

Special Call Meeting  
October 24, 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, James P. Jasmin, at 6:00 P.M.

The following Commissioners were in attendance: 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; Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; and Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish. Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish, was absent. Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director, Melanie Broden, Accounting Technician, and Astrea Jupiter, Administrative Assistant 5, were present. Attorney, Spencer Long, was absent.

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

Adoption of the agenda was motioned by Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV and seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson. President Jasmin called for a vote. The motion passed.

There were no public comments.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between St. James Parish and Lafourche Basin Levee District (LBLD). The IGA is for the purpose of LBLD to aid in the removal of vegetation and debris in the Crosscut Canal and Bayou Lassange for St. James Parish's FEMA project.

Executive Director, Donald Henry, informed the Board that about 2-3 weeks ago Rick Weber asked if the District could assist in this endeavor. He stated that he contacted the attorney about the request. They had a meeting with the supervisors of the St. James project. Sean Webre, Levee Superintendent, explained to the Board that the request included cutting trees and won't be disturbing the ground. It will take place about a mile down Highway 3127. We will help clear areas for their barges. The project is paid for by FEMA. They will cover our costs. Mr. Donald Henry explained that the Parish already took care of their permitting. He also informed the Board that he has been in conversation with St. John Parish. They are making sure if everything is covered on their part before we can help them do a similar task as well. Commissioner Marlin

Rogers asked how long will this job last with St. James Parish. Sean Webre answered that we will move the equipment tomorrow and it should last one to two weeks. Commissioner Eric Matherne asked how much time during the day will the worker be there. Sean Webre answered that it will be like a regular work day doing four ten hour shifts per week. Mr. Donald Henry informed the Board that he thinks this is a good idea to be helping. The efforts may trickle down through the parishes. Commissioner Larry Sorapuru stated that he was happy to see that Donald Henry is helping this Board venture into this project, and he is proud of Sean Webre. President Jasmin thanked the Board for their time tonight. St. James Parish are in need because of their own equipment being down. Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth made the motion to approve the IGA between St. James Parish and LBLD. Commissioner Jeffery Henry seconded his motion. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

**YEAS:**

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- James P. Jasmin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:**

- Russell Loupe

**ABSTAINED:** None

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

Commissioner Jeffery Henry moved to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers.

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President