

**REGULAR MEETING  
March 1, 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 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.

Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made the motion to adjust the agenda by adding an item to change the month of April meetings. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry. President Matherne 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
- Marlin Rogers

- Kevin Hebert
- Eric Matherne

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry. 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 James P. Jasmin, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 1, 2023 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the minutes of the Special Call Meeting of December 22, 2022 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board. The motion passed.

On motion of Vice-President Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the following cash available for distribution of the month of February 28, 2023 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

<b>FIRST AMERICAN BANK:</b>	
Checking account balance Jan. 2023	\$ 4,594,817.48
Deposits/Transfer In – Feb.	
Revenues/Refund	198,758.33
Interest on Checking	99.47
Funds transferred in	0.00
Operating Expenses/Other	355,839.80
Funds transferred out	3,536,261.57
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE FEB. 28, 2023	\$ 901,573.91
<b>LAMP</b>	
Account balance – Jan.	1,545,460.61
Funds transferred in	3,536,261.57
Funds transferred out	0.00
Interest Income Earned	12,114.57
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE FEB. 28, 2023	\$ 5,093,836.75
<b>INVESTMENTS: BNY</b>	
Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds	4,931,825.41
<b>TOTAL CASH &amp; INVESTMENTS AS OF FEB. 28, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 10,927,236.07</b>

No public comments were made. The motion passed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Executive Director to attend the SHORES Coalition (formerly GOHMESA) DC Fly-In on Revenue Sharing on March 20-23, 2023 in Washington, DC.

Mr. Donald Herny informed the board that it was the same GOHMESA trip he took last year. Commissioner Marlin Rogers asked if he was going alone or with the engineers. Mr. Henry stated that Mr. Oneil Malbrough attends along with the Parish Presidents.

On motion of Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve for the Board and/or Staff to attend the National Hurricane Conference in New Orleans, LA on April 2-6, 2023.

Commissioners Kevin Hebert and Marlin Rogers voted nay.

On motion of Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve for the Board and/or Staff to attend the AOLBOL Annual Workshop in Baton Rouge, LA on April 26-28, 2023.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to move the month of April's meetings to the following dates:

April 12, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting

April 17, 2023 – Finance Meeting

April 19, 2023 – Committee Meeting

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

Commissioner Kevin Hebert asked if there were any other trips to vote on.

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

## **Segment 2 Rebid Process**

### **Market Analysis Results**

- **WSLP Levee project (Dec 2022) vs Segment 2 Embankment Costs**
  - **WSLP = \$38-\$80/CY**
  - **LBDL rejected bidder was at \$71/CY which bid \$80/CY on WSLP**
- **Rebidding with multiple bids will likely reduce the embankment unit cost to \$40-\$50 per CY**

### **Rebid Updates**

- **Break into Phases**
  - **Phase 1: Paradis Canal Gate to Badeaux Lane at LA-306**
  - **Phase 2: Badeaux Lane at LA-306 to the Tippy Pumpstation**
- **Keeping Net Section embankment measurement and payment based on Market Analysis**
- **Increasing to 8.0ft EL without increasing wetland impacts or footprint outside levee ROW**

### **Segment 2 Phase 1 Bid**

#### **Benefits of Phasing and Increasing Lift**

- **The project can be constructed within the \$3.5M budget**
  - **Remove cost associated with the Chevron Access Road and allow time for potential cost sharing with St. Charles Parish boat access near the Tippy Pumpstation**
- **Reduce length of shallow lift material which likely will reduce embankment unit cost**
- **Increasing lift will increase embankment volume and likely reduce embankment unit cost**

#### **Proposals to revise the geotechnical and construction documents**

- **GIS - revise construction documents to 8.0ft EL – NTE \$94,000**
- **Gulf South – geotechnical evaluate increase embankment to 8.0ft EL – NTE \$44,000**

## Next Steps

- **Continued coordination with CPRA on rebid**
- **Investigate permitting and timeline impacts of increasing the levee height to 8.0ft EL**
- **Revise plans, specs, and bid documents**

President Eric Matherne asked if there was an alignment. Mr. Brown stated that it was just north of 306. Commissioner Hebert asked what was the average raising height and if we would be losing anything. Mr. Brown said no. President Matherne informed Commissioner Hebert that it is a really good level for the levee. Mr. Donald Henry asked Mr. Sam Scholle if he had any comments. Mr. Scholle said he thinks President Jewell would consider the second segment to be the most vulnerable. Mr. Henry said they would schedule a meeting with the St. Charles Parish representatives to discuss the project. Mr. Brown said that he can understand. Discussions with CPRA makes him think that as more funds become available, they will be able to work on the next phase. There can be cost savings on the backend. The boat ramp may help with cost in this. Mr. Rodney Greenup informed the Board that the permit will expire soon and the cost of renewing the permit has not been included in the estimate. Mr. Oneil Malbrough said that it's best to build the levee as high as we can until we can get funding. Sometime in May to June they will accept bids. Breaking it up into pieces will help to afford the cost.

Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made a motion to adjourn and Vice-President Jeffery Henry seconded his motion.

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PRESIDENT

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03/13/2023