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**REGULAR MEETING**

**November 4, 2020**

 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 in accordance with the Louisiana Governor’s Proclamation Number 117-JBE 2020 Renewal of State Emergency for COVID-19, Extension of Emergency Provisions, LBLD office access is limited to 50% of the total occupancy as determined by the State Fire Marshal, which is 44 individuals at one time, including our employees. Every individual SHALL wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when entering the building. You can refer to gov.louisiana.gov for guideline exceptions. Guidelines on public meeting participation for the LBLD during the additional Phase 2 Mitigation Measures of Reopening can be found at COVID19 office notice 08-17-2020. The meeting was called to order by its President, James P. Jasmin, at 6:00 P.M.

 The meeting was called to order by President James P. Jasmin.

 President Jasmin asked that everyone attending the meeting wear face masks or coverings so that we can be in compliance with the rules set in place.

The meeting opened with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Present: Commissioners… Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; President James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; and Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish were present. Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish was absent.

 A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Larry Buquoi, Attorney; Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive Director; and Ms. Melanie Broden Accounting Specialist were present.

 Before the Board could adopt the agenda, President Jasmin stated that as for agenda items numbers 11, 12, and 13, he would like to defer the items to the Committee meeting. Deferment of the agenda items was motioned by Commissioner Eric Matherne and seconded by Vice-President Craig Carter. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru
* Russell Loupe
* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

 Adoption of the adjusted agenda was motioned by Commissioner Marlin Rogers and seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru
* Russell Loupe
* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

 There were no public comments on the agenda items.

 On motion of Commissioner Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2020 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

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

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru
* Russell Loupe
* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Russell Loupe, the following cash available for distribution of the month of October 31, 2020 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

 **Checking account balance Sept. 2020 $ 253,042.76**

 **Deposits/Transfer In – Oct.**

**Revenues/Refund 43,750.21**

 **Interest on Checking 19.44**

 **Funds transferred in 598,267.44 Operating Expenses/Other 450,375.30**

 **Funds transferred out 0.00**

 **TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE OCT. 31, 2020 $ 444,704.55**

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 **Account balance – Sep 2,824,233.13**

 **Funds transferred in 0.00**

 **Funds transferred out 598,267.44**

 **Interest Income Earned 213.09**

 **TOTAL ENDING BALANCE OCT. 31, 2020 $ 2,226,178.78**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

 **Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,336,194.79**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF OCT. 31, 2020 $ 8,007,078.12**

 No public comments were made. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru
* Russell Loupe
* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

 On motion of Vice-President Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners accept the proposed bid for the 2021 Ford F-250 4x4 Crew Cab equivalent make or model from Cazenave Motor Company for $43,100.00.

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

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru
* Russell Loupe
* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Marlin Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, 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. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru
* Russell Loupe
* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

 On motion of Commissioner Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to move the November Finance Meeting from November 9, 2020 to November 10, 2020 and move the November Committee Meeting from November 11, 2020 to November 12, 2020 due to the fact that the committee meeting fell on Veteran’s Day when the office will be closed.

 Commissioner Eric Matherne asked the Board to consider moving the Finance meeting as well because St. Charles Parish is holding its public hearing meeting on Monday, November 9th, the same day as the Finance meeting. Attorney Larry Buquoi informed the Board that they would have to amend the agenda to change it. Commissioner Jeffery Henry made the motion to move the November 11, 2020 Committee meeting to November 12th. It was seconded by Commissioner Eric Matherne. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru
* Russell Loupe
* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed. Commissioner Marlin Rogers made the motion to amend the agenda to add to it to move the Finance meeting from November 9, 2020 to November 10, 2020. It was seconded by Commissioner Arthur Bosworth. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru
* Russell Loupe
* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed. Commissioner Marlin Rogers made the motion to move the Finance meeting from November 9, 2020 to November 10, 2020. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* Arthur Bosworth IV
* Larry Sorapuru
* Russell Loupe
* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Kevin Hebert

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

 Mr. Henry Picard with BKI highlights on the Upper Barataria Project. There is a full report in the folders. Davis Diversion – reimbursement from CPRA is still being continued. Sunset Levee – St. Charles Parish will hold a stakeholders meeting for impacted residents. Sunset Levee Lift – Gulf South is conducting additional analysis and plan to wrap up by the end of November. Greenup Industries is working on public comments and the permit is still out for Public Review. Barge Gate – GIS delivered the preliminary plans to LBLD. Highway 90 Tie-In – Gulf South is working on analysis. Surveys started October 5th and completed by November 2nd. Geotechnical investigations are scheduled for November 3rd. Permit – currently reviewing 10% design plans to see what is needed for permit application. Currently reviewing DNR question sheet to work on permit application. BKI and CPRA are scheduling a meeting with USACE to review the results from the UBRR Study.

Commissioner Russell Loupe made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Gary Watson seconded his motion.

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 PRESIDENT

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10/12/2020