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**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 2, 2021**

 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 93- JBE 2021 Renewal of State Emergency for COVID-19, Extension of Emergency Provisions, LBLD office will continue to require all individuals to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth, unless the person has been fully vaccinated with a Covid-19 vaccine. You can refer to gov.louisiana.gov for guideline exceptions. 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 for a few minutes of silence out of respect for the passing of Commissioner Eric Matherne’s mother.

 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; Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish were present.

 A quorum was present to conduct business.

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

 Commissioner Kevin Hebert made the motion to amend the agenda by adding an additional item, which is for authorization for the approve the 30th annual Independence Day Celebration on July 3, 2021 at the West Bank Bridge Park in Luling, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers. 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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

 Commissioner Kevin Hebert made the motion to adopt the new agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arthur Bosworth IV. 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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

 There were no public comments on the agenda items.

 On motion of Commissioner Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney Sr., the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2021 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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the following cash available for distribution of the month of April 30, 2021 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

 **Checking account balance Apr. 2021 $ 166,091.80**

 **Deposits/Transfer In – May**

**Revenues/Refund 108,158.71**

 **Interest on Checking 15.72**

 **Funds transferred in 525,132.81 Operating Expenses/Other 526,217.33**

 **Funds transferred out 0.00**

 **TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE MAY 31, 2021 $ 273,181.71**

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 **Account balance – Apr. 5,078,323.41**

 **Funds transferred in 0.00**

 **Funds transferred out 525,132.81**

 **Interest Income Earned 146.11**

 **TOTAL ENDING BALANCE MAY 31, 2021 $ 4,553,336.71**

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

 **Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds 5,351,227.50**

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF MAY 31, 2021 $ 10,177,745.92**

 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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

 On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners re-approve the Executive Director, Donald Henry, to sign the CEA Agreement between the State of Louisiana and Lafourche Basin Levee District on the Dredging of Bayou Napoleon and Bayou St. James, Planning and Construction, as per the request from the state due to the amount of time that has passed between the original Resolution approval.

Executive Director, Donald Henry, informed the Board that he was advised from the State’s Department of Treasury that it would be better to reaffirm this agenda item because of the time lapse from the original approval date and to submit an updated resolution.

President Jasmin called for a roll call vote on substituting the motion to add to the agenda. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

 On motion of Commissioner Kevin Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve for the Board/staff to attend the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association’s Annual Fall Legislative Meeting on September 25-29, 2021 in Washington, DC.

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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

 On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Arthur Bosworth IV, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve for the purchase of a John Deere 5125R tractor with loader for $89,377.80, on state contract.

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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Vice-President Craig Carter, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve 30th annual Independence Day Celebration on July 3, 2021 at the West Bank Bridge Park in Luling, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

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
* Kevin Hebert
* James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed by

 Mr. Nicholas Matherne with BKI gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project. There is a full report in the folders. Davis Diversion – All reimbursements have been approved for payment by CPRA. Sunset Levee – Coastal Use Permit was issued on May 26, 2021. CPRA finalized review of Gulf South Geotech and no revisions to the design are required. Intergovernmental Agreement draft has been submitted to CPRA. A site visit for the construction access routes is scheduled for June 3, 2021. Barge Gate – Hydraulic and Hydrologic Modeling proposal has been submitted for the Board to consider. Final design tasks to be proposed after approval. Capital Outlay – $3 million request not included in initial Capital Outlay bill. Senators Price and Smith working to get funding included in final bill. Watershed Initiative – Council announced Round 1 funding selections on May 27, 2021. UBRRP construction cost exceeded Round 1 funding limitation but provided information for consideration in State Projects and Programs funding.

 Representatives from CSRS, Inc. gave a review of the proposal work that they will be doing for Lafourche Basin Levee District.

 Mr. Donald Henry informed the Board that a meeting has been set with St. Charles Parish President Matthew Jewell.

Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Russell Loupe seconded his motion.

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06/07/2021