

REGULAR MEETING
July 2, 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, Marlin Rogers, 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; Ryan Larousse, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Mary Clulee, St. Charles Parish; Todd Crochet, Assumption Parish Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; and President Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish were present. Robert Monti, 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 Rogers asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Vice-President Jeffery Henry made the motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV seconded his motion. President Rogers called for a vote. All Commissioners voted all in favor. None opposed. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Mary Clulee, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 4, 2025 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board. President Rogers called for a vote. All Commissioners voted all in favor. None opposed. The motion passed.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Craig Carter, seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry, the following cash available for distribution of the month of May 31, 2025 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

FIRST AMERICAN BANK:	
Checking account balance Apr. 2025	\$ 707,894.28
Deposits/Transfer In – May	
Revenues/Refund	737,824.23
Interest on Checking	40.51
Funds transferred in	459,805.83
Operating Expenses/Other	1,179,498.73
Funds transferred out	0.00
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE MAY 31, 2025	\$ 726,066.12
LAMP	
Account balance – Apr.	6,489,603.04
Funds transferred in	0.00
Funds transferred out	459,805.83
Interest Income Earned	23,512.52
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE MAY 31, 2025	\$ 6,053,309.73
INVESTMENTS: BNY	
Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds	2,449,665.31
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF MAY 31, 2025	\$ 9,229,041.16

No public comments were made. President Rogers called for a vote. All Commissioners voted all in favor. None opposed. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Todd Crochet, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners propose to table the cost of living raise and/or a merit raise for the Executive Director, Donald Ray Henry, until the July Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Eric Matherne made a motion to table the agenda item until the committee meeting. There wasn't enough discussion on the item. He also suggested that they review the questionnaires. President Rogers called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Craig Carter
- Mary Clulee
- Todd Crochet
- Jeffery Henry
- Ryan Larousse
- Eric Matherne
- Gary Watson
- Marlin Rogers

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Robert Monti

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 Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Mary Clulee, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the proposal by the United States Army Corps of Engineers to perform annual maintenance surveys, stone repairs, and articulated concrete mattress repair work along the Mississippi River.

Commissioner Mary Clulee asked if it is for permission to enter the land or to do the repairs. The Executive Director, Donald Henry, said it was for both. This is an annual request by the corps. Commissioner Clulee asked if they pay for it. Mr. Henry said yes. President Rogers called for a vote. All Commissioners voted all in favor. None opposed. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to amend the term of the Professional Services Agreement through June 30, 2026 for Civix to continue to provide support as needed on the Sunset Levee Lift project during construction as well as to provide support as needed and requested on the next phases of the Upper Barataria project.

Ms. Jane Dufour, Civix, explained to the Board that this is an extension of the annual project and that no additional funds are needed. Commissioner Matherne thanked Ms. Dufour and Civix for doing a good job. Mr. Donald Henry said that yes, they do exceptional work and recommends that the Board approves the request.

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

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Craig Carter
- Mary Clulee
- Todd Crochet
- Jeffery Henry
- Ryan Larousse
- Eric Matherne
- Gary Watson
- Marlin Rogers

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Robert Monti

ABSTAINED: None

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

Rene Chopin, BKI, gave an update on the pump station analysis.

Bayou Des Allemands Pump Station Data Gap Analysis

- Comments received from CSRS on modeling runs performed.
- Model has been resubmitted, and some additional comments were received and addressed.
- CSRS is currently reviewing the 3,000 cfs model runs and we anticipate that all comments will be resolved with the last submittal.
- The report is being finalized now and is anticipated to be completed by the end of July.

President Marlin Rogers asked if the comments received from CSRS have been answered. Mr. Chopin answered yes. President Rogers asked what kind of questions. Mr. Chopin stated most were about making changes. For example, like the terrain and adjusting the mesh lines for the final model.

Mr. Rodney Greenup, Greenup Industries, gave an update. Sunset – the last day of material being hauled should be June 10th. The levee is being fertilized and seeded. He informed the Board that his roll with Sunset was just to test material, inspect and report findings. He was never allowed to direct the contractor. He reported back to GIS. For the permit – currently awaiting the comments from USACE. As soon as they are received, he will work on them and submit the answers as soon as possible.

Mr. Stokka Brown, 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
 - Current Contract Value \$8,871,811.50
 - Pay Applications Submitted to date \$7,133,008.79
 - Pay Applications approved to date \$ 5,749,371.79
 - Reimbursement Request 6 CPRA – In processing
 - Levee Lift only excludes boat launch surcharge \$674,211.20
- Construction Administration – GIS
 - Invoicing thru April 2025 \$8,076.25
- Monitoring and Inspection – Greenup Industries
 - Invoicing thru May 2025 \$75,356.15

- CIVIX
 - Provided Wagner Rd access termination procedure follow-up to LBCLDD

Next Steps

- Ongoing construction effort

Schedule

- Onshore scheduled substantial completion (*un*)officially June 15th 2025
 - Contract end date is May 12th 2025

Segment 3 – Floodgate

Progress Update

- CPRA committed \$90.0M in the 2025 Annual Plan for the floodgate with tentative completion by July 2028
- GIS and BKI submitted revised Design Criteria for Segment 3 submittal to CPRA and CORPs
 - CSRS awaiting subconsultant ITR comments from Stantec
- H&H modeling - Olsson
 - Olsson submitted version 2 H&H report revisions
 - CSRS reviewed draft comment pickup
 - Submitted for design team review
- Segment 3 permitting in progress; waiting the designs to advance
- Segment 3 65% Design oversight comment being responded to by GIS
 - Comment that will be resolved in forthcoming design phase

