

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**November 1, 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, James P. Jasmin, 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; Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish; Arthur Bosworth IV, St. James Parish; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish; President James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish were present.

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Messrs. Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist, Ms. Astrea Jupiter, Administrative Assistant and Mrs. Yolanda Brown, Administrative Assistant, were present. Mr. Spencer Long, Attorney, was present.

President Jasmin informed the Board that there was a last-minute item that needed to be added to the agenda that was just received. Louisiana State Department of Justice is having their annual workshop. He would like to add it to the agenda. Commissioner Eric Matherne made the motion to add it to the agenda. Commissioner Jeffery Henry seconded his motion. 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
- Eric Matherne
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

President Jasmin informed the Board that he would like to get an approval for the Board to attend the workshop and for travel expenses. Commissioner Larry Sorapuru made the motion for approval. Commissioner Craig Carter seconded his motion. 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
- Eric Matherne
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed. President Jasmin apologized for the discrepancy of not voting for the approval of the new agenda. Commissioner Marlin Rogers made the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV. 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
- Eric Matherne

- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Larry Sorapuru, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 4, 2023 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board. President Matherne called for a vote. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following cash available for distribution of the month of October 31, 2023 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

<b>Checking account balance Sept. 2023</b>	<b>\$ 89,661.99</b>
<b>Deposits/Transfer In – Oct.</b>	
<b>Revenues/Refund</b>	<b>336,997.91</b>
<b>Interest on Checking</b>	<b>17.15</b>
<b>Funds transferred in</b>	<b>785,059.79</b>
<b>Operating Expenses/Other</b>	<b>820,473.82</b>
<b>Funds transferred out</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE OCTOBER 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 391,263.02</b>

**LAMP**

<b>Account balance – Sept.</b>	<b>2,214,113.06</b>
<b>Funds transferred in</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Funds transferred out</b>	<b>785,059.79</b>
<b>Interest Income Earned</b>	<b>8,212.46</b>
<b>TOTAL ENDING BALANCE OCTOBER 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 1,437,265.73</b>

**INVESTMENTS: BNY**

<b>Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds</b>	<b>5,085,564.75</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH &amp; INVESTMENTS AS OF OCT. 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 6,914,093.50</b>

No public comments were made. President Jasmin called for a vote. The motion passed.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners approve to change the dates of the month of December Board Meetings due to the AOLBOL & MVFCA Conferences to the following:

- ❖ Regular Meeting – December 13, 2023
- ❖ Finance Meeting – December 18, 2023
- ❖ Committee Meeting – December 21, 2023 @ 11 AM

President Jasmin called for a vote. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Marlin Rogers, the following resolution was proposed and approved.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners approve A Christmas in the Park 2k Fun Run which will be located in Luling, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana on December 2, 2023.

President Jasmin called for a vote. The motion passed.

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

## **Segment 2 Sunset Levee Rebid**

### **Progress Update**

- **Bid Negotiation with contractor and stakeholders**
  - **Onshore agreed to a bid concession to change the Levee embankment unit cost to \$51 per CY**
  - **LBD, SCP, and CPRA have negotiated rebid scope and budget commitments**

## **Next Steps**

- **Determine if project award will require an extension, rebid of the project, or LBD IDIQ**
- **Civix finalize extension of Wagner Rd access current agreement expires January 2024**

## **Schedule**

- **Pending Bid Negotiation extend Contract Award date**
- **Less than 60 days from Contract Award to Contract Execution**
- **Less than 30 days from Contract Execution to Notice to Proceed**

Commissioner Rogers asked about the savings from the bid. Mr. Brown turned it over to Mr. Kyle Galloway, GIS. Mr. Galloway apologized for being late. He expanded on what Mr. Brown stated. The contractors agreed on \$51 per yard. However, they are trying to get the alternate as well as keep access one. This is not CPRA's intent when they asked for the yardage decrease. CPRA wants to take out the alternate and take out the access route one which would result in a total project of about \$4.4 million or a little more. CPRA is willing to pay that difference. There are still ongoing discussions between the Parish, LBD and CPRA. On November 13, 2023 there will be a meeting with Mr. Donald Henry and the Corps.

## **Segment 3 – Floodgate**

### **Progress Update**

- **FTN revised the scope of work proposal for the H&H modeling per designer and owner's representation comments.**
  - **CSRS has corresponded with CPRA to facilitate continued progress**
- **BKI working on MEP 65% Design**
- **ENCOS performed flow and velocity survey to inform the FTN modeling effort**

### **Next Steps**

- **Complete H&H modeling to inform Structural 95% and MEP 65% Designs**
  - **Reverse Head design elevations**
  - **Wave design loads**
  - **Induced flooding evaluation**
- **BKI complete MEP 65% Design**
- **CPRA to review Structural 65% Design comment responses**
- **Structural 95% Design kickoff workshop to address critical 65% design comments**

## **Segment 4 – Floodgate to Hwy 90**

### **Progress Update**

- **Continued progress of Alternatives Analysis**
  - **CSRS has submitted review of the existing conditions modeling**

## **Next Steps**

- **Finalize existing conditions model**
- **Complete alternatives analysis**
- **Provide CPRA results and identify path forward**

## **UBRR USACE Status Update**

### **Progress Update**

- **Currently working on 10% Design**
- **Drafted a letter to request change in scope regarding the PED presented scope change to design only Reach G east consisting of access road, bridge, and 8000 feet of Levee**

## **Next Steps**

- **Data collection**
- **Begin Risk Assessment and Value Engineering Study**
- **Submittal of letter to request PED revision of scope to design portion of Reach G west of the Segment 4**

## **Schedule**

- **10% Design** – **April 2024**
- **35% Design** – **May 2024**
- **65% Design** – **Dec 2024**
- **95% Design** – **Jul 2025**
- **100% Design** – **Sep 2025**

Ms. Sarah Olivier, CSRS, did an update on the master plan.

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING PROGRESS**

## **REVIEW and UPDATE**

**Through the Strategic Master Plan, LBLD will position itself as a regional leader, allowing LBLD to meet and take advantage of new opportunities and anticipate and plan for emerging challenges.**

**Task 1: Stakeholder Workshops to define vision and context of LBLD**

- A. Internal Stakeholder Workshop to identify and prioritize key objectives and mission of the LBLD. Completed 2021.**
- B. External Stakeholder Workshops to understand Local and Regional context**

**Task 2: Strategic Planning and Comprehensive Visioning**

- A. Strategic Planning: Reviewing relevant plans, data, historical documents, and other files to frame Plan content.**
- B. Comprehensive Visioning: Based on stakeholder input and the strategic planning detailed above, a gap analysis will be created to prioritize future initiatives.**
- C. Comparison Exercise: CSRS will evaluate revenue best practices from similar entities and provide a matrix comparison report and recommendations.**

**Status update:**

- St. Charles Parish- July 26<sup>th</sup>**
- St. James - September 13<sup>th</sup>**
- Ascension – October 2nd**
- St John the Baptist – October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**To be Scheduled:**

- **Assumption**

**Strategic Plan Development**

- **Most input from Parish President Received**
- **Work complete on reviewing existing plans, historical documents**
- **Greenup Industries LBLD's Website content under construction**
- **Greenup Industries underway on rubric for project prioritization**
- **Content for remainder of plan being developed**

President Jasmin acknowledged the newly elected official Mr. Jasmin. Would like to establish a good relationship and plan to see more of him.

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

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PRESIDENT

11/06/2023