in the Plans should you wish to review:**

**1. Foundation & Piling Plan-100% Complete**

**2. Structural-100% Complete**

**3. Floor Plan & Elevations-100% Complete**

**4. Plumbing Plan 100% Complete**

**5. Plumbing Details 100% Complete**

**6. Lighting Plan 100% Complete**

**7. Electrical Plan 95% Complete**

**8. Electrical & HVAC Details 100% Complete**

**9. Construction Details-100% Complete**

**10. Parking and Site Work-90% Complete**

**11. Drainage-85% Complete-Discovered problem exist front catch basins**

**12. Miscellaneous Details-Windows, Sills, etc.-100% Complete**

**13. Plans have been submitted to State Fire Marshal to begin the permitting process.**

**14. I am contacting the Parish to assist with drainage issues along highway.**

**Safety Committee Report: Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, Chairman**

**Commissioner Bosworth reported that there were no lost time accidents. The Safety Meeting for the Maintenance Department was held on May 4, 2021 for each location and started at 6:00 AM. Covid safety and precautions as well as tractor safety were discussed at the sunset location. Three films from the national safety council were discussed at the Vacherie location. They were as follows:**

**Driving Safety**

**Caught-Between Hazards: One of Construction’s Fatal Four**

**Shop Safety**

**The next safety meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:00 A.M.**

**Equipment Committee Report: Jeffery Henry, Chairman**

**Commissioner Henry reported that all of the district’s light and heavy-duty equipment is presently operational. All equipment is located on their respective job sites or here at the maintenance shop. Discuss authorization from the board to approve the purchase of a John Deere 5125R tractor with loader for $89,377.80, on state contract.**

**Upper Barataria Project Committee Report: Eric Matherne, Chairman**

 **Vice-President Matherne reported that there will be two public meetings being held pertaining to the Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Project - on January 7, 2020 at the Eddie Dufrene Community Center in Luling, LA at 6:00 pm and on January 9, 2020 at the Thibodaux Library in Thibodaux, LA at 5:00 pm. He also stated that they are still working on getting answers for CPRA on the Sunset Project.**

**Bayou Napoleon/Bayou Verret Committee Report: Gary Watson, Chairman**

 **Commissioner Watson reported that the dredging is at the two – 72” culverts that will have to be replaced on Lapice Road. The culverts have been priced at $11,500 each and will have to be purchased in the next few weeks. We are in the process of moving equipment from the southside of the spoil bank to the north side of the spoil bank to continue heading towards Highway 70. The marsh buggy will have to be tracked about ¾ mile north and work south to get back to the culverts. At this time, we will replace the culverts. We have had conference calls with the landowner and helicorp pipeline company to discuss the removal of the pipelines that cross the culverts that we will be replacing. T. Baker Smith survey crew started working a more critical area as of now. We have reached the area where we will have to be more careful in the process on placement of the spoil bank because it is now mitigated wetland areas. We have spoken to Dennis Hymel with T. Baker Smith to have a meet-up on the project so he can give us an idea of how we will have to get our equipment around to be able to continue from where we will put our marsh buggy back in the canal.**

**Items to be considered for the June 2, 2021 Regular Board Meeting:**

 **A. Board of Commissioners to approve or to disapprove a certain Professional Services Agreement for Land Rights Acquisition Services between Lafourche Basin Levee District and MB3, Inc. d/b/a Civix to provide professional services for the acquisitions of various land rights for the Sunset Levee Lift Project, including, but not limited to securing temporary right-of-way agreements from affected landowners and letters of no objection from relevant pipeline companies necessary for construction of the proposed Sunset Levee Lift and authorize the President of the Board to execute said contract with MB3, Inc. d/b/a Civix, if approved**

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

 **Executive Director**