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**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 2, 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 17- JBE 2022 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; and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish were present. Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish was absent.

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Spenser Long, Attorney; Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; and Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist, were present. Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive Director, was absent.

Mr. Spenser Long, attorney, was presented to the Board as the new Board’s attorney.

Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. made the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV. 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
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner James P. Jasmin, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 2, 2022 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
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner James P. Jasmin, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV., the following cash available for distribution of the month of February 28, 2022 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Jan. 2022 $ 1,271,895.62**

**Deposits/Transfer In – Feb.**

**Revenues/Refund $ 1,189,289.42**

**Interest on Checking 20.49**

**Funds transferred in 48,917.47 Operating Expenses/Other 209,368.74**

**Funds transferred out 1,004,415.24**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE FEB. 28, 2021 $ 1,296,039.02**

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**Account balance – Jan. 2,543,623.89**

**Funds transferred in 1,004,415.24**

**Funds transferred out 48,917.47**

**Interest Income Earned 196.37**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE FEB. 28, 2021 $ 3,499,318.03**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,320,813.36**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF FEB. 28, 2021 $ 10,116,170.41**

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
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the revision to the Personnel Policy.

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
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Vice-President Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, 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 Orlando, FL on April 10-14, 2022.

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
* Kevin Hebert
* Eric Matherne

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

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

* **Segment 2 – Sunset Levee**
  + Pipeline Agreements/LONOs: All LONOs have been finalized and fully executed.
  + Matherne-Warren Drive & Chevron Wagner Road: Both agreements are fully executed and filed.
  + St. Charles Parish-Canal #14: Right of Entry letter language has been finalized and is under SCP legal review prior to execution.
  + Chevron-Canal #14: Agreement language finalized and partially executed by LBLD. Chevron executing final agreement this week.
  + CPRA Comments**:** CSRS Scheduling meeting with CPRA and Entergy February 6-8th to confirm final approval on Segment 2 plan sheets and determine next steps for IGA execution
* **Segment 3 – Bayou des Allemands Flood Gate**
  + Permitting (Greenup): Budget approved by LBLD board. Greenup drafting permitting scope for Notice to Proceed.
  + Flood Gate Design (GIS): GIS budget approved by LBLD board and Notice to Proceed has been issued for determining design criteria and 65% design submittal. GIS has prepared reverse head condition lessons learned
* **Chief’s Report**
  + **Signed** and **Approved** on January 28th for Upper Barataria Basin Louisiana Feasibility Study now in Pre-Construction Engineering & Design (PED)
* **Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (DRSAA) 2022**
  + - **$8 million appropriated for UBRR**
  + Approval of Chief’s report authorizes use of funds
* **USACE/CPRA MOA Discussions for Segment 3 and 4**
  + LBLD and design have met with USACE and CPRA to discuss Chief’s Report and federal appropriations
    - Key takeaways: MOA to be executed between USACE and CPRA (local sponsor)
    - Local sponsor and stakeholders responsible for 35% match
  + LBLD and design team to coordinate further with agencies while simultaneously progressing with further design measures

Mr. Kyle Galloway and Mr. Oniel Marbrough gave an update on the work GIS is in progress working on. Mr. Domoine Rutledge, CSRS, gave an update. Mr. Sam Scholle gave an update.

Vice-President Jeffery Henry made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. seconded his motion.

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PRESIDENT

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03/07/2022