

REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2025

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 at the LBLD office. The meeting was called to order by its President, James P. Jasmin, 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; Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; President James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; and Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish were present. Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish was absent.

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; Spencer Long, Attorney; Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist, Ms. Astrea Jupiter, Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Sara Long, Human Resource Specialist; and Mrs. Yolanda Brown, Administrative Assistant, were present.

President Jasmin asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Jeffery Henry made the motion to adopt the agenda. Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV seconded his motion. President Jasmin called for a vote. The motion passed.

There were no public comments on the agenda items. Attorney Spencer Long entered the meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2024 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board. President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Marlin Rogers
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Russell Loupe

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the following cash available for distribution of the month of December 31, 2024 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

FIRST AMERICAN BANK:

Checking account balance Nov. 2024
Deposits/Transfer In – Dec.

\$ 822,801.69

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| Revenues/Refund | 1,557,575.33 |
| Interest on Checking | 84.23 |
| Funds transferred in | 1,520,001.83 |
| Operating Expenses/Other | 2,138,832.52 |
| Funds transferred out | 0.00 |
| TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE DEC. 31, 2024 | \$ 1,761,630.56 |
| LAMP | |
| Account balance – Nov. | 3,573,802.04 |
| Funds transferred in | 0.00 |
| Funds transferred out | 1,520,001.83 |
| Interest Income Earned | 9,134.01 |
| TOTAL ENDING BALANCE DEC. 31, 2024 | \$ 2,062,93.22 |
| INVESTMENTS: BNY | |
| Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds | 2,400,525.28 |
| TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF DEC. 31, 2024 | \$ 6,225,090.06 |

No public comments were made. President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Marlin Rogers
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Russell Loupe

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to have annual physicals for employees performed at St. Joseph Medical Clinic beginning in February.

President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Marlin Rogers
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Russell Loupe

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to purchase safety shoes for the employees of the Lafourche Basin Conservation Levee and Drainage District as per the Board's Safety Plan for \$180.

President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Marlin Rogers
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Russell Loupe

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Board and/or staff to attend the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Spring Conference in Washington, D.C. on March 8-12, 2025.

Commissioner Marlin Rogers stated that he would vote yes, but he does not believe that the staff should go. He will always be against that. President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Marlin Rogers
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Russell Loupe

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Stokka Brown, CSRS, Inc., gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project.

Segment 2 Sunset Levee Construction Project

Progress Update (GIS to provide more detail)

- Construction – Onshore
 - Pay Applications approved to date \$4,196,530.52

- SL-007 total \$939,268.61
- Reimbursement Request 2 CPRA – processing with CSRS, LBLD
\$551,826.31
- Monitoring and Inspection – Greenup Industries
 - Reimbursement Request 6 – processing with CSRS, LBLD \$4,906.00
- Access Agreements
 - CIVIX is tracking access agreement expirations versus completion of Onshore construction and the remaining segment to Paradis Canal Floodgate

Next Steps

- Ongoing construction effort

Schedule

- Onshore scheduled substantial completion (*un*)officially Mar 11th 2025

Segment 3 – Floodgate

Progress Update

- H&H modeling - Olsson
 - Olsson has completed all tasks and is drafting the report portion of the Task Order
 - Olsson drafted HMIA language in support of the Greenup Permitting Effort
- Segment 3 permitting is underway (combined with Segment 4)
- Consultant team waiting for ADCIRC modeling to proceed to Structural and MEP 95% design phase

- CPRA committed \$90.0M in the 2025 Annual Plan for the floodgate with tentative completion by July 2028

Next Steps

- Complete Olsson H&H modeling report
- USACE (SAR) Safety Assurance Reviews development and coordination
- Completion of USACE ADCIRC modeling
 - Structural 95% Design kickoff workshop to address critical 65% design comments prior to continuing design
 - MEP 65% Design Comment revision at comments following NTP of 95% design effort

Segment 4 – Floodgate to Hwy 90

Progress Update

- Opinion of Probable Construction is ~\$75 million
- Task Order 10-A Alternatives Analysis
 - Deliverable Finalized
- Task Order 10-B Alternatives Analysis – Environmental
 - Draft Deliverable submitted and returned with Owners Rep Comments
 - Waiting on beneficial use of dredge write-up
- Segment 4 permitting is underway (combined with Segment 3)
- BKI was approved for Pumpstation Gap Analysis Task Order for \$250,000

Next Steps

- Address report comment and finalize Alternatives Analysis Environmental Scope of Services

- Provide CPRA results and identify path forward

Commissioner Larry Sorapuru asked if it is possible for the Commissioners to get a copy of the comments. Mr. Brown stated that yes, they can receive them.

