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**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 6, 2021**

 The Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District met this day in regular session 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 174-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. The meeting was called to order by its President, James P. Jasmin, at 6:00 P.M.

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 The meeting opened with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Present: Commissioners… Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; President James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish were present.

 A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Larry Buquoi, Attorney; Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive Director; and Ms. Melanie Broden Accounting Specialist were present.

 Adoption of the adjusted agenda was motioned by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. and seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry. 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 public comments on the agenda items.

 On motion of Vice-President Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2020 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

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.

On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Arthur Bosworth IV, the following cash available for distribution of the month of December 31, 2020 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

 **Checking account balance Nov. 2020 $ 227,820.71**

 **Deposits/Transfer In – Dec.**

**Revenues/Refund 67,661.51**

 **Interest on Checking 14.48**

 **Funds transferred in 500,000.00 Operating Expenses/Other 355,253.69**

 **Funds transferred out 0.00**

 **TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE DEC. 31, 2020 $ 1,150,750.39**

**LAMP**

 **Account balance – Nov. 1,918,163.43**

 **Funds transferred in 0.00**

 **Funds transferred out 500,000.00**

 **Interest Income Earned 131.34**

 **TOTAL ENDING BALANCE DEC. 31, 2020 $ 1,418,294.77**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

 **Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,340,610.61**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF DEC. 31, 2020 $ 7,909,655.77**

 No public comments were made. 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.

 Mr. Henry Picard with BKI gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project. There is a full report in the folders. Davis Diversion – reimbursement from CPRA is still being continued. Sunset Levee – (Reach 5-B) St. Charles Parish held a stakeholder meeting for the impacted residents. The residents voiced concerns. The design team are addressing the comments, but their recommendations for alternative alignments are not cost effective. Sunset Levee Lift – Gulf South submitted soil design parameters and are waiting CPRA approval. A timeline will be provided once confirmed by CPRA. Public Review for Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Scenic Stream permit concluded on January 4th. LDWF has 30 days to process permit. LNDR permit expected soon after. Barge Gate – USACE scheduled a video meeting for January 6th. The new draft calls for an elevation of +18.5 feet for the barge gate and floodwall. LBLD and CPRA will decide on how to incorporate USACE’s analysis. Highway 90 Tie-In – BKI submitted 100% Preliminary Plans to LBLD on 12/31/20, and hard copies were delivered on 01/06/2021. Permit – Coordinating effort to conduct Wetland Delineation for Comprehensive Permit. Currently reviewing DNR question sheet to work on permit application. BKI and CPRA attended a video meeting with USACE to review the results from the UBRR Study. Anticipated final report release is in Spring 2021.

 Mr. Donald Henry, Executive Director, informed the Board that they have been provided copies of the USACE analysis report. He also informed the

Board members to be aware that they should receive an email from the secretary of President Matthew Jewell of St. Charles Parish inviting them to a meeting on January 11, 20210

Commissioner Jeffery Henry made a motion to adjourn and Vice-President Craig Carter seconded his motion.

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 PRESIDENT

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01/11/2021