

**REGULAR MEETING
December 13, 2023**

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. The meeting was called to order by its President, James P. Jasmin, at 6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Commissioners... Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish; President James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Steven Joseph, Ascension Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish were present. Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish, was absent (zoom attendance).

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist, Ms. Astrea Jupiter, Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Yolanda Brown, Administrative Assistant, and Ms. Latasha Pelle, Administrative Assistant, were present. Mr. Spencer Long, Attorney, was present.

President Jasmin asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Spencer Long informed the President that there are two amendments to the agenda, and it would be best to amend the agenda before adopting it. Commissioner Larry Sorapuru made the

motion to amend the agenda. 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
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- Steven Joseph
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Eric Matherne (Zoom)

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

President Jasmin asked Vice-President Bosworth for the amendment items. Vice-President Bosworth informed the Board that the first amendment would be to amend the 2024 Annual Budget to add \$1,000,000 for the Sunset Levee Project. The second item is to adjust agenda item #10 to say to award the construction contract for the Sunset Levee Lift and Des Allemands Boat Launch Surcharge Project to Onshore

Materials, LLC, contingent upon the execution of Change Order No. 1, for an amended contract total of \$8,181,172.50 and the execution of an amendment to the IGA between the State of LA, CPRA Board and LBLD regarding the CPRA funding allocation increase from \$3,500,000 to \$4,472,422. Mr. Long informed the Board that for clarity, that will be added to agenda item #10. He informed the Board to now adopt the amended agenda. Commissioner Craig Carter made the motion to adopt the new agenda. Commissioner Larry Sorapuru seconded his motion. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

Arthur Bosworth IV

Larry Sorapuru

Russell Loupe

Gary Watson

Jeffery Henry

Craig Carter

Marlin Rogers

Kevin Hebert

Steven Joseph

James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

Eric Matherne (Zoom)

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to amend the 2024 Annual Budget to add \$1,000,000 for the Sunset Levee Project.

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

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- Steven Joseph
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Eric Matherne (Zoom)

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2023 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board. President Jasmin called for a vote. The motion passed.

On motion of Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the minutes of the Special Call Meeting of October 24, 2023 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board. President Jasmin called for a vote. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following cash available for distribution of the month of November 30, 2023 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

FIRST AMERICAN BANK:

Checking account balance Oct. 2023	\$ 391,263.02
Deposits/Transfer In – Nov.	
Revenues/Refund	9,434.65
Interest on Checking	14.91
Funds transferred in	188,881.92
Operating Expenses/Other	447,055.95
Funds transferred out	0.00
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2023	\$ 142,538.55

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Account balance – Oct.	1,437,265.37
Funds transferred in	0.00
Funds transferred out	188,881.92
Interest Income Earned	6,084.91
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2023	\$ 1,254,468.72
INVESTMENTS: BNY	
Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds	5,118,374.00
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF NOV. 30, 2023	\$ 6,515,381.27

No public comments were made. President Jasmin called for a vote. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Larry Sorapuru, the following resolution was proposed and approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the proposal by the United States Army Corps of Engineers to perform annual maintenance surveys, stone repairs, and articulated concrete mattress repair work along the Mississippi River.

President Jasmin called for a vote. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Larry Sorapuru, seconded by Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed and approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners award the construction contract for the Sunset Levee Lift and Des Allemands Boat Launch Surcharge Project to Onshore Materials, LLC, contingent upon the execution of Change Order No. 1, for an amended contract total of \$8,181,172.50 and the execution of an amendment to the IGA between the State of LA, CPRA Board and LBLD regarding the CPRA funding allocation increase from \$3,500,000 to \$4,472,422.

President Jasmin called for a vote.

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Marlin Rogers

- Kevin Hebert
- Steven Joseph
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Eric Matherne (Zoom)

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

Commissioner Eric Matherne texted Commissioner Kevin Hebert to ask the Executive Director if he can notify the different parishes when the Corps is doing work so that they can let the residents know. Mr. Donald Henry stated that he should have contacted St. Charles Parish that the work was happening and he will try to take care of that tomorrow.

On motion of Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the following resolution was proposed and approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the amendment to temporary easement, servitude and right-of-way easement for monitoring and access coastwide reference monitoring system project.

President Jasmin called for a vote.

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Russell Loupe

- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- Steven Joseph
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Eric Matherne (Zoom)

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Larry Sorapuru, seconded by Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed and approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Executive Director and President to attend the Meet and Greet with the Louisiana Legislative Delegation and to meet with the Congressional Delegation to discuss the Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Project on January 23-27, 2024 in Washington, D.C.

President Jasmin called for a vote.

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Russell Loupe

- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- Steven Joseph
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Eric Matherne (Zoom)

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the following resolution was proposed and approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to change the dates of the month of January Board Meetings due to holiday office closure. The meetings will be held as follows:

January 10, 2024 – Regular Meeting

January 16, 2024 – Finance Meeting

January 17, 2024 – Committee Meeting

President Jasmin called for a vote.

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV

- Larry Sorapuru
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- Steven Joseph
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Eric Matherne (Zoom)

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Stokka Brown, CSRS, Inc., gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project.