Next Steps

- Complete Olsson H&H modeling report; Probable final deliverable for end of June 2025
- Final Design is anticipated to be executed within 7 months of NPT
 - CORPS to review the 60% and 90% design submittal

Segment 4 – Floodgate to Hwy 90

Progress Update

- Opinion of Probable Construction is ~\$75 million
- Task Order 12-A Stormwater Pumpstation Data Gap Analysis is in progress
 - BKI provided modeling comment revisions
 - CSRS reviewed and comments made regarding outstanding revision comments
- Segment 4 permitting in progress TO 10-C
 - HMIA submitted for review from the project team
 - Greenup updating to include final Olsson H&H reference information

Next Steps

- Completion of Permitting scope
- Completion of TO 12-A July 2025
- Provide CPRA results and identify path forward

UBRR USACE Status Update

Progress Update

- Current Status

- PED rescoped: Descoped to plans and specs of Access Road only Reach G east (5 of 8 Million budget burned)
- Review Plan routing through MVN
- Writing Supplemental EA
- PDT will provide formal response at 35% design QC for NFS bridge criteria memorandum

Next Steps

- Finalize basin wide levee heights
- Implementation of strategy to accept LBCLDD design efforts as independent utility for community stake holders
- LBCLDD coordination strategy implementation
 - Coordination of plans and alternatives with CORPS, State, and LBCLDD

Mr. Troy Jeanfreau, GIS, gave an update on the Sunset Levee.

PROGRESS TO DATE

Levee construction complete.

- All embankment complete on June 13.
- 28-day compliance period.

Seeding and fertilizing in progress.

Schedule:

- GIS recommends substantial completion effective June 24 – 43 days beyond contract date
- Weather days owed for April and May, recommended for June

Budget: \$8,185,005.94, 92%

- Includes UNAPPROVED pay applications from April and May, retainage.
- Estimate currently at 98% +

NEXT STEPS

- Complete seeding and fertilizing
- Inspect for substantial completion
- Complete project

Mr. Troy Jeanfreau, GIS, gave an update on the Westbank and Vicinity Western Tie-In.

RECENT PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENTS

Preparing DIPP for USACE to approve geotechnical exploration

GIS recommends the following target elevations based on research of past reports and adjacent projects

- WBV-71: +12.5 ft
 - Satisfies highest contemplated elevation in WBV GRR
 - Satisfies USACE requirements to avoid geotechnical investigation, simplifies 408 request
- WBV-72: +15.5 ft
 - Matches the HSDRRS lift schedule and the 2025 Semi-Quantitative Risk Assessment
 - Matches SLFPA-W construction elevation on Jefferson side
 - Will likely reduce fill quantity by avoiding berm reconstruction

MILESTONE SCHEDULE

- July 11, 2025 – Submit DIPP for Geotech investigation to USACE
- July 30, 2025 – Deliver Study & Report

WBV-71

- Aug 29, 2025 – Submit permit applications
- Jan 30, 2026 – Submit Preliminary Design (LBCLDD review)
- May 29, 2026 – Submit 90% Design (USACE review)

WBV-72

- Sep 2025 – Anticipated approval of DIPP
- Dec 2025 – Anticipated completion of geotechnical field work
- Jan 2026 – Submit geotechnical strength lines to USACE
- Apr 2026 – Anticipated approval of strength lines
- June 2026 – Develop design templates
- Aug 2026 – Submit Preliminary Design (LBCLDD review)
- Dec 2026 – Submit 90% Design (USACE review)

Mr. Troy Jeanfreau, GIS, gave an update on the UBRR Segment 3 – Bayou Des Allemands Barge Gate.

RECENT PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENTS

Ramped up structural design

- Began updating structural models for major components
- Began reviewing and finalizing design of ancillary components

Began outlining design report

Near term needs

- Initiate coordination with BKI for MEP design
- Update survey
- Update geotechnical analyses for new top of wall

MILESTONE SCHEDULE

- Aug 3, 2025 – Validate Unchanged Features
- Sept 12, 2025 – Complete Redesign
- Nov 17, 2025 – Complete Draft package for internal ITR
- Dec 12, 2025 - Submit Updated 95% Package

Mr. Oneil Malbrough, GIS, gave an update on the Upper Barataria Basin Hydrologic Restoration Project.

Upper Barataria Basin Hydrologic Restoration Cost Estimate

Phase 1

(1) Engineering	\$ 153,000.00
(2) Permitting	\$ 98,000.00
(3) Construction	
➤ Mobilization/Demobilization	\$ 190,000.00
➤ Clearing and Snagging (Approx. 38,815 LF)	\$ 388,815.00
➤ Dredging (EL -5' with 20 ft Base-Approx. 81,300 CY)	\$ 1,219,500.00
➤ Excavation (Approx. 5,000 CY)	\$ 200,000.00
(4) Construction Administration	\$ 110,750.00
(5) Resident Project Representative	\$ 120,000.00
	TOTAL: \$ 2,480,065.00

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

PRESIDENT

07/09/2025