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**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 3, 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 18-JBE 2021 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; Ms. Andrea Narcisse, Administrative Assistant 4 and Ms. Melanie Broden Accounting Specialist were present.

Adoption of the adjusted agenda was motioned by Vice-President Craig Carter 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:

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 Michael McKinney Sr., the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2021 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

Commissioner Jeffery Henry stated that the adoption of the agenda roll call voter was incorrect because it has Vice-President Craig Carter marked as absent when he was there for the meeting. Mr. Donald Henry, Executive Director, explained that Vice-President Carter was late and missed that roll call vote which is why he is marked absent. 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 Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following cash available for distribution of the month of February 28, 2021 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Jan. 2021 $ 3,797,836.84**

**Deposits/Transfer In – Feb.**

**Revenues/Refund 773,899.07**

**Interest on Checking 36.45**

**Funds transferred in 0.00 Operating Expenses/Other 17,637.89**

**Funds transferred out 3,667,100.03**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE FEB. 28, 2021 $ 677,244.49**

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**Account balance – Dec. 1,418,392.65**

**Funds transferred in 3,667,700.03**

**Funds transferred out 17,637.89**

**Interest Income Earned 217.91**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE FEB. 28, 2021 $ 5,068,072.70**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,347,222.51**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF FEB. 28, 2021 $ 11,092,539.70**

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.

On motion of Commissioner Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the expropriation of the Ellington Pump Station Flowage Easement Parcel 1-2A pursuant to the authorization from St. Charles Parish.

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 Russell Loupe, seconded by Commissioner Marlin “  
Rogers, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to amend the original employment contract of Ivy Chauvin, approved by the Board of Commissioners, with an effective date of August 6, 2014, as amended by the Board on October 8, 2015, February 7, 2018 and September 4, 2019, to extend the termination date of said amended contract to a contract for services as Assistant Executive Director of LBLD that will terminate at the end of the present term of the Governor of the State of Louisiana.

Attorney, Larry Buquoi, informed the Board that a correction needs to be made on agenda item #9. He made the mistake of putting the wrong date of the second amendment. Instead of September 7, 2015, it should read October 8, 2015. If a motion is made to pass this item, he asked that the date change be included as well. President Jasmin asked if there was an update on the Attorney General opinion. Mr. Buquoi stated that he knows they are working on it and was given the opinion that it may be done by the end of the week. Commissioner Larry Sorapuru made that motion to amend the original employment contract of Ivy Chauvin, approved by the Board of Commissioners, with an effective date of August 6, 2014, as amended by the Board on September 7, 2015, February 7, 2018 and September 4, 2019, to extend the termination date of said amended contract to a contract for services as Assistant Executive Director of LBLD that will terminate at the end of the present term of the Governor of the State of Louisiana. Commissioner Kevin Hebert seconded his motion. Commissioner Jeffery Henry stated that he thought this particular agenda item was suppose to wait for the Attorney General’s opinion. President Jasmin stated other Commissioners wanted it on the agenda without waiting for the opinion. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Larry Sorapuru
* Russell Loupe
* Gary Watson
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert

NAYS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* James Jasmin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 6 yeas, 5 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Nicholas Matherne with BKI gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project. There is a full report in the folders. Davis Diversion – BKI and GI are finalizing the required documentation to be submitted to CPRA for the reimbursement of funds to Lafourche Basin Levee District. Sunset Levee – (Reach 5-B) The design team submitted responses to the comments of residents from the November 9, 2020 public meeting. Sunset Levee Lift – Gulf South submitted soil design parameters to CPRA. CPRA. Did not agree with PSI’s original methodology. Gulf South will send response by Friday, March 5, 2021 before continuing slope stability analysis. Scenic Rivers Permit was received this week. Greenup is awaiting the Coastal Use Permit from LDNR in the next 2-3 weeks. A coordination meeting was held with LBLD, NLLD, St. Charles Parish and CPRA on March 3, 2021 to discuss the path forward for Sunset Levee Lift construction and to obtain consensus on target elevations for final design of the Barge Gate. Barge Gate – Preliminary design was forwarded to CPRA for review and comment on March 1. LBLD amended their budget to proceed with Final Design on the Barge Gate in February. The design team proposes to offer a new task order in March for consideration on the April agenda. Highway 90 Tie-In – Segment 4 geotechnical information was submitted to BKI as needed to complete the project. Full report to be completed this month. Permit – GI has paused development of the comprehensive permit until final designs are prepared for segments 3 and 4 with cross sections, access roads, and borrow sites identified.

Commissioner Jeffery Henry made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Eric Matherne seconded his motion.

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