

REGULAR MEETING
August 6, 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; Robert Monti, St. Charles Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; and President 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, Mrs. Sara Long, Human Resource Specialist; and Mrs. Yolanda Brown, Administrative Assistant were present.

Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made the motion to amend the agenda to change the date of the August Committee meeting from August 11, 2025 to Tuesday, August 12, 2025. Vice-President Jeffery Henry seconded his motion. 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
- Robert Monti
- Marlin Rogers

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

President Rogers asked for a motion to adopt the revised agenda. Commissioner Todd Crochet 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 Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Ryan Larousse, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 2, 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 Robert Monti, seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry, the following cash available for distribution of the month of June 30, 2025 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

FIRST AMERICAN BANK:	
Checking account balance May 2025	\$ 726,066.12
Deposits/Transfer In – June	
Revenues/Refund	40,978.12
Interest on Checking	39.36
Funds transferred in	1,664,646.99
Operating Expenses/Other	2,089,109.38
Funds transferred out	0.00
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE JUNE 30, 2025	\$ 342,621.21
LAMP	
Account balance – May	6,053,309.73
Funds transferred in	0.00
Funds transferred out	1,664,646.99
Interest Income Earned	17,218.86
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE JUNE 30, 2025	\$ 4,405,881.60
INVESTMENTS: BNY	
Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds	2,459,814.61
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2025	\$ 7,209,317.42

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 Vice-President Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners propose to approve a 3% cost of living raise for the Executive Director, Donald Ray Henry, that will be retro pay as of July 1, 20225, as discussed in Committee.

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
- Robert Monti
- Marlin Rogers

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Mary Clulee, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to purchase a Scag Turf Tiger II under state contract for \$14,624.22 with a 3-year warranty.

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
- Robert Monti
- Marlin Rogers

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to hire 3 Mobile Equipment Operator 2 positions.

Commissioner Mary Clulee asked if instead of over staffing, is it possible to contract the work out? Would it be legal? She stated that Mr. Henry doesn't think that we could contract out. She asked if it is something written by the state? Attorney Spencer Long answered that he doesn't think it is possible but would look into it further. Commissioner Clulee stated that she is thinking that it could be for jobs to trim around utility poles, not tractor work. It would be local, smaller jobs to free up time for employees for levee maintenance. Commissioner Robert Monti requested for Mr. Long to look into the state archives for statutes about anything to do with contracting for future purposes. 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
- Robert Monti
- Marlin Rogers

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to move the Committee meeting from Monday, August 11, 2025 to Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

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
- Robert Monti
- Marlin Rogers

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 0 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. A significant leak in the levee was detected and has been rectified.
- This changed our previous pump station size recommendation back to the 4000 CFS station that our initial findings pointed towards. Updated hydrographs are on the following slides and included in the report.
- The final iteration of the model has been resubmitted.
- CSRS is currently reviewing the latest model runs and we believe that all comments have been resolved.

- The draft report has been completed, and copies are available for the boards review.

UBRR Segment 3 Barge Gate MEP

- Our current Task Order authorizes us for 65% Final Plans only.
- BKI is working with our electrical subcontractor to develop a proposal to bring the MEP portion of the Barge Gate to 95% Final Plans.
- Once the proposal is accepted by BKI and LBCLDD, we will begin moving the project forward starting with the 65% comments received during the Independent Technical Review.

Mr. Rodney Greenup, Greenup Industries, gave an update.

- Segment 3 and Segment 4 Coastal Use Permit (CUP)
 - Resubmitted CUP for internal agency review on January 8, 2025
 - Resubmitted CUP to State and Federal agencies on May 7, 2025
 - USACE public notice closed June 29, 2025 with a substantial # of comments
 - Comment review meeting with State and Federal agencies on July 18, 2025
 - Biggest unresolved issues:
 - Concerned with water velocities through the floodgate structures and flap gates
 - H&H report was not included in the public notice – we will submit the final to all reviewers