UBRR USACE Status Update

Progress Update

Current Status

- ADCIRC model analysis for the basin wide levee heights
- Coordination coastal override values for ADCIRC and EUROTOP
- Design assumption currently sets Levee top to 15.5 EL
- PDT is running additional modeling to confirm roadway elevation at 4' is applicable
- PDT team considering additional levee design resiliency for high SLR curve rather than intermediate.
- PDT will provide formal response at 35% design QC for NFS bridge criteria memorandum
- PDT team is coordinating with H&H to determine the appropriate bridge elevation
- MVP is considering adding boat ramps if the low chord of access bridge is too low to support boat traffic beneath the structure

Next Steps

- Finalize basin wide levee heights
- Implementation of strategy to accept LBLD design efforts as independent utility for community stake holders

- LBLD coordination strategy implementation
- Coordination of plans and alternatives with CORP, State, and LBLD

Mr. Kyle Galloway, GIS, gave an update on the Sunset Levee. He stated that there was not a ton of progress unfortunately. December was a bad weather month. The levee lift is ongoing. The latest estimated finish date is now March 11, 2025, which he thinks is reasonable due to the weather and the loss of Wagner Road Access. There is about a two-month lag. He estimates that there is about 65% complete through the budget. The next steps would be to continue construction, coordinate material testing, schedule preparatory meeting for Kerry's Point Ramp & Access. Commissioner Marlin Rogers asked about the ongoing material testing. Mr. Galloway stated that it is nothing new and is ongoing for Route No. 4. Commissioner Sorapuru asked if the testing is done before it leaves the pit or when it hits the dirt on the levee. Mr. Galloway stated that it is both. Mr. Oneil Malbrough, GIS, stated that Reach 3 is primarily the floodgate. The plans will be printed tomorrow and go out. The annual plan will be presented next Wednesday at 9 am at the capital from CPRA. He also informed the Board that they had their first meeting with CPRA and it was a very positive step. Executive Director, Donald Ray Henry, stated that in addition to that, we are trying to hold one of CPRA's public monthly meetings here at the District.

Mr. Rodney Greenup, Greenup Industries, gave an update. He stated that the Coastal Use Permits were resubmitted today, which is great news because we are back on the clock. The website is still being tweaked to get ready for full usage.

Mr. Rene Chopin, BKI, gave an update. He informed the board that they have started on the task order for the pump station.

Commissioner Eric Matherne informed the Board that the March monthly meetings will have to be changed due to the Washington, D.C. trip for the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Conference.

Mr. Galloway informed the Board the WBV has finally received the green light to move forward from Facility Planning. The District will receive \$3.2 million to start the lift.

Mr. Sam Scholle, St. Charles Parish, informed the Board that Onshore is doing a great job. On Wagner side, a concern has come up on the site where work is being done by the sub-contractor. He doesn't know if Onshore is actively watching the day-to-day things, but the residents may have concerns with the work when it moves behind the homes. It will be a challenging side to be able coordinate. Mr. Greenup agreed 100% that Onshore is doing a better job than the subcontractor. He communicated the issue to Onshore's superintendent. Mr. Galloway agreed about Onshore as well. The District's contract is with Onshore, not the sub-contractor. When the sub-contractor fails tests, they work to get it right but takes more time. He said that Mr. Greenup's employees are constantly checking both sites. Mr. Malbrough stated that they would have a meeting and let them know what is spelled out in the contract. They will be held to that.

Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Jeffery Henry seconded his motion.

PRESIDENT

01/13/2025