

**REGULAR MEETING  
January 18, 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, Eric Matherne, 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; President Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish (phone); Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Michael McKinney, Sr., Ascension Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish (phone); Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Commissioner James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; and Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish were present.

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Spencer Long, Attorney; Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist and Ms. Astrea Jupiter, Administrative Assistant 5 were present. Ivy Chauvin, Sr., Assistant Executive Director, was absent.

Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. made the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV. President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2022 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the following cash available for distribution of the month of December 31, 2022 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

<b>Checking account balance Nov. 2022</b>	<b>\$ 35,704.58</b>
<b>Deposits/Transfer In – Dec.</b>	
<b>Revenues/Refund</b>	<b>501,349.60</b>
<b>Interest on Checking</b>	<b>27.98</b>
<b>Funds transferred in</b>	<b>500,000.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses/Other</b>	<b>768,076.82</b>

<b>Funds transferred out</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE DEC. 31, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 269,005.34</b>
<b>LAMP</b>	
<b>Account balance – Nov.</b>	<b>2,033,784.10</b>
<b>Funds transferred in</b>	<b>600,000.00</b>
<b>Funds transferred out</b>	<b>1,100,000.00</b>
<b>Interest Income Earned</b>	<b>5,979.62</b>
<b>TOTAL ENDING BALANCE DEC. 31, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 1,539,763.72</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS: BNY</b>	
<b>Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds</b>	<b>4,906,311.19</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH &amp; INVESTMENTS AS OF DEC. 31, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 6,715,080.25</b>

No public comments were made. The motion passed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners accept the proposed retirement resolution for the retired employee, Ivy Chauvin, Jr.

WHEREAS, Ivy Chauvin, Jr., who has retired from the Lafourche Basin Levee District serving as Levee Board Operations Superintendent from April 22, 2002 to August 5, 2014 and served as Assistant Executive Director from August 6, 2014 to January 13, 2023; we the Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District are disappointed with the retirement of this valuable member of our workforce, however, we wish him a productive retirement and the best in his future endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Lafourche Basin Levee District offer congratulations to Ivy Chauvin, Jr. and accept his retirement. President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve Civix an additional budget of \$11,000 to renew the expired Chevron-Canal 14 access agreement and two (2) expired pipeline letters of no objection. Renewal of site access agreement and pipeline LONOs required for Segment 2 Sunset Levee construction and amending their contract terms beyond April 7th, 2023 to August 2023.

President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

On motion of Commissioner Marlin Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve awarding the 65% design (Segment 3) for MEP to BKI that would bring mechanical/electrical design up to the structural design package. The scope of work would be a lump sum cost of \$219,285.57.

President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

On motion of Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following resolution was proposed and unanimously 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 24-29, 2023 in Washington, D.C.

President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Board and/or staff to attend the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Spring Conference in Washington D.C on March 4-8, 2023.

President Matherne called for a vote. There were 10 yeas and one nay. Commissioner Kevin Hebert stated that he is opposed to the staff part of the item. He feels that staff (ladies in the office) should not attend the conference to Washington D.C. It is a waste of money. If it is an award, he doesn't have a problem with that. Mr. Donald Henry, Executive Director, stated that the staff attending the conference is not an award. Attending the conference is a part of the staff's job duties. President Matherne stated that he thinks Commissioner Hebert is saying that it's okay if they done something and is being rewarded. Mr. Henry said that if they go, it will be part of their job, not an award. The motion passed.

Mr. Elliott Boudreaux, CSRS, Inc., gave the highlights on the Upper Barataria Project.

## **Lessons Learned: Interview all contractors who attended pre-bid meeting**

- Quantity Measurement Method: Main issue is method in which fill quantities are calculated. Contractors required to fix any damages (holes, ruts, etc.) that occur during construction. This fill amount not included in 'in place' fill measurement.
- Access: Extent of project length and only 6 access points, large trucks and equipment must use the levee as access. Forced to stay on top of the levee which will cause damages
- Scope: Large project with small amount of work in some areas (less than 1' of fill required in certain areas)
- Borrow Pit: Only one borrow pit in area that has control over prices. 15-20 miles away from project.

## **Possible Suggestions on Scope Changes**

- Bid as pit measurement instead of as in place. Assures contractors reimbursement for material to fix damages.
- Split project into smaller segments.
- Break out Sunset pump station improvements from levee project.

## **Next Steps**

- Pit Measurement Cost Alternate
- Determine if ingress/egress at Paradis Canal gate is an available additional access route
- Break out cost/bid alternates
- Identify turn out location between access on levee segment west of the Sunset Levee pumpstation
- Revise clearing/grubbing specs to state stockpile soil layer removed can be replaced and not hauled from site
- Revise bid documents to make access roads a bid item with an estimated minimum quantity estimate
- Remove Sunset pump station
- Revise detail for silt fence requirements
- Civix amending Chevron access and pipeline LONOs through 2023

## **Schedule**

- Finalize and approve rebid recommendations with LBLD by end of January
- Revise plans, specs, and bid documents and confirm approval to rebid by end of February

Mr. Kyle Galloway, GIS, gave an update on Segment 3. They are currently in plan production. Sample drawings will be available within a week or two. Someone will come to the March Regular Meeting with deliverables in hand. Plans are behind because of the changes that needed to be made. Commissioner Kevin Hebert stated that he wanted to thank the people involved in agenda item 10 for the information provided in the packet. He asked if the Commissioners can receive the packets before the meetings for review. He also stated that some invoices from some engineers don't provide enough information and is not itemized enough to be paid.

Vice-President Jeffery Henry made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Russell Loupe seconded his motion.

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