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**REGULAR MEETING**

**November 6, 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 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; President James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles 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 Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 2, 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.

Attorney Spencer Long entered the meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the following cash available for distribution of the month of October 31, 2024 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Sept. 2024 $ 321,601.34**

**Deposits/Transfer In – Oct.**

**Revenues/Refund 368,751.16**

**Interest on Checking 34.24**

**Funds transferred in**  **968,487.92 Operating Expenses/Other 1,270,608.31**

**Funds transferred out 0.00**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE OCT. 31, 2024 $ 388,266.35**

**LAMP**

**Account balance – Sept. 3,131,363.45**

**Funds transferred in 0.00**

**Funds transferred out 377,068.75**

**Interest Income Earned 12,875.05**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE OCT. 31, 2024 $ 2,767,169.75**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,315,149.13**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF OCT. 31, 2024 $ 8,308,085.09**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Pay Application 8 and 9 reimbursement requests of Change Order #2 pertaining to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Lafourche Basin Levee District and St. Charles Parish concerning the Sunset Levee Lift and Des Allemands Boat Launch.

Attorney, Spencer Long, stated that there should be a written agreement before any money is transferred. Commissioner Larry Sorapuru asked when will it be done. Mr. Long stated that he reached out to St. Charles Parish and is currently awaiting a response. 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 Larry Sorapuru, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the 2025 per diem rates, $133.50, which will be effective October 2024.

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 Eric Matherne, 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 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 Eric Matherne, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the 2024 St. James Parish Christmas Bonfire Agreement.

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 Eric Matherne, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Reinder River Run which will be located in Luling, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana on December 7, 2024.

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 Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to change the dates of the month of November Finance and Committee Meetings due to the office closure for Veteran’s Day. The meetings will be as follows:

Finance Meeting – Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 13, 2024

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 Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to change the dates of the month of December Board Meetings due to the AOLBOL & MVFCA Conferences. The meetings will be as follows:

Regular Meeting – December 11, 2024

Finance Meeting – December 16, 2024

Committee Meeting – December 18, 2024

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. 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
  + Pay Applications approved to date $1,704,946.55
  + Reimbursement Request 4 – submitted to SCP $718,487.92
* Monitoring and Inspection – Greenup Industries
  + Reimbursement Request 5 – processing with CSRS, LBLD $30,825.00
* Access Agreements
  + CIVIX is tracking access agreement expirations versus completion of Onshore construction and the remaining segment to Paradis Canal Floodgate

Next Steps

* Ongoing construction effort

Schedule

* Onshore scheduled substantial completion *(un)*officially Feb 2025

Segment 3 – Floodgate

Progress Update

* Independent Technical Review comments provided for MEP 65% Design 6/12/2024
  + BKI addressing comments following completion of Segment 4 Report
* H&H modeling - Olsson
  + Revised scope approved for consulting team needs
    - Budget decrease of approximately $50,000 from approved H&H budget
  + Completed modeling runs, post processing, and draft presentation of data
* Segment 3 permitting is underway (combined with Segment 4)
* CPRA committed $90.0M in the 2025 Annual Plan for the floodgate with tentative completion by July 2028

Next Steps

* Complete H&H modeling
  + Induced flooding evaluation to support the Permitting effort
* Confirm completion of USACE ADCIRC modeling
* MEP 65% Design revisions per comments of Independent Technical Review
* USACE (SAR) Safety Assurance Reviews development and coordination
* Structural 95% Design kickoff workshop to address critical 65% design comments prior to continuing design

Segment 4 – Floodgate to Hwy 90

Progress Update

* Opinion of Probable Construction is ~$75 million
* Task Order 10-A Alternatives Analysis
  + Deliverable Finalized
* Task Order 10-B Alternatives Analysis – Environmental
  + Draft Deliverable submitted and returned with Owners Rep Comments
* Segment 4 permitting is underway (combined with Segment 3)
* Received information request on Segment 4 access road from CPRA and coordinating with NLLD on a response

Next Steps

* Address report comment and finalize Alternatives Analysis Environmental Scope of Services
* Provide CPRA results and identify path forward

UBRR USACE Status Update

Progress Update

* Current Status
  + Coordination coastal override values for ADCIRC and EUROTOP
    - Design assumption currently sets Levee top to 15.5 EL
  + PDT is running additional modeling to confirm roadway elevation at 4’ is applicable
  + PDT team considering additional levee design resiliency for high SLR curve rather than intermediate.
  + Geotechnical Field Data Collection is completed
  + Coordinating on access road and bridge criteria
  + PDT team collaborating on 3D modeling of the bridge

Next Steps

* Implementation of strategy to accept LBLD design efforts as independent utility for community stake holders
* LBLD coordination strategy implementation
  + Coordination of plans and alternatives with CORP, State, and LBLD

Mr. Kyle Galloway, GIS, gave an update on the Sunset Levee. The road and surcharge are essentially complete. The little that is left is to grow the grass there. The levee construction is still ongoing. New contract date is February 4, 2025. Looking ahead…continue with levee construction. There will be tropical storm preparation just in case. They will coordinate for material testing. They will add additions test methods to match the Corps. In a few weeks, they will be using Access Route #4. Next week, we will be handing permit plats to Greenup.

Mr. Rodney Greenup gave an update. For the Master Plan/ Website update: Tasks are underway. Implementing permit process and calendar of events. For Segment 4: Working with GIS. Sunset is ongoing. Segments 3 and 4; waiting on input to submit the Coastal Use Permit.

Mr. Rene Chopin, BKI, gave an update. He informed the board that their task orders are up to date. They are looking forward to their next assignment.

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

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PRESIDENT

11/12/2024