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**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 3, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District met pursuant to Governor John Bel Edward’s executive order (Proclamation Number JBE-2020-30) issued to provide for additional measures to address the COVID-19 emergency. The Lafourche Basin Levee Board of Commission certified that as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, it would be unable to attain attendance of a quorum at this meeting other than through electronic means. Accordingly, this meeting was held by Teleconference. The notice of the call-in information was included in the agenda which was posted and sent out in accordance with law, including the certification set forth above and 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.

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

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Larry Buquoi, Attorney; Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive Director; along with Ms. Melanie Broden Accounting Specialist and Mrs. Astrea Jupiter, Administrative Assistant 5 were present.

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

Adoption of the agenda was motioned by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. and seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Russell Loupe
* Eric Matherne
* Whitney Jasmin, Jr.
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* James P. Jasmin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

There were no Public comments in reference to agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 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:

* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Russell Loupe
* Eric Matherne
* Whitney Jasmin, Jr.
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* James P. Jasmin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the following cash available for distribution of the month of April 30, 2020 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

**Checking account balance Apr 2020 $ 217,940.69**

**Deposits/Transfer In – May**

**Revenues/Refund 31,876.70**

**Interest on Checking 15.20**

**Funds transferred in 1,004,887.61**

**Operating Expenses/Other 1,010,496.92**

**Funds transferred out 0.00**

**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE APR. 30, 2020 $ 244,223.28**

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**Account balance – May 3,534,064.93**

**Funds transferred in 120,000.00**

**Funds transferred out 1,004,887.61**

**Interest Income Earned 1,807.29**

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE MAY 31, 2020 $ 2,650,948.61**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

**Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 6,931,280.60**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF APR. 30, 2020 $ 9,826,488.49**

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

YEAS:

* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Russell Loupe
* Eric Matherne
* Whitney Jasmin, Jr.
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* James P. Jasmin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Marlin Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted .

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve the expropriation of the Ellington Pump Station Flowage Easement Parcels 1-6C and 1-5 once the ordinances are approved by the St. Charles Parish government.

Executive Director, Donald Henry, informed the Board that the item was approved by St. Charles Parish. Commissioner Marlin Rogers made the motion to approve the expropriation of Parcels 1-6C and 1-5. Commissioner Gary Watson seconded the motion.

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

YEAS:

* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Russell Loupe
* Eric Matherne
* Whitney Jasmin, Jr.
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* James P. Jasmin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve Mr. James P. Jasmin as the Board’s President.

President James Jasmin called for a nomination for president. Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. called for James P. Jasmin as President. Commissioner Craig Carter seconded. Commissioner Marlin Rogers called for Eric Matherne as President. Commissioner Whitney Jasmin, Jr. seconded. Commissioner Rogers asked if the Board is supposed to make nominations at this meeting and vote at the next meeting. President Jasmin informed him that the By-Laws state that the Board can nominate and vote tonight. President Jasmin also informed the Board that he spoke with the attorney, Larry Buquoi on this subject. Mr. Buquoi confirmed that they can nominate and vote in the same meeting. Mr. Buquoi informed the Board that they should call a roll call vote to vote the nominee and when their name is called to say which candidate they are voting for. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

* Gary Watson - James Jasmin
* Jeffery Henry – James Jasmin
* Craig Carter - James Jasmin
* Russell Loupe – Eric Matherne
* Eric Matherne - Eric Matherne
* Whitney Jasmin, Jr. - Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers - Eric Matherne
* Kevin Hebert - Eric Matherne
* Michael McKinney, Sr. - James Jasmin
* James P. Jasmin - James Jasmin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 5 for James Jasmin, 5 for Eric Matherne, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion failed. By default, James Jasmin will stay in the position of President.

On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Vice-President Eric Matherne, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve Mr. Craig Carter as the Board’s Vice-President.

President Jasmin called for nominations for vice-president. Commissioner Jeffery Henry called for Craig Carter as Vice-President. Vice-President Eric Matherne seconded. Vice-President Matherne called for the nominations to be closed. President Jasmin called for a motion to close the nominations. Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. made the motion for nominations for Vice-President to close. Commissioner Russel Loupe seconded the motion. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Russell Loupe
* Eric Matherne
* Whitney Jasmin, Jr.
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* James P. Jasmin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

President Jasmin called for a roll call vote for Craig Carter as Vice-President. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Russell Loupe
* Eric Matherne
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* James P. Jasmin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: Whitney Jasmin, Jr.

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent and 1 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted .

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve the President of the Board of Commissioners, in addition with the Vice-President and Executive Director Donald Ray Henry, are hereby authorized to sign all checks, vouchers, money transfers at First American Bank and other required documents, be granted.

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

YEAS:

* Gary Watson
* Jeffery Henry
* Craig Carter
* Russell Loupe
* Eric Matherne
* Whitney Jasmin, Jr.
* Marlin Rogers
* Kevin Hebert
* Michael McKinney, Sr.
* James P. Jasmin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

Mr. Henry Picard with BKI gave an update on the Upper Barataria Project. Field operations are still on hold and awaiting direction from CPRA. He received calls from Mr. Sam Scholle informing the group about St. Charles Parish’s interest in purchasing properties affected by proposed design. BKI provided the preliminary plan set to St. Charles Parish to begin planning the acquisitions. Commissioner Eric Matherne also gave information to the Board concerning the land purchasing and on a visit to the site to assess the property. Mr. Sam Scholle was not available on the teleconference to give more information. President Jasmin stated that the subject can be discussed again during the Committee meeting. The team is scheduled to give preliminary plans in mid-August. Mr. Kyle Galloway presented a video presentation of the barge gate to the Board.

Commissioner Jeffery Henry made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. seconded his motion.

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