

REGULAR MEETING
February 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 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 Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr., the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 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 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:	
Checking account balance Dec. 2022	\$ 269,005.34
Deposits/Transfer In – Jan.	
Revenues/Refund	4,636,815.87
Interest on Checking	66.40
Funds transferred in	0.00
Operating Expenses/Other	284,837.99

Funds transferred out	0.00
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE JAN. 31, 2023	\$ 4,621,049.62
LAMP	
Account balance – Dec.	1,539,763.72
Funds transferred in	0.00
Funds transferred out	0.00
Interest Income Earned	5,696.89
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE JAN. 31, 2023	\$ 1,545,460.61
INVESTMENTS: BNY	
Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds	4,906,311.19
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF DEC. 31, 2022	\$ 11,072,821.42

No public comments were made. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Marlin Rogers, seconded by Vice-President Jeffery Henry, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to have annual physicals for employees performed at St. Joseph Medical Clinic beginning in March.

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 to purchase safety shoes for the employees of the Lafourche Basin Levee District as per the Board's Safety Plan with a voucher amount of \$180.

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

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

Rebid Recommendation Consideration

- Bid Alternatives: Bid alternatives will allow a portion of the project to be constructed within the 3.5-million-dollar budget.
 - Sunset Levee Pumpstation to Tippy Pumpstation
 - Remaining Segment
- Break Out Access Routes as Bid Items: Only one access route was included in the initial bid
 - Adding bid items to include components to address quantities associated with all access routes

- Remove mandatory pre-bid meeting: Pre-bid requirement limited the number of solicitations and allows contractors visibility of the number of solicitations
 - Increase in number of solicitations
 - Removal of foresight into the number of competing bids
- Bid as pit measurement: Initial bid was as net section
 - Volume increases for non-compacted fill at pit measure is ~1.4 time the initial bids volume estimate
 - RPR will need to get quantity invoice slips as haul vehicle come in to lay down fill to ensure accuracy
- Removal of Pumpstation tie-in: The tie-in is temporary, therefore replacing with a more cost-effective measure
 - Would realize a budget savings of approximately \$300,000
 - St. Charles parish would be required to flood fight area in this location without the tie-in
 - Frontal protection included in final levee design so any improvements are considered temporary.
- Reduction of Silt Fence bid item: Revise to specified Temporary Erosion Control
 - Removal of woven wire from the detail will reduce the unit cost of the bid item
- Revise clearing/grubbing specs: Stockpile soil layer removed can be replaced and not hauled from site
 - Will provide contractor cost savings measure

Next Steps

- Market analysis to identify number of bidders and costs from recent levee work and determine most cost-effective timing to bid the project
- Identify turn out location between access on levee segment west of the Sunset Levee pumpstation
- Investigation of alterations to levee construction plans to fit with USACE 10% design
- Revise plans, specs, and bid documents

Schedule

- Revise plans, specs, and bid documents

- Re-bid as appropriate based on most favorable market condition
- BKI to begin 65% design on MEP plans and specifications
- GIS completion of 65% design on the structural and civil plans and specifications

Commissioner Kevin Hebert asked if there is a specific date for rebidding. Mr. Stoker said there wasn't an exact date. They want to put it out at the right time between 1-6 months from now. Mr. Donald Henry, Executive Director, asked if he was sure about the timing and said 6 months was not reasonable. They would like it out before then. Commissioner Hebert said that the prices were coming down for materials. Mr. Brown said that is part of the marketing analysis which would mean the more bidders, the better the price for the project.

Mr. Kyle Galloway, GIS, gave an update on Segment 3. He informed the Board that he does have the hard copy of the barge plan draft. The 3D model will be completed soon. Mr. Michael Chopin, BKI, said that he needed the draft drawings for the mechanical and electrical plans to start.

Mr. Rodney Greenup, Greenup Industries, informed the Board that he was talking to the Corps for the permit for the flood gate and overall project, along with how much more money that will be needed to complete the environmental questions. President Matherne said that he, Mr. Donald Henry and Mr. Domoine Rutledge met with OMB in Washington, D.C. to discuss funding. This part of the project can be part of the plan in requesting the funding. Mr. Henry asked Mr. Greenup who is our point of communication in the St. Paul office. Mr. Greenup responded that he will provide points of contact as soon as possible. Mr. Henry asked that he expedite the response to the OMB office as soon as possible.

Mr. Oneil Malbrough, GIS, stated he would like to give the Board advice. The Corps can move slowly. He would suggest that the Board puts pressure and anything that is requested from the Corps, put a schedule on it and complete it. The delegation need to be kept involved. They have a good relationship with the Corps. The State may put a percentage towards the project. As soon as we get the money, we should know, as a team, exactly what we will do with the money. Mr. Henry said he had a discussion with Mr. Chip Kline about Mr. Malbrough's idea and Mr. Kline thought it was a great idea. Mr. Henry stated that the whole team needs to be diligent. President Matherne said that the barge gate is top priority and that the team needs to have everything in

place. Mr. Malbrough said that the barge doesn't need a permit to be built. Pieces can be built in a workshop.

Mr. Henry informed the Board that he is feeling optimistic, especially seeing that the OMB wants to help us. We are the only project in the US that they are entertaining in the office. We need to keep communicating with the delegates, who the Corps actually listens to. We will be having meetings with the Corps and we shouldn't disrespect CPRA. He thinks that CPRA would like to help the Board. The Governor is giving CPRA \$150 million dollars from the State's surplus. UBRRP is not a part of that. He commended CSRS for their relationship with the Governor. It is important for us to get into that budget. Mr. Henry thanked the team for doing a superb job.

Commissioner Michael McKinney, Sr. made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Arthur J. Bosworth, IV seconded his motion.

PRESIDENT

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02/06/2023