

Committee Meeting September 13, 2023

The Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District met this day in Committee 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 President, James Jasmin at 6:00 P.M.

The following Commissioners were in attendance: President, James Jasmin, St. James Parish; Vice President, Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Jeffery L. Henry, Ascension Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Craig Carter, Assumption Parish were present.

Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist; Astrea Jupiter, Administrative Assistant 5; Latasha Pelle, Administrative Assistant 2 were also present.

Commissioner Carter made the motion to adopt the agenda and second by Vice President Bosworth.

President Jasmin noted that all comments from the Public regarding any/all of the agenda items listed below will be accepted at this point in the meeting. The meeting chairperson may also allow further comments from the Public as and when each agenda item is considered during the meeting process. There were no public comments on the agenda items.

Personnel Committee Report: Gary Watson

Commissioner Watson reported as of today, there are no concerns or request to report. unless there are any questions, this concludes my report.

Building Committee Report: Donald Henry

Executive Director Henry stated there's no report.

Safety Committee Report: Arthur J. Bosworth, IV

Since the last safety report was given, there were no lost time accidents to report to the board. In august, a second safety meeting was held due to information that was received by email pertaining to LBLD and the public. Three topics were discussed. they were as follows:

- levee travel

- parking
- public/pedestrian awareness

The last safety meeting for the maintenance department was held on September 11, 2023. The meeting started at 6:00 am. Three topics were discussed. They were as follows:

- wildfire safety
- seatbelt safety
- skid steer loader safety training

The next safety meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 9, 2023 at 6:00 a.m. Unless there are any questions, this concludes my report.

President Jasmin select Commissioner Carter to the Equipment Committee.

Equipment Committee Report: Craig Carter

Commissioner Carter reported as of today, all equipment is either located on their respective job sites or here at the maintenance shop. Unless there are any questions, this concludes my report.

Finance Committee Report: Jeffery Henry

Commissioner Henrys reported the new 2024 per diem rates for the commissioners. I am requesting for it to be placed on the October 4, 2023 regular meeting agenda. This concludes my report.

Commissioner Hebert questioned if the rates increased? Executive Director Henry responded it is the new rate.

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

YEAS:

Arthur Bosworth IV
Russell Loupe
Gary Watson
Jeffery Henry, Vice President
Craig Carter
Kevin Hebert
Eric Matherne, President

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Atty Spencer Long
- Larry Sorapuru
- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: NONE

Upper Barataria/ Sunset Project Committee Report: Commissioner Matherne reported as of now there's nothing new to report. They have a meeting scheduled for September 14, 2023 at 2:00 PM for the bidding.

Joseph Christopher via zoom, discussed presentation in reference to Encos, GIS Engineering and Greenup. Commissioner Hebert questioned technical services and Laboratory services quotes. Mr. Christopher will send supporting documents to the board. Commissioner Hebert questioned about GIS bid. Mr. Christopher the amendment will be submitted. Commissioner Hebert want to revisit the previous information to make sure everything is okay. Executive Director Henry agreed with Commissioner Hebert. Mr. Christopher questioned if a special meeting is needed? President Jasmin advises to not vote on this matter and he will forward this to the regular meeting agenda. Executive Director Henry advises this topic to be forwarded to the next meeting and a special meeting can be held also. President Jasmin stated the special meeting can begin at 5:30PM. Mr. Christopher continued presenting information to the board about GIS and Encos proposal. Mr. Hebert want would like Greenup to have the scope of the work attached to their paperwork. Executive Director Henry asked Mr. Christopher to rephrase why he's presenting the proposals to the Board. Mr. Christopher stated these proposals was not included in the FTN services and HNH modeling. Commissioner Matherne questioned about location description. Mr. Christopher will send a structure view on the start location. Commissioner Matherne questioned location in description on the Dufrene Pond. Mr. Christopher will look into updating description and will also provide pictures. Executive Director Henry addressed the Board on why the items are added to the scope. Commissioner Hebert responded that CSRS are moving slow on adding in the original scope. Also questioned the budget on the opening bids? Commissioner Matherne read GIS proposal. Commissioner Hebert questioned if it's a mandatory bidding tomorrow? Executive Director Henry calls

Mr. Kyle and conforms that it's a typographic error and the meeting is not mandatory.

There were no additional committee matters to discuss, commissioner Henry moved to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Matherne.