

REGULAR MEETING
June 7, 2023

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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 Vice-President, Jeffery Henry, 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; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Commissioner James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish were present. Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish, and President Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish were absent.

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Spencer Long, Attorney; Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist were present.

Commissioner James P. Jasmin made the motion to add to the agenda to discuss to approve or not approve Gulf South to re-evaluate a design top of levee increase in certain levee reaches from EL +7.5 to EL +8.0 and the crown width is to remain 10-foot wide throughout. Based on the scope of services in the outline, the estimate lump sum fee is \$25,000 to complete the additional engineering design and environmental coordination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr.

Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Michael McKinney, Sr.
- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- James P. Jasmin
- Kevin Hebert

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers
- Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

Commissioner James P. Jasmin made the motion to adopt the new agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV. Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Michael McKinney, Sr.
- Arthur Bosworth IV

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers
- Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2023 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board. Vice-President Henry called for a vote. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following cash available for distribution of the month of May 31, 2023 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

FIRST AMERICAN BANK:

Checking account balance Apr. 2023
Deposits/Transfer In – May

\$ 1,055,159.36

Revenues/Refund	261,183.74
Interest on Checking	36.76
Funds transferred in	83,780.00
Operating Expenses/Other	1,116,271.58
Funds transferred out	0.00
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE MAY 31, 2023	\$ 283,888.28
LAMP	
Account balance – Apr.	4,674,888.09
Funds transferred in	0.00
Funds transferred out	83,780.00
Interest Income Earned	19,588.80
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE MAY 31, 2023	\$ 4,610,696.89
INVESTMENTS: BNY	
Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds	4,995,315.39
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF MAY 31, 2023	\$ 9,889,900.56

No public comments were made. Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote.

Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Michael McKinney, Sr.
- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- James P. Jasmin
- Kevin Hebert

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers
- Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner James P. Jasmin, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed and approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners rescind the approval of the proposal from BKI, Gulf South and Greenup Industries to advance the UBRRP Segment 4 plans to 65% final plans and prepare necessary permits associated with construction for the total of \$1,347,960, approved at the Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting on May 3, 2023, and as discussed at the May Committee meeting.

Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Michael McKinney, Sr.
- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- James P. Jasmin
- Kevin Hebert

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers
- Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner 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 proposal from BKI for \$269,656 for Segment 4 Alternatives Hydraulic Study.

Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Michael McKinney, Sr.
- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- James P. Jasmin
- Kevin Hebert

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers
- Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the proposal from Greenup for \$50,000 for Segment 4 Alternatives Environmental Study.

Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Michael McKinney, Sr.
- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- James P. Jasmin
- Kevin Hebert

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers
- Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the revision to the Personnel Policy.

Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Michael McKinney, Sr.
- Arthur Bosworth IV
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NAYS: None

ABSENT:

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ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed and approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve for the Board and/or staff to attend the MVFCA Annual Fall Delegation Visits on September 16-20, 2023 in Washington, D.C.

Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

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- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS:

- Kevin Hebert

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers
- Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 1 nay, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the annual Independence Day Celebration held by St. Charles Parish being held on July 3, 2023 from 6 to 9 pm at the West Bank Bridge Park in Luling, with the fireworks show to begin at 9:00 pm.

Vice-President Henry called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

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- Craig Carter
- James P. Jasmin
- Kevin Hebert

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers
- Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

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NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers
- Eric Matherne

ABSTAINED: None

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

Segment 2 Sunset Levee Rebid

Summary

- **Levee Lift and Des Allemands boat Launch bid together to lower unit price of fill and reduce access road costs**
- **Draft CEA with LBLD and St. Charles Parish created and in review/comment with both entities**
- **Civix continued LONO coordination for pipeline crossings**

Next Steps

- **Gulf South and Eustis finalize Geotech Reports**
- **GIS, DDG complete Final Plans**
- **Civix finalize LONOs**
- **CSRS finalize Bid Package**
- **Execution of CEA with LBLD and St. Charles Parish**
- **Bid Package review and approval by LBLD, SCP, and CPRA**
- **Advertise Bid**

