

Special Call Meeting
February 13, 2023

The Special Call Meeting for the Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District met this day 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 President, Eric Matherne, at 6:00 P.M.

The following Commissioners were in attendance: Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Commissioner James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; President Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; and Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish. Craig Carter, Assumption Parish was absent. Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director, Attorney, Spencer Long, Melanie Broden, Accounting Technician and Astrea Jupiter, Administrative Assistant 5, were present.

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

Adoption of the agenda was motioned by Commissioner Marlin Rogers and seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV. President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed.

There were no public comments.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner James P. Jasmin, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the change order for the additional budget items for conference room renovations and existing warehouse.

Mr. Joseph Savoie informed the Board that there are a few delays. They are waiting for everything to come in for the new roof. They don't want to start opening the roof until it can be completely replaced. They are expecting 30-40 days. The awning has been pushed back. They are expecting it next month. For the generator, if it's ordered now it will take 47-54 weeks until it arrives from the date placed. President Matherne asked if it was on state contract and what brand will it be. The answer is no, it is not, and it will be a Generac or Cummings. Commissioner Rogers stated that the generator has been approved and would like to know why it hasn't been ordered yet. Mr. Savoie said that he was told that the natural gas levels go down during emergencies. They had to figure out a different method. He suggested a diesel generator over what was previously approved originally. Commissioner Rogers asked him how long has he know about the gas levels. Mr. Savoie stated that it has been a few months. Commissioner Hebert said that it was presented as an emergency, but it still hasn't been bought. Mr. Donald Henry stated that he has been dealing with this on a daily basis. With electrical problems popping up and gas issues along with that, things had to change. Commissioner Hebert asked if the electrical problems have been fixed. Mr. Savoie said no, just the main dangerous issues. There are still things to complete. Mr. Henry said that he has been doing a lot of fussing. No one is showing up to complete things. The work has slowed down. Mr. Savoie said that they can add 30 rainy days to the February 25th date. At the rate they are going this week, he does not see it complete by the 25th. Commissioner asked if we have come in at budget or under budget. Mr. Savoie stated that as far as the new building goes, yes. There have been new items added like the roof, cement and electrical work. Mr. Henry showed a picture of the A/C unit. He informed the Board that the old canopy wasn't included. The A/C unit was moved because it would have been in the way. The movement of the unit will be extra.

Everyone went inspect the area outside where the units have been moved from and to see the damage where the old canopy was.

Mr. Henry showed the commissioners where the old canopy was and where the

unit was relocated from. The new canopy will tie into the old canopy. Rot occurred under the old canopy. Tinder had to be replaced to run electrical lines. Also, a new circuit for the sewer treatment needed to be rewired. Commissioner Hebert asked why the A/C unit looks damaged. Mr. Henry said it was damaged when the motherboard needed replacing.

Everyone returned inside.

Mr. Savoie said that it will be an estimate of an extra \$35,000. Commissioner Sorapuru asked if the generator will be placed far enough away from the building to pass the fire marshal's code. Mr. Savoie said yes, they will handle all of that when the generator is being placed. President Matherne told Mr. Savoie to make sure the generator has a low noise level and able to pass that test as well. Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. made the motion to accept the change order for the additional items. Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV seconded his motion. Commissioner Rogers asked the attorney if they are able to vote on the item. Mr. Long stated yes. President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed.

Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the prospective Litigation: Ivy Chauvin. Vice-President Jeffery Henry seconded his motion. President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners may meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters under the provision of Louisiana Revised Statute 42:17. While in Executive Session, the Board may meet with its' staff, attorneys or other persons it deems necessary. No votes or other action may be taken while in Session.

Commissioner Marlin Rogers made the motion to come out of executive session and to reconvene the meeting. Commissioner James P. Jasmin seconded his motion. President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed.

Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. moved to adjourn and was seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry.

President