- Opposed to the Godchaux Canal gate and floodwall (Planning, St Paul Corps & NMFS not aware – LBCLDD efforts are not discussed in PDT meetings)
 - Verifying the Corps timeline for construction and adding to our justification and need for independent utility along with interim protection
 - Potential modifications to the structure – add flap gates or add culverts to connect Midway Canal and the estuaries inside the system
 - Indirect impact analysis being performed by the Corps
- CUP Next Steps
 - Complete Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Analysis by August 15, 2025
 - Including recommendations to the Godchaux Canal structure and/or midway canal
 - Send USACE response to all comments, including final H&H report, by August 15, 2025
 - The agencies get 30-days to review our EFH and comment responses and submit additional comments
 - Revise the permit to include additional dredging required for gate construction
 - Submit the plan to USACE and go out for another 25-day review
 - Finalize Mitigation Plan with agencies by late-September
 - Work concurrently during their review of our comment responses

Indirect impact analysis and mitigation for floodgate structures – CPRA

- Segment 3 Scenic Rivers Permit
 - Scenic Rivers permit was submitted for initial review on January 22, 2025
 - OCM will issue their 25-day public notice in mid-August
 - Don't expect new comments since the same agencies were involved in the conference call on July 18th
- Segment 4 Section 408 Permit
 - Currently not required by the USACE
 - If the Corps receives Construction funding for Segment 4 prior to issuance of the CUP and Scenic Rivers permit, then this may become a requirement for Segment 4 since the Corps has advanced PED on this reach.
- Sunset Levee Inspection and Testing
 - 3 Greenup inspectors on-site in July, no material testing required in July
 - Substantial completion walk through on July 8th
 - Follow-up/punch list meeting on July with the Levee District, the Contractor, and GIS
 - Continued inspection of mowing, fertilizing and seeding based on the revised contract specifications from GIS.
 - Reduced to 1 inspector for August closeout

Mr. Joseph Christopher, 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 approved to date \$7,751,474.59
- Reimbursement Request 7 CPRA – Submitted
 - Levee Lift only excludes boat launch surcharge \$706,575.80
- Reimbursement Request 8 CPRA – In processing
 - Levee Lift only excludes boat launch surcharge \$618,465.80

Construction Administration – GIS

- Invoicing thru May 2025 \$7,868.55

Monitoring and Inspection – Greenup Industries

- Amendment request submitted \$34,800.00

CIVIX

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

Next Steps

- Ongoing construction effort

Schedule

- Onshore scheduled substantial completion *dated* June 24nd 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/Stantec ITR comments submitted to GIS for consideration
- H&H modeling - Olsson
 - Olsson submitted version 2 H&H report revisions
 - Owner Rep and Design Team comment have been addressed
 - Submitting by the end of this week
- Segment 3 permitting in progress
 - Agency coordination; Fish passage coordination
- Segment 3 65% Design oversight comment being responded to by GIS

Next Steps

- Complete Olsson H&H modeling report; Final deliverable beginning of August 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
 - CSRS provided 3rd iteration review comments of modeling
 - BKI comment pickups have been responded to, and review is awaiting data submittal
- Segment 4 permitting in progress TO 10-C

- Agency coordination

Next Steps

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

UBRR USACE Status Update

Progress Update

- Current Status
 - UBRR Access Route Plans and Specs; 65% DQA
 - Budget approaching budget limit
 - Final Plans and Specs; Revise from Oct 2025 to March 2026
 - Civil is work thru utility conflicts resolution
 - Continued effort on supplemental EA
 - PDT will provide formal response at 35% design QC for NFS bridge criteria memorandum

Next Steps

- Finalizing Right of Way submittal
- Permitting status update from NFS
- Implementation of strategy to accept LBCLDD design efforts as independent utility for community stake holders

Mr. Kyle Galloway, GIS, gave an update on the Sunset Levee.

PROGRESS TO DATE

- Project substantially complete as of June 24.

- Seeding and fertilizing in progress.
- Schedule:
 - Expected completion of seeding and fertilizing Aug 8.
 - Clear lien period will end Sep 21.
- Balancing change order expected to deduct \$140k+ (savings to LBLD compared to current contract amount).

Mr. Kyle Galloway, 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 22, 2025 – Submitted DIPP for Geotech investigation to USACE

o Aug 15, 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. Kyle Galloway, GIS, gave an update on the UBRR Segment 3 – Bayou Des Allemands Barge Gate.

RECENT PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENTS

- Updates to structural design in progress
 - Need validation of USACE load calculations to update major components
 - Updating/validating minor components
- Began coordination with BKI on MEP design
- Solicited advice from contractors – adding temporary access channel
- Began civil design, particularly access road

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

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

PRESIDENT

08/12/2025