Segment 2 Sunset Levee Rebid

Progress Update

- **Finalizing Bid Negotiation with contractor and stakeholders**
 - **Team is finding resolution to Change order Bid Law directives**
 - **Stakeholder team and Onshore have worked through Bid Negotiation**

- **LBLD, SCP, and CPRA have negotiated rebid scope and budget commitments**

Next Steps

- **Draft change order and revision of Bid documents to address negotiated changes in the bid package**
- **Civix finalize extension of Wagner Rd access current agreement expires January 2024**
- **Civix coordination of extension of Williams Rd. and Phillips 66 pipeline access agreements expiring March 2024**
- **IGA revision to update the status of Funding Agreement with CPRA**

Schedule

- **Contract Award date by Jan 1st 2024**
- **Less than 60 days from Contract Award to Contract Execution**
- **Less than 30 days from Contract Execution to Notice to Proceed**

Segment 3 – Floodgate

Progress Update

- **FTN revised the scope of work proposal for the H&H modeling per designer, CPRA, and owner's representation comments.**
 - **CSRS has corresponded with CPRA to facilitate continued progress**
- **BKI working on MEP 65% Design**
- **CPRA has agreed to permitting initiation**

Next Steps

- **Complete H&H modeling to inform Structural 95% and MEP 65% Designs**
 - **Reverse Head design elevations**
 - **Wave design loads**
 - **Induced flooding evaluation**
- **BKI complete MEP 65% Design**
- **CPRA to review Structural 65% Design comment responses**
- **Structural 95% Design kickoff workshop to address critical 65% design comments**

Segment 4 – Floodgate to Hwy 90

Progress Update

- **Continued progress of Alternatives Analysis**
 - **BKI has finalized the existing conditions modeling**
 - **BKI initiated the implementation of HEC RAS alternative analysis**

Next Steps

- **Complete alternatives analysis**

Provide CPRA results and identify path forward

UBRR USACE Status Update

Progress Update

- **Currently working on 10% Design**
- **LBLD and Consultant teams met with CPRA regarding PED scope Nov 9th**

- **LBLD and NLLD Meeting with the Corp on Nov 13th**
- **Next Steps**
- **Data collection**
- **Begin Risk Assessment and Value Engineering Study**
- **Schedule**
- **10% Design – April 2024**
- **35% Design – May 2024**
- **65% Design – Dec 2024**
- **95% Design – Jul 2025**
- **100% Design – Sep 2025**

Mr. Chris Broadwater, CSRS, updated the Board on the upcoming delegation meetings.

Washington DC Delegation Meetings

Agenda

- **Tentative meeting with FEMA headquarters Hazard Mitigation Staff**
- **Tentative meeting with Senior USACE leadership**
- **Tentative Key Delegation Meetings**

Ms. Sarah Olivier, CSRS, did an update on the master plan.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROGRESS

REVIEW and UPDATE

Through the Strategic Master Plan, LBLD will position itself as a regional leader, allowing LBLD to meet and take advantage of new opportunities and anticipate and plan for emerging challenges.

Task 1: Stakeholder Workshops to define vision and context of LBLD

A. Internal Stakeholder Workshop to identify and prioritize key objectives and mission of the LBLD. Completed 2021.

B. External Stakeholder Workshops to understand Local and Regional context

Task 2: Strategic Planning, Comprehensive Visioning, and Plan Production

A. Strategic Planning: Reviewing relevant plans, data, historical documents, and other files to frame Plan content.

B. Comprehensive Visioning: Based on stakeholder input and the strategic planning detailed above, a gap analysis will be created to prioritize future initiatives.

C. Comparison Exercise: CSRS will evaluate revenue best practices from similar entities and provide a matrix comparison report and recommendations.

D. Strategic Master Plan Production

Status update:

- ☐ **St. Charles Parish- July 26th**
- ☐ **St. James - September 13th**
- ☐ **Ascension – October 2nd**
- ☐ **St John the Baptist – October 2nd**

To be Scheduled:

- ☐ **Assumption**

Strategic Plan Development

- **Most input from Parish President Received**

- **Work complete on reviewing existing plans, historical documents**
- **Greenup Industries LBLD's Website content under construction**
- **Greenup Industries underway on rubric for project prioritization**
- **Content for reminder of plan being developed**

Strategic Master Plan Structure

- **Intro**
- **Vision Statement**
- **Process**
 - Engagement results from Internal and External Stakeholder Sessions**
- **Gap Analysis**
- **Conceptual/Visualizations**
- **LBLD Goals and Objectives**
 - Internal Stakeholder Feedback**
 - Project Planning/Prioritization***
 - Better Public Visibility***
- **Project Prioritization**
 - Policy and Planning**
 - MS River Levee Ongoing Maintenance**
 - UBRR**
 - Other Federal Levees**
 - Interior Stormwater Projects**
 - Non-Structural**

Recreational and other Assets

- **Implementation Strategies**

Additional Planning Endeavors

Stormwater Master Plan for LBLD

- **Create inventory of drainage infrastructure: bayous, canals, levees, and pump stations.**
- **Quantifies riverine and coastal flood risk.**
- **Develops projects designed to reduce flood risk.**
- **Creates drainage infrastructure maintenance plans and stormwater management plans.**

Applications being developed for FEMA's non disaster Hazard Mitigation grants:

- **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)**
- **Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)**

Commissioner Jeffery Henry made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Kevin Hebert seconded his motion.

PRESIDENT

12/18/2023