Schedule

- **1 month to bid**

Segment 3 – Floodgate

Progress Update

- **Completed 65% Design review**

- **Scheduling meeting to discuss comments with Design and Review teams**
- **Executed contract to begin H&H Modeling to support final design**
- **BKI working on MEP 65% Design**

Next Steps

- **Complete H&H modeling**
- **BKI complete MEP 65% Design**
- **GIS resolve review comments to finalize 65% Design deliverable**

Segment 4 – Floodgate to Hwy 90

Progress Update

- **Segment 4 65% Design Proposal being restructured based on feedback from CPRA**
- **LBLD, CSRS, BKI, and Greenup met to discuss interim step requested by CPRA**
- **BKI and Greenup submitted proposal for Alternatives Analysis**

Next Steps

- **Complete Alternatives Analysis**
- **Update 65% Design Proposal**

Mr. Domoine Rutledge, CSRS, introduced Ms. Sarah Olivier, CSRS, to the Board. Ms. Olivier presented the Master Plan to the Board.

Lafourche Basin Levee District Master Strategic Plan Update

CSRS is excited to continue engaging with the Lafourche Basin Levee District (LBLD) on its Strategic Master Plan. LBLD will position itself as a regional leader through this

strategic plan, allowing LBLD to meet and take advantage of new opportunities and anticipate and plan for emerging challenges. The Strategic Master Plan will address the flood reduction functions of the LBLD as well as the opportunities the LBLD has to provide surrounding residents with community building projects such as parks, trails and other programmed public spaces, public art, boat launches, and cruise terminals that will facilitate tourism. CSRS will be supported by Greenup Industries and Garrison Jones.

Strategic Master Plan primary tasks:

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

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

This Internal Stakeholder Workshop and subsequent conversations with LBLD leadership have identified the following goals and objectives, to be reviewed by the LBLD, before progressing to the upcoming External Stakeholder Workshop:

- Identify strategies for improved communication with:
 - General public
 - Regional stakeholders (local and parish government, adjacent levee districts, public entities with aligned missions)
 - State and Federal agencies.
- Clarify roles and responsibilities relative to other regional public entities.
- Utilize LBLD assets to engage with the public: plan community recreational amenities and consider possible revenue streams from commercial uses.
- Define short-, medium, - and long-term project prioritization and relation to UBRR;

- Explore existing revenue capacity vs. projected demands on operations and maintenance, especially factoring for UBRR.
- Identify partnering and funding opportunities.

External Stakeholder Workshop to engage the community and understand Local and Regional context relating to the key objectives identified by LBLD internal stakeholders. CSRS, Greenup Industries, and LBLD leadership will work with LBLD to identify external stakeholders and determine the best outreach procedure. Goal: to complete workshop by Summer 2023.

Task 2: Strategic Planning and Comprehensive Visioning

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.

Schedule

Presentation/update on Strategic Master Plan to LBLD	June 7, 2023
Comprehensive Visioning	June-July 2023
External Stakeholder Workshop	July-August 2023 (date TBD)
Strategic Planning	August-October 2023
Comparison Exercise	October 2023
Deliverable Production	October-November 2023
Plan Review	November-December 2023

Anticipated Plan Structure

- Mission and vision of LBLD
- Brief History
- Planning priorities
 - Flood Risk projects
 - UBRR
 - Others to be defined.
 - Other community beneficial projects
 - Levee / public space improvements
 - River cruise terminal
 - Recreational facilities
 - Others
- Prioritization
- Implementation Strategies

Next steps:

- Present Master Plan Status update to LBLD Board, providing examples of aspirational projects.
- Review proposed goals and objectives prior to External Stakeholder Workshop.
- Identify participants for workshop.
- Schedule workshop.
- Gather all relevant plans, data, and historical documents.

Mr. Donald Henry informed the Board that some of these things are nothing to new to the district. Ms. Broden had pulled out records of things the district was involved in in the past, like parks for example. He encouraged the board to pay attention to the dates so that they can engage in the planning and to get their parishes involved.

Commissioner Craig Carter made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Gary Watson seconded his motion.

PRESIDENT

06/12/2023