

Finance Meeting
October 9, 2023

The Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District met this day in finance 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 following Commissioners were in attendance: James P. Jasmin, President, St. James Parish; Vice President, Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; and Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish were present.

Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist; Astrea Jupiter, Administrative Assistant 5; Yolanda Brown, Administrative Assistant 4; Latasha Pelle, Administrative Assistant 2, were also present. Attorney, Spencer Long was absent.

The meeting was opened with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Vice President, Bosworth made the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henry.

President Jasmin 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.

The Board review the cash status report for period ending September 30, 2023. President Jasmin asks if there are any questions. There were no questions from the Board.

Motion by Vice President Bosworth to review and approval of bills for payment and was second by Commissioner Carter and called for a roll call vote.

YEAS:

Arthur Bosworth, IV, Vice President

Eric Matherne

Gary Watson

Jeffery Henry

Kevin Hebert

Craig Carter

Marlin Rogers

Larry Sorapuru

Russell Loupe

James P. Jasmin, President

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Atty Spencer Long

ABSTAINED: NONE

President Jasmin addressed the Board to review draft minutes of the September 6, 2023 Regular Meeting and make corrections if needed.

President Jasmin asked if there any other financial matters to discuss. Commissioner Rogers questioned about the Visa bill and why the points can't be used to purchase hotel rooms? Executive Director Henry responded that he wants the points to accumulate to use them. Ms. Jupiter, Administrative Assistant 5, stated that the rooms are so expensive in Washington, D.C.

Commissioner Matherne informed the Board on the CSRS and GIS meeting. They will discuss about the money and bidding. Mr. Kyle will have a meeting on October 12, 2023. Commissioner Hebert gave updated information on St. Charles on the bidding. Commissioner Sorapuru stated he spoke to a contractor and he wasn't notified about the bidding. Commissioner Hebert responded that all bidding is published and it's up to the contractor to look for the information. Commissioner Sorapuru responded that each contractor should be notified. Executive Director responded that the bidding was advertised and so was the pre bid. Also, he received some positive information with CSRS and will share with the Board at a later time. Commissioner Sorapuru stated he wanted to attend the bidding but wasn't notified. Executive Director Henry responded that he was given information prior to bidding. Also, a lot is going on with the bidding and isn't the first time that only one contractor placed a bid. The money that was previously spent is getting refunded.

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