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**REGULAR MEETING**

**July 10, 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; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; and Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish were present.

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. Chuck 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 Eric Matherne, seconded by Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 5, 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
* Russell Loupe
* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the following cash available for distribution of the month of June 30, 2024 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance May 2024 $ 242,820.26**

**Deposits/Transfer In – June**

**Revenues/Refund 751,938.71**

**Interest on Checking 40.50**

**Funds transferred in**  **963,900.83 Operating Expenses/Other 1,165,762.33**

**Funds transferred out 0.00**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE JUNE 30, 2024 $ 792,937.97**

**LAMP**

**Account balance – May 4,066,615.04**

**Funds transferred in 0.00**

**Funds transferred out 963,900.83**

**Interest Income Earned 14,706.33**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE JUNE 30, 2024 $ 3,117,420.54**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,269,350.15**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2024 $ 9,179,708.66**

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
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Eric Matherne, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve a 2% cost of living raise and a 2% merit raise for the Executive Director, Donald Henry, as discussed in the June Committee 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
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to hire three Mobile Equipment 2 positions.

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
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

* Onshore Construction: GIS to provide Segment 2 construction update
* Monitoring and inspection
  + Pay application 3 in processing for reimbursement to SCP ($2,740)

Next Steps

* Ongoing construction effort

Schedule

* Onshore scheduled substantial completion of scope Dec 2024

Segment 3 – Floodgate

Progress Update

* Independent Technical Review initial comment completed for MEP 65% Design
  + ITR is awaiting BKI comment responses
* FTN presented H&H modeling scope Task 1 to consulting team
  + Based on presentation results; Consulting teams coordinated recommendation for H&H simulation revisions
* Segment 3 permitting is underway (combined with Segment 4)
  + Interagency pre application meeting held July 1st
  + Draft permit to be submitted in July

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
* Revisions per comments of Independent Technical Review for MEP 65% Design
* (SAR) Safety Assurance Reviews development and coordination
* Structural 95% Design kickoff workshop to address critical 65% design comments

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 reviewed and provided comments for analysis revisions
* 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)

**Next Steps**

* Complete alternatives analysis Greenup Industries Scope of Services
* Meeting with CSRS to meet with BKI regarding Alternatives Analysis draft comment resolution
* Provide CPRA results and identify path forward

Commissioner Marlin Rogers asked what is the analysis time frame. Mr. Brown stated that they just sent the comments to be addressed to BKI today.

UBRR USACE Status Update

Progress Update

* Currently Finalizing 10% Design
  + H&H Modeling
    - ERDC storm surge modeling is in final review report; awaiting in report date
    - 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 (Assumed before August 2024; Base on May PED Meeting)
* 35% Design – August 2024
* 65% Design – March 2025
* 95% Design – September 2025
* 100% Design – December 2025

Mr. Domoine Rutledge, CSRS, gave an update on the master plan. He informed the Board that for the most part it was done. They have been capturing images with a drone to represent each parish. It will be bound and professionally done by the next regular board meeting. It will be a guide post on moving forward to share with the Parish Presidents. President Jasmin asked if we scheduled with the Assumption Parish President yet. Mr. Rutledge answered no, he will get with Mr. Henry for that.

Mr. Kyle Galloway, GIS, gave an update on the Sunset Levee. Little progress has been made since the last meeting update. As of today, they have found a path forward between Onshore and DDG. Poor material is located near the culvert. It will later be decided by the parish how to proceed with the culvert. Commissioner Eric Matherne asked where is the pit located that is providing dirt. Mr. Galloway stated that Raceland Raw Sugars won the bid for that.

Mr. Rodney Greenup gave an update. He informed the Board that Greenup Industries and GIS have been meeting and are keeping up to date with the Sunset project construction. Photos are on hold for the master plan and website until the Board makes a decision. The permit pre-application meeting went well. Staff is currently collecting data to make sure everything is included that has been asked for. He anticipates to submit in 10 days.

Mr. Rene Chopin, BKI, gave an update. He informed the board that they received the comments on the analysis report. They will be done by the end of the month so that Greenup Industries could move forward with the permit.

Mr. Donald Henry gave appreciation to God and his family. He appreciate that the commissioners gave him a raise. He informed the Board that the staff, Mr. Wayne Theall, and himself have achieved another perfect audit. He informed the Board that Mr. Oneil Malbrough was on his way. He was to inform the Board that we achieved the $3.2 million for the levee lift. We will be able to grow from this. Also, CPRA has found extra funding. He will meet with the team in order to present to the Board what could be achieved with the funding.

Commissioner Jeffery Henry made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Marlin Rogers seconded his motion.

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PRESIDENT

07/15/2024