**Committee Meeting**

**September 16, 2020**

**The Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District met on Wednesday, September 16, 2020. The public is invited to attend via Teleconference and at the LBLD office. In accordance with the Louisiana Governor’s Proclamation Number 102 JBE 2020, Renewal of State Emergency for COVID-19, Extension of Emergency Provisions, LBLD office access is limited to 50% of the total occupancy as determined by the State Fire Marshal, which is 44 individuals at one time, 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 and was called to order by President James P. Jasmin at 6:00 PM.**

**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.**

**Adoption of the agenda was motioned by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. and seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter. 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**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAINED: None**

**By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**There were no comments from the audience on the agenda items.**

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

**Commissioner Bosworth reported that there were no lost time accidents. The Safety Meeting for the Maintenance Department was held on September 14, 2020 for the Vacherie location and Sunset location and started at 6:00 AM. Two films from the National Safety Council were shown and discussed at the Vacherie location and three films were shown at the sunset location. The two films at the Vacherie location were: Protecting Yourself Against Covid-19 & Other Contagious Illnesses and Tractor Safety. The three films at the Sunset location were: Heat Stress, Eye Injuries, and It Won’t Happen to Me in the Workplace. The next Safety Meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2020.**

**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. At 6:50 am on September 16, 2020, a worker was backing a tractor on the front side of levee slope when he jack knifed the mower. The tractor climbed the mower and flipped on its side. The supervisor went to him as he climbed out and asked if he was ok. He stated he was just shook up. The tractor was rolled on its wheels safely and has minimal damage (exhaust pipe, mirror, hand rail, few broken bolts…). The worker was taken to do a drug test and repairs have been started on the tractor.**

**Personnel Committee Report: Michael McKinney, Sr., Chairman**

**Commissioner McKinney reported that one of our workers, Mr. Norvan Smith, Mechanic 1, has officially retired from the Lafourche Basin Levee District.**

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

 **Vice-President Matherne reported that.**

**Bayou Napoleon/Bayou Verret Committee Report: Craig Carter, Chairman**

**Vice-President Carter reported that the project started on November 19, 2019. We send two operators daily, when the weather permits, and operators are available. We are about two miles away from getting to all the pipelines. Lafourche Basin Levee District has cleared and dug Bayou Verret up to the 2-mile mark. We have 4.7 miles left to clear and dig.**

**Recommendations to add to the October 7, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Agenda:**

1. **Authorization from the Board to accept the proposed retirement resolution for the retired employee, Norvan Smith**

**Roll call vote to place on the Regular meeting agenda: 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**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAINED: None**

**By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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

 **Executive Director**