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**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 10, 2022**

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 234- JBE 2021 Renewal of State Emergency for COVID-19, Extension of Emergency Provisions, LBLD office will required all individuals to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth. You can refer to gov.louisiana.gov for guideline exceptions. The meeting was called to order by its President, Eric Matherne, at 6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Commissioners… Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; President Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Commissioner 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; and Mrs. Astrea Jupiter, Administrative Assistant 5, were present. Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive Director, was absent.

Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. made the motion to adopt the agenda with the exception of agenda items #9 and #11. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry. President Matherne 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
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

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 Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 1, 2021 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

President Matherne 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
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

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 Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following cash available for distribution of the month of November 30, 2021 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Nov. 2021 $ 223,771.26**

**Deposits/Transfer In – Dec.**

**Revenues/Refund 54,201.04**

**Interest on Checking 9.02**

**Funds transferred in 70,277.81 Operating Expenses/Other 318,444.03**

**Funds transferred out 0.00**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE DEC. 31, 2021 $ 29,815.10**

**LAMP**

**Account balance – Nov. 2,863,660.32**

**Funds transferred in 0.00**

**Funds transferred out 70,277.81**

**Interest Income Earned 125.64**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE DEC. 31, 2021 $ 2,793,508.15**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,342,086.88**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF DEC. 31, 2021 $ 8,165,410.13**

No public comments were made. President Matherne 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
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

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 Marlin Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Right of Way Agreement between LBLD and Chevron U.S.A., Inc., for the Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Segment 2 – Sunset Levee Project (Canal No. 14 Access) subject to final review and approval by LBLD Board Attorney, Larry Buquoi, and to allow LBLD President, Eric Matherne, to execute said agreement.

Ms. Jane Dufour, Civix, gave an update. She informed the Board that Chevron has been supportive with moving forward with the access requests. This particular agreement has not been completely drafted but will resemble the first access request with a few differences to that particular area. Hopefully in the next month it will be completed. All letter on no objections except three have been finalized out of the seven. Currently reviewing comments back from Phillips 66.

President Matherne 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
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

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 Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Board/staff to attend the 2022 Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Spring Congressional Meetings to be held March 12-16, 2022 in Washington, D.C.

President Matherne 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
* James P. Jasmin
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

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. Elliott Boudreaux, CSRS, Inc., gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project.

* Civix Land Rights
  + Pipeline Agreements/LONOs: 6 out of 8 LONOs have been finalized. Phillips 66 and Gulf South LONOs awaiting pipeline operator execution.
  + Matherne-Warren Drive: Access agreement has been finalized and sent to landowner for review.
    - LBLD board has approved execution subject to final approval from LBLD legal counsel.
  + Chevron-Wagner Road: Finalized access agreement and exhibits awaiting Chevron execution.
    - LBLD board has approved execution subject to final approval from LBLD legal counsel.
  + St. Charles Parish-Canal #14: Parish to vote on two resolutions on January 25th Council Meeting;
    - Resolution #1: Authorizing Parish President to sign ROE on behalf of Parish
    - Resolution #2: Authorize Parish President to sign ROE on behalf of Sunset Drainage District
  + Chevron-Canal #14: Chevron drafting access agreement and exhibit for LBLD review/approval.
* CPRA Comments
  + CPRA has accepted Segment 2 plans and proposed updates pending Entergy LONO.
  + CSRS scheduling meeting with CPRA and Entergy to discuss finalized LONO and specified conditions.
* H&H Model
  + BKI and CSRS collaborating on additional setups and simulations
    - *24-hour rainfall event vs. 6-hour event and incorporating variable channel elevations*
* Segment 3 Permitting (Greenup)
  + Segment 3 permitting budget approved by LBLD board. Greenup drafting permitting scope.
    - Scope to include additional hydraulic modeling for environmental permits.
* Segment 3 Design (GIS)
  + GIS budget approved by LBLD board. GIS to begin moving forward with limited scope with further design criteria to be determined:
    - #1 Gate width opening
    - #2 Top of wall elevation (15-ft vs. 18.5-ft)
    - #3 Reverse head conditions
* Greenup and CSRS scheduling meeting with USACE to discuss execution of MOA for future flood gate reimbursement.

Mr. Kyle Galloway, BKI, informed that Board that the last Watershed meeting was held in November 2021. He also reviewed some of the key points that CSRS presented. Mr. Donald Henry thanked CSRS for moving the team forward in a timely manner. Commissioner James P. Jasmin requested agenda item #11 that was excluded from the agenda to be placed on the Committee meeting agenda, along with the presence of attorney, Mr. Larry Buquoi. Mr. Sam Scholle, St. Charles Parish, informed the Board that the Parish was moving along with the Kellogg T-Wall, which is a part of the UBRRP. The Parish will also be doing upgrades to the Sunset pump station.

Mr. Donald Henry asked the Board for prayers for the employee, Ms. Melanie Broden.

Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. seconded his motion.

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PRESIDENT

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