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**REGULAR MEETING**

**December 11, 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.

Before the meeting officially opened, Mr. Jasmin asked for a moment of silence in prayer for Commissioner Eric Matherne, who was hospitalized for having a heart attack.

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; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; and Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish were present. Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish was absent.

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; Chuck Long, Attorney (Spencer Long, absent); 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 Jeffery Henry 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 Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 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
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, 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 Oct. 2024 $ 388,266.35**

**Deposits/Transfer In – Nov.**

**Revenues/Refund 779,074.07**

**Interest on Checking 16.79**

**Funds transferred in**  **398,809.74 Operating Expenses/Other 743,365.26**

**Funds transferred out 0.00**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE NOV. 30, 2024 $ 822,801.69**

**LAMP**

**Account balance – Oct. 963,615.13**

**Funds transferred in 3,000,000.00**

**Funds transferred out 398,809.74**

**Interest Income Earned 8,996.62**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE NOV. 30, 2024 $ 3,573,802.04**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 2,380,207.17**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF NOV. 30, 2024 $ 6,776,810.90**

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
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Executive Director and President to attend the Meet and Greet with the Louisiana Legislative Delegation and to meet with the Congressional Delegation to discuss the Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Project on January 21-25, 2025 in Washington, D.C.

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
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by all other Board Commissioners, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to change the dates of the month of January monthly meetings due to holiday office closure. The meetings will be as follows:

Regular Meeting – January 8, 2025

Finance Meeting – January 13, 2025

Committee Meeting – January 15, 2025

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
* Marlin Rogers
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

* Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nay, 1 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 $3,343,698.38
  + Reimbursement Request 5 – In processing with LBLD for SCP $1,150,465.95
  + Reimbursement for Request for CPRA beginning with SL-007 approval
* Monitoring and Inspection – Greenup Industries
  + Reimbursement Request 6 – In processing with CSRS $56,176.35
    - Reimbursement submittal allocation in processing

Next Steps

* Ongoing construction effort

Schedule

* Onshore scheduled substantial completion 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
  + Task 5 of the interim protection design storm plus wind events simulations completed
    - Task 5; Slide presentation submitted to consultant team
    - CSRS coordinating review comments meeting prior to LBLD submittal
* Segment 3 permitting is underway
  + Induced flooding coordination associated with Olsson H&H Task 5 results
* CPRA committed $90.0M in the 2025 Annual Plan for the floodgate with tentative completion by July 2028

Next Steps

* Complete H&H modeling
* 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-B Alternatives Analysis – Environmental
  + Draft Deliverable submitted and returned with Owners Rep Comments
* Segment 4 permitting is underway
  + Induced flooding coordination associated with Olsson H&H Task 5 results

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
  + 35% Design submittal Nov 6th
  + PDT is working with H&H reviewers on DQC.
    - Preparing to extract ADCIRC results of adjacent levee reaches and running Euro Top.
  + PDT team considering additional levee design resiliency for high SLR curve rather than intermediate.

Next Steps

* 35% Design QC
* Get answers from CORP PDT team regarding memo questions regarding stakeholder community outreach information around Reach G East access route and bridge criteria; Formal response estimated after 35% Design QC
* 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.

PROGRESS TO DATE

* Levee construction ongoing at each end of project (Bayou Des Allemands and between Wagoner Road and Grand Bayou Road).
* Schedule: 275 days elapsed, 83%oNew contract date of February 7, 2025 (Change Order #2).
* Budget: $3,343,698.38, 39%oOnshore submitted Pay App #7 (October) on November 25th. DDG and GIS sent back revisions for Onshore to address on Tuesday, December 10th.

**NEXT STEPS**

* Continue levee construction
* Coordinate materials testing
* Schedule Preparatory Meetings for Kerry’s Point Ramp and Access Route No. 4
* Access Route No. 4

Mr. Oneil Malbrough, GIS, spoke on the difference in prices for Reach 4. He also touched base about the need to start designing a pump station to pump the water out of the areas the new levees and flood gate may cause once in place.

Mr. Rodney Greenup gave an update. For the Master Plan/ Website update: Tasks are underway. Calendar of events is being worked on along with updating the permitting process. For Segment 4: Received comments from CSRS. Working with GIS. Sunset is ongoing but the weather is holding things up. Segments 3 and 4; waiting on input to submit the Coastal Use Permit.

Mr. Mike Chopin, BKI, gave an update. He informed the board that they have been involved in Segments 3 & 4 providing mechanical engineering. Segment 4 has been in a holding pattern after providing the hydraulic analysis. Currently waiting for the next task.

Commissioner Marlin Rogers informed everyone that he went to see Commissioner Eric Matherne after he was released from the hospital. He is doing fantastic. He thanks everyone for their prayers and calls.

Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Jeffery Henry seconded his motion.

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PRESIDENT

12/16/2024