

Committee Meeting

August 9, 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 Vice President, Jeffery Henry at 6:00 P.M.

The following Commissioners were in attendance: Vice President, Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Ascension Parish; Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; James Jasmin; St. James 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 Bosworth made the motion to adopt the agenda and second by Commissioner Watson. President Matherne called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Gary Watson
- Craig Carter
- James P. Jasmin
- Jeffery Henry, Vice President

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Eric Matherne, President
- Larry Sorapuru
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- Russell Loupe
- Atty Spencer Long

ABSTAINED: NONE

Committee Meeting recess at 6:02 PM

Committee Meeting resume at 6:07 PM

Vice President Henry 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.

Vice President Henry noted for the record, commissioners Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish are now present.

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: Arthur Bosworth, Iv.

Commissioner Bosworth reported that they're several items left on the punch list that need to be completed. the contractor, engineers and Mr. Henry are discussing dates on scheduling a ribbon cutting ceremony. several dates will be presented to the board for approval. This concludes my report.

Vice President Henry noted for the record, commissioner Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish are now present.

Safety Committee Report: Arthur J. Bosworth, IV

Commissioner Bosworth reported since the last safety report was given, there were no lost time accidents to report to the board.

The last safety meeting for the maintenance department was held on August 7, 2023. The meeting started at 6:00 am.

Four topics were discussed. They were as follows:

- employee slips, trips and falls
- evaluating near misses to prevent accidents
- heat stress; facts and prevention
- discuss information Amerisafe representative suggested for us.

The next safety meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:00 a.m. unless there are any questions, this concludes my report.

Equipment Committee Report: Kevin Hebert

Commissioner Hebert reported as of today, all of the district's light and heavy-duty equipment is presently operational. All equipment is either located on their respective job sites or here at the maintenance shop.

Updates on the tractor and mower fire: tractor #1092, 2015 John Deere 6115 4x2 received an insurance check for total lost in the amount of \$55,000.00. Mower #1089 2015 John Deere cx15 flex wing cutter received insurance check for repairs in the amount of \$6,218.30. The parts are ordered for the repairs and disassembly have started.

The Executive Director, Donald Henry, and Maintenance Superintendent, Sean Webre, are requesting approval from the board to purchase under the state contract a new 2023 John Deere 5120M 4x4 tractor with extended warranty in the amount of \$87,471.00. As a replacement for the lost tractor.

Unless there are any questions, this concludes my report.

Executive Director Henry informed the board the equipment request was previously budget. The Board will have to spend around \$30,000 towards the purchase of the tractor. The 5,000 series is lighter and durable.

On motion of Commissioner Jasmin, seconded by Commissioner Bosworth to set the motion of approval from the board to purchase under the state contract a new 2023 John Deere 5120M 4x4 tractor with extended warranty in the amount of \$87,471.00 on September 6, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Upper Barataria/ Sunset Project Committee Report: Executive Director

Executive Director Henry reported the bidding on the Sunset project bidding is being expedited. A few questions for CPRA have been answered. The bidding should be completed by the end of the week. Commissioner Sorapuru questioned if the Board members will be provided with a list of all the contractors that participated in the bidding. Executive Director responded that a list will be received in detail.

Review of the draft copy of the August 7, 2023 Special Call Meeting. Vice President informed Board members to review the minutes for any corrections, or have any questions before being approved for next meeting.

There were no additional committee matters to discuss, Commissioner Bosworth moved to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Jasmin.