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**REGULAR MEETING**

**December 7, 2022**

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 Vice-President, Jeffery Henry, 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; President Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish (phone); Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish (phone); Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Commissioner 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. Spencer Long, Attorney; Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist and Ms. Astrea Jupiter, Administrative Assistant 5 were present. Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive Director, was absent.

Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. Vice-President Henry called for a vote. The motion passed.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Marlin Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 2, 2022 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following cash available for distribution of the month of November 30, 2022 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Oct. 2022 $ 193,023.82**

**Deposits/Transfer In – Nov.**

**Revenues/Refund $ 9,859.45**

**Interest on Checking 17.67**

**Funds transferred in 600,000.00 Operating Expenses/Other 767,196.36**

**Funds transferred out 0.00**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE NOV. 30, 2022 $ 35,704.58**

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**Account balance – Oct. 2,627,002.08**

**Funds transferred in 0.00**

**Funds transferred out 600,000.00**

**Interest Income Earned 6,782.02**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE NOV. 30, 2022 $ 2,033,784.10**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,264,117.59**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF NOV. 30, 2022 $ 7,333,606.27**

No public comments were made. The motion passed.

On motion of James P. Jasmin, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to reject the bid for the Sunset Levee Project and put the project out for rebid.

Commissioner Jasmin made the motion to reject the bid. Commissioner Bosworth seconded the motion. Commissioner Marlin Rogers asked the attorney, Spencer Long, if it was possible to make the motion because of the wording of the agenda item. Mr. Long stated that it was vague but they could move forward with the motion. Commissioner Kevin Hebert asked if comments were provided to the commissioners. He received the answer of yes. Commissioner Jasmin stated that multiple discussions had taken place with the engineering team. The government agency recommended not using the dirt from the bid so we should move forward with their recommendation. Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained and 2 do not count (teleconference). The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner James P. Jasmin, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to change the January monthly meetings to the following dates...

Regular meeting – January 18, 2023

Finance meeting – January 23, 2023

Committee meeting – January 25, 2023

Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained and 2 do not count (teleconference). The motion passed.

Mr. Elliott Boudreaux, CSRS, Inc., gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project. CSRS will send a letter to CPRA to advise on interviewing construction companies that showed for the pre-bid meeting but did not make bids. All the steps will be followed as last time for the rebid.

**Sunset Levee 7.5’ Lift**

* GIS has prepared Change Order and Letter of Recommendation for awarding construction for CPRA review.
* LBLD reviewing recommendation vs. possibility of rebidding
* Civix has been engaged to extend 1 access agreement and 2 pipeline LONOs.

**Segment 3: GIS 65% design**

* Greenup/Gulfsouth updating geotechnical report based on new design criteria
* BKI has prepared mechanical/electrical design cost estimate for flood gate

Evan Graves has completed bathymetric survey for remaining Bayou des Allemands.

* Data required for future FTN H&H modeling.
* CSRS engaging EG for additional survey data for flood gate

**Capital Outlay Request: 2023 LBLD**

* West Bank Vicinity Tie In
* Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Project

**USACE Reach G & H**

* St. Paul’s District to begin engineering and design on Reaches G & H.
* Design Agreement has been executed between MVP and MVN.
* LBLD coordinating with CPRA as local sponsor to determine next steps for design team role to ensure USACE alignment
* H&H modeling, Segment 4, Permitting

Mr. Donald Henry stated that Mr. Rodney Greenup got the permit extended for a year. Mr. Boudreaux said he will follow-up with Mr. Greenup. Mr. Henry asked about the FTN holdup. Mr. Greenup attended meetings with CPRA & USACE. Corps may do hydraulics test themselves. Hopefully within a few weeks more information will come out and a project plan by then to see what the scopes entail.eeeHHh

Mr. Oneil Malbrough stated that there was a press release for Garret Graves just moments before that said a bill will be approved that includes the UBRRP $1.8 million. This is the first big step for the project to be authorized.

Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. seconded his motion.

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PRESIDENT

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12/12/2022