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**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 5, 2024**

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. 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; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; President James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist 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; Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist, Ms. Astrea Jupiter, Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Sara Long, Human Resource Specialist, and Mrs. Yolanda Brown, Administrative Assistant, were present. Mr. Spencer Long, Attorney, was present.

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

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Russell Loupe

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 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 cash available for distribution of the month of May 31, 2024 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Apr. 2024 $ 105,639.85**

**Deposits/Transfer In – May**

**Revenues/Refund 40,042.16**

**Interest on Checking 17.49**

**Funds transferred in**  **1,028,018.75 Operating Expenses/Other 920,897.99**

**Funds transferred out 0.00**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE MAY 31, 2024 $ 242,820.26**

**LAMP**

**Account balance – Apr. 5,074,367.95**

**Funds transferred in 0.00**

**Funds transferred out 1,028,018.75**

**Interest Income Earned 20,265.84**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE MAY 31, 2024 $ 4,066,615.04**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,246,476.97**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF MAY 31, 2024 $ 9,555,912.27**

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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Russell Loupe

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Marlin Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Larry Sorapuru, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the BKI proposal for finalization of the Alternative Analysis of Segment 4 & 5 report for the Board’s review and consideration with an additional $55,186.00 to be added to our not to exceed fee.

President Jasmin called for a motion. Commissioner Larry Sorapuru made the motion to approve proposal for finalization of the Alternative Analysis of Segment 4 & 5 report for the Board’s review and consideration with an additional $55,186.00 to be added to our not to exceed fee. Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV seconded his motion. Commissioner Kevin Hebert stated that who we are giving the money to should be added to the motion. President Jasmin called for a vote. The motion passed. Commissioner Marlin Rogers made the substitute motion to approve the BKI proposal for finalization of the Alternative Analysis of Segment 4 & 5 report for the Board’s review and consideration with an additional $55,186.00 to be added to our not to exceed fee. Commissioner Larry Sorapuru seconded his motion. 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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Russell Loupe

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 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

* Onshore Construction
  + Pay application 1 submitted for reimbursement to SCP and CPRA ($181,925)
  + Pay application 2 is currently in Share Point for processing ($576,130)
* Monitoring and inspection
  + Pay application 1 submitted for reimbursement to SCP ($2,740)
  + Pay application 2 is currently awaiting LBLD payment for submittal of reimbursement request to SCP ($13,770)

Next Steps

* Ongoing construction effort
* Borrow Pit Permit final approval

Schedule

* Onshore scheduled substantial completion of scope Dec 2024

Segment 3 – Floodgate

Progress Update

* Independent Technical Review currently reviewing MEP 65% Design
  + Supplemental submittal added from BKI per ITR requests
* FTN developed methodology for storm selection procedure in coordination with USACE
* FTN is processing reverse head and wave height/period results data
* FTN performed a sensitivity simulation due to change in USACE air-sea drag parameterization
* Segment 3 permitting is underway (combined with Segment 4); Targeted for early-June

Next Steps

* Critical Path Item: Complete H&H modeling to inform Structural 95% and MEP 95% Designs
  + Reverse Head design elevations
  + Wave design loads
  + Induced flooding evaluation
* Confirmation of CORP ADCIRC modeling completion
* Independent Technical Review comments for MEP 65% Design
* (SAR) Safety Assurance Reviews development and coordination
* Structural 95% Design kickoff workshop to address critical 65% design comments

Commissioner Marlin Rogers stated that it says that permitting is targeted for early June. It’s early June now. Mr. Rodney Greenup, Greenup Industries, stated that it will be submitted in the next week or two.

Segment 4 – Floodgate to Hwy 90

Progress Update

* Segment 4 opinion of probable construction is currently approximately 75 million
* BKI submitted Task Order 10-A Alternatives Analysis Deliverable
* CSRS reviewing submittal of draft deliverable.
* Greenup Industries continuing effort on amended task order 10-B Alternatives Analysis – Environmental
* Greenup Industries to provide final draft deliverable.
* Segment 4 permitting is underway (combined with Segment 3 ); Targeted for early-June

Next Steps

* Complete alternatives analysis Greenup Industries Scope of Services
* CSRS to provide comments on Alternatives Analysis draft deliverable from BKI
* Provide CPRA results and identify path forward

UBRR USACE Status Update

Progress Update

* Currently Finalizing 10% Design
  + H&H Modeling
    - ERDC storm surge modeling report
    - Agency meeting to discuss H&H Modeling
  + Value Engineering Workshop Held on May 6th
  + Executed Contract Data collection
* Key action items for next 90 days
  + Data Collection: Geotechnical exploration, and topo surveys
  + 35% design effort
* PED Progress to finalize 10% design
  + Critical Path Item: ADCIRC model completion
  + Data collection
  + Finalize Risk Assessment and Value Engineering Study
* Implementation of strategy to accept LBLD design efforts as independent utility for community stake holders
* LBLD coordination strategy implementation
  + Agree to Interim protection approach moving Forward
  + Coordination of plans and alternatives with CORP, State, and LBLD

Scheduled Completion of Tasks

* 10% Design – May 2024
* 35% Design – August 2024
* 65% Design – March 2025
* 95% Design – September 2025
* 100% Design – December 2025

Mr. Kyle Galloway, GIS, gave an update on the Sunset Levee. There was a set back from the weather. One third of the land embankment washed out from erosion where culverts were placed. A change order should be expected for another area of the project. The parish already knows about the request and gave their approval. Raceland Raw Sugars will submit a bid for the haul pit.

Ms. Sarah Olivier, CSRS, gave an update on the master plan.

Overview of Strategic Master Plan

* Articulates goals reflecting current and future work of the Lafourche Basin Conservation Levee and Drainage District
* Updates the mission of the Lafourche Basin Conservation Levee and Drainage District to reflect additional roles and responsibilities
* Highlights need for regional partnership to address current and future flood management beyond Mississippi Levees
* Puts current millage in context with other Levee Boards in Louisiana
* Creates a Project Prioritization
* Introduces new name and conservation element

Remaining Details and Adoption by Board

* Creating new maps : hydrology, map of UBBR project with LBLD numbered segments corresponding to USACE lettered map
* Including new project photos
* Please direct comments on draft to ED
* Anticipate Board adoption at July Board Meeting

Mr. Rodney Greenup gave an update. He informed the Board that they are incorporating more material into the website. He asked the Board to inform him if they would like their pictures posted to the site. He received an update on the PED decision. Permits will be submitted soon.

Mr. Rene Chopin, BKI, gave an update. He informed the board that both projects have been turned in for review.

Mr. Oneil Malbrough, GIS, gave an update. He informed the Board that they had a meeting with CPRA about the reimbursement for FTN modeling. It looks positive that the district may receive it. There is $3.2 million that went through the House and Senate. Currently waiting for the last step, which is the approval by the Governor. This money would cover the engineering for the WBV Tie-In that connects to Jefferson Parish. The armament will have to be lifted before the levee could be lifted. Mr. Donald Henry, Executive Director, stated that the money was in priority 5 last session. We were able to get it into priority 1 this session. At the beginning of the session, the district didn’t have any money listed. Along with Oneil, himself and others, a lot of politicking happened behind the scene. He thanked Oneil Malbrough for his work.

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

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PRESIDENT

06/10/2024