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**REGULAR MEETING**

**August 7, 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; 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 Jasmin asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made the motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Craig Carter 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 Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 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 Commissioner Eric Matherne, seconded by Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following cash available for distribution of the month of July 31, 2024 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

 **Checking account balance June 2024 $ 792,937.97**

 **Deposits/Transfer In – July**

**Revenues/Refund 78,430.89**

 **Interest on Checking 25.40**

 **Funds transferred in**  **0.00 Operating Expenses/Other 565,607.70**

 **Funds transferred out 0.00**

 **TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE JULY 31, 2024 $ 305,786.56**

**LAMP**

 **Account balance – June 3,117,420.54**

 **Funds transferred in 0.00**

 **Funds transferred out 0.00**

 **Interest Income Earned 13,942.91**

 **TOTAL ENDING BALANCE JULY 31, 2024 $ 3,131,363.45**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

 **Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,286,234.25**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF JULY 31, 2024 $ 8,723,384.26**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to accept the District Attorney’s office of an increase of $15,000 to be paid for services rendered.

President Jasmin read the agenda item which stated: Authorization from the Board of Commissioners to accept the District Attorney’s office of an increase of $20,000 to be paid for services rendered. Commissioner Marlin Rogers stated that he spoke to Mr. Spencer Long about this item and would like to make a substitute motion that would be $15,000 instead of the $20,000. Commissioner Larry Sorapuru seconded his motion. 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 resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners accept the proposed retirement resolution for the retired employee, Maurice Scioneaux, Jr.

WHEREAS, Maurice Scioneaux, Jr., who has retired from the Lafourche Basin Levee District serving as Mobile Equipment Operator 2 from October 7, 2021 to June 27, 2024; we the Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District are disappointed with the retirement of this valuable member of our workforce, however, we wish him a productive retirement and the best in his future endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Lafourche Basin Levee District offer congratulations to Maruice Scioneaux, Jr. and accept his retirement.

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
	+ Onshore Pay application approved to date ($797,953.50)
	+ Onshore Pay application 3 is in processing with GIS ($347,152.80)
* Monitoring and inspection
	+ Pay application 4 in processing for reimbursement to SCP ($13,998.00) for services thru July 30th

Next Steps

* Ongoing construction effort

Schedule

* Onshore scheduled substantial completion of scope Dec 2024; Pending a change

Segment 3 – Floodgate

Progress Update

* Independent Technical Review initial comment completed for MEP 65% Design
	+ ITR is awaiting BKI comment responses
* FTN progressing H&H modeling scope; Completed Tasks 1,3, and 5
* Segment 3 permitting is underway (combined with Segment 4)
	+ Greenup Industries has request HMIA data to support permitting

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
	+ BKI is working on modeling and report comment resolution
* 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

UBRR USACE Status Update

Progress Update

* Currently Finalizing 10% Design
	+ H&H Modeling
		- HEC RAS Model has been completed
		- ERDC is finishing their internal review of the storm surge model
* 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

Revisions TBD based on schedule update

* 10% Design – TBD
* 35% Design –
* 65% Design –
* 95% Design –

100% Design –

Mr. Kyle Galloway, GIS, gave an update on the Sunset Levee. The culvert installation is nearly complete. The next steps would be to complete the culvert, the surcharge access, the surcharge access road, and the levee construction. The completion date has changed due to the issues with the culvert.

Mr. Rodney Greenup gave an update. He informed the Board that the website will be ready to go live on Friday, August 16th. They are finalizing the environmental document for Segment 4 alternative analysis. The review for the permit was submitted on July 24th. There is a team meeting on August 8th. It may determine that additional field work may be needed for the permit.

Mr. Rene Chopin, BKI, gave an update. He informed the board that they are looking to wrap up the alternative analysis report on August 8th with CSRS.

Mr. Sam Scholls, St. Charles Parish, gave an update. He informed the board that the parish is moving forward with the Cousins T-Wall. They are in coordination with CPRA as their local sponsor.

Mr. Oneil Malbrough wanted to add that there was a ground breaking in Houma at the Houma Navigational Canal. He also said that he heard good news that the governor may be all in for the floodgate to move forward.

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

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 PRESIDENT

07/15/2024