

Special Call Meeting
December 13, 2023

The Special Call Meeting for the Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District met this day 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 5:00 P.M.

The following Commissioners were in attendance: Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; President James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish; Steven Joseph, Ascension Parish; and Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish. Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish, was absent (Zoom). Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director, Attorney, Spencer Long, Melanie Broden, Accounting Technician, and Astrea Jupiter, Administrative Assistant 5 were present.

The meeting was opened with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President Jasmin introduced the newly appointed Commissioner, Mr. Steven Joseph.

Adoption of the agenda was motioned by Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV and seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry. President Jasmin called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- Steven Joseph
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Eric Matherne (Zoom)

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

There were no public comments.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to place on the December 13, 2023 Regular meeting agenda to approve awarding the construction contract for the Sunset Levee Lift and Des Allemands Boat Launch Surcharge Project to Onshore Materials, LLC, contingent upon the execution of Change Order No. 1, for an amended contract total of \$8,181,172.50 and the execution of an amendment to the IGA between the State of LA, CPRA Board and LBLD regarding the CPRA funding allocation increase from \$3,500,000 to \$4,472,422.

The floor was open Mr. Kyle Galloway, GIS, to make his presentation. He briefed that the project design originally started in 2019. When it first was bid two years ago, we received one bid that was about 60% high. The Board rejected that bid for being overpriced. The following year, the engineers worked on the project for re-bid. They made it into a bigger project to make it more attractive. When it went out for bid, the same thing happened, only one bid from Onshore. The Legislature passed Act 329 that allowed the engineers to make changes to the pricing. Now the project looks like it is within reach. There were several back-and-forth meetings to discuss the bid and make changes. We are reducing the prices. Now, once we have the approval to move forward, we have to make sure the language is legal pertaining to the new act. Changes that were made to the specs opened us up to use Act 329. We got with Mr. Long who reviewed that changes and legal law of Act 329 to make sure it concurred. We informally went through things with Onshore, but now we can formally propose the changes to Onshore. A formal proposal was sent and is currently waiting for Onshore's response to our official redesign. That is where we are contingent upon the Board's approval along with the contingency on the change order and contingent on the amount CPRA will allocate in writing. CPRA agreed to the new amount verbally and by text. The IGA will cover that. Commissioner Kevin Hebert asked a question about the difference in piping and surcharge area. Mr. Galloway stated that the piping was lighter and easier to handle. As for the surcharge area, originally required limestone, but we can use crushed concrete. Commissioner Larry Sorapuru asked if there was a reason we were not weighing the dirt/clay coming out. Mr. Galloway stated that there are multiple ways of measuring it. That was mostly a decision made to make the construction management a bit simpler, to survey it before and after. Commissioner Marlin Rogers asked if our attorney was involved in all the paperwork. Mr. Galloway stated there is no new contract work other than what we advertised. That is what we are in the producing right now, a final contract. Once the final contract is done, it will be reviewed by Mr. Long before it is executed. President Jasmin asked Mr. Spencer Long, attorney, if he was in agreement. Mr. Long stated that yes, he is in agreement with everything Kyle presented. They reviewed everything yesterday to make sure.

Commissioner Eric Matherne made the comment that if Spencer thinks everything is kosher, he supports the Board moving forward with everything from the presentation. Mr. Galloway informed the Board that he recommends adding to the agenda item to also reflect the contingency of the IGA with CPRA in the agenda item for approval in the regular meeting. Mr. Long stated that the Board will just have to amend the agenda item when they get to it in the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Jeffery Henry moved to adjourn and was seconded by Vice-President Arthur Bosworth.

President