

REGULAR MEETING
February 5, 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 Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish were present. Marlin Rogers, 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. Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made the motion to amend the agenda to add:

Authorization for the Board of Commissioners to approve the President and Executive Director to sign the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire to be turned in to

the auditors as discussed in committee and recommended by the accountant, Mr. Wayne Theall.

Also, I motion to add to the agenda that the Board would go into Executive Session prior to Agenda Item #12 Commissioner Jeffery Henry seconded his motion. President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2025 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
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the following cash available for distribution of the month of January 31, 2025 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

FIRST AMERICAN BANK:

Checking account balance Dec. 2024	\$ 1,761,630.56
Deposits/Transfer In – Jan.	
Revenues/Refund	3,909,734.38
Interest on Checking	128.83
Funds transferred in	0.00
Operating Expenses/Other	1,443,173.29

Funds transferred out	3,737,855.36
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE JAN. 31, 2025	\$ 490,465.12
LAMP	
Account balance – Nov.	2,062,934.22
Funds transferred in	3,737,855.36
Funds transferred out	0.00
Interest Income Earned	9,261.11
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE JAN. 31, 2025	\$ 5,810,050.69
INVESTMENTS: BNY	
Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds	2,408,635.13
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF JAN. 31, 2025	\$ 8,709,150.94

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

YEAS:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

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 Larry Sorapuru, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to advertise for bids for a 2025 Ford 4x4 F-350 cab chassis with flatbed or equivalent, a 2025 Ford F-250 XL 4x4 crew cab or equivalent and a 2025 Ford Expedition XLT SUV or equivalent.

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

YEAS:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to purchase a bobcat attachment for \$11,692.16, a John Deere 5130M Utility Tractor for \$99,518.80 and John Deere FC12E Flex Wing Mower for 16,936.92, all on state contract and previously approved in the budget.

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

YEAS:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

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 National Hurricane Conference in New Orleans, LA on April 13-17, 2025.

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

YEAS:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, 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 Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana (AOLBOL) Annual Workshop in Baton Rouge, LA on April 30-May 2, 2025.

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

YEAS:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

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 Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the President and Executive Director to sign the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire to be turned in to the auditors as discussed in committee and recommended by the accountant, Mr. Wayne Theall.

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

YEAS:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

President Jasmin asked for a motion to enter in to Executive Session.

Commissioner Eric Matherne made the motion. Commissioner Craig Carter seconded the motion. President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter

- Eric Matherne
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

Prior to entering into Executive Session, Ms. Julie Richard Spencer, Mr. Ivy Chauvin's lawyer introduced herself to the Board. She informed the Board that if they have any questions of herself or her client, which is also present, they should feel free to ask.

The Board of Commissioners may meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters under the provision of Louisiana Revised Statute 42:17. While in Executive Session, the Board may meet with its' staff, attorneys or other persons it deems necessary. No votes or other action may be taken while in Session.

The Executive Session ended. President Jasmin called for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Jeffery Henry made the motion. Vice-President seconded the motion. President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson

- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

President Jasmin asked for a motion to enter back into the regular meeting.

Commissioner Jeffery Henry made the motion. Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV seconded his motion. President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Larry Sorapuru, seconded by Commissioner Russell Loupe, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners reject the settlement offer in the matter entitled “Ivy Chauvin v. Board of Commissioners of the Lafourche Basin Levee District, et al”, discussed in executive session on January 13, 2025 at the board’s finance meeting.

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

YEAS:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

Mr. Joseph Christopher, 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 – submitted to CPRA \$551,826.31
- Monitoring and Inspection – Greenup Industries
 - Invoice thru Dec 2024 \$49,505.75
- Access Agreements
 - CIVIX is progressing access agreement extension

Next Steps

- Ongoing construction effort

Schedule

- Onshore scheduled substantial completion (*un*)officially April 14th 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

- Segment 3 permitting in progress
- 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; Scheduled for the end of March 2025
- USACE (SAR) Safety Assurance determination
- 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-B Alternatives Analysis – Environmental
 - Draft Deliverable submitted and returned with Owners Rep Comments
 - Mitigation plan is still in progress
- Task Order 12-A Stormwater Pumpstation Data Gap Analysis is in progress
- Segment 4 permitting in progress

Next Steps

- Finalize Alternatives Analysis Environmental Scope of Services

- Completion of TO 12-A July 2025
- 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
 - ERDC is completing final edits on the ADCIRC Modeling Report
 - CPRA emphasized the need for certainty on modeling data shared with the local levee districts
 - Geotech are evaluating traffic load case for road, potentially need to expand roadside slope from 4:1 to 6:1
 - PDT team considering additional levee design resiliency for high SLR curve rather than intermediate.
 - Structural team is coordinating with H&H to determine the appropriate bridge elevation
 - Bridge LC at 4-4.5 EL and deck surface at 9-10.25 EL
 - PDT will provide formal response at 35% design QC for NFS bridge criteria memorandum
 - Civil is working on real estate submittal to MVN

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.

PROGRESS TO DATE

- Levee construction ongoing at each end of project (Bayou Des Allemands and between Wagoner Road and Grand Bayou Road).
- Held preparatory meeting for Access Route No. 4 and Kerry's Point Ramp on Jan 16.
- Schedule: 331 days elapsed, 99%
 - Contract date of February 7, 2025
 - Pending Change Order #3 will add 15 weather days, new contract date February 22, 2025
 - Latest estimate April 14, 2025 – reasonable based on weather and loss of Wagoner Road access
- Budget: \$4,951,076.30, 58%
 - Includes UNAPPROVED pay applications for November and December.

NEXT STEPS

- Continue levee construction
- Coordinate materials testing
- Access Route No. 4 construction

The end date will more than likely get pushed back to May, which is reasonable due to all of the bad weather days.

Mr. Oneil Malbrough, GIS, gave an update. CPRA's masterplan is a 6-year plan. The draft came out in mid-January. Flood gate is at \$40 million but will be reversed to \$80 million. They had a meeting with the colonel and his staff on Wednesday to get the height of the levee. He is still waiting to get the height. From what is known so far, it will be higher than 18 feet. The modeling is complete. Kennedy's appointment to chairman of the subcommittee that appoints the Corps' budget. We should definitely congratulate him on next month's visit.

Mr. Rodney Greenup, Greenup Industries, gave an update. The permit is proceeding through review (coastal use permit). He is confident they are on track with a June/July completion.

Mr. Rene Chopin, BKI, gave an update. He informed the board that they have started on the task order for the pump station. He presented the data that was collected to determine the pump size.

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

PRESIDENT

02/10/2025