

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 6, 2024**

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

A quorum was present to conduct business.

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

President Jasmin asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made the motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Jeffery Henry seconded his motion. President Jasmin called for a vote. The motion passed.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

On motion of Commissioner Gary Watson, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the minutes of the Special Call Meeting of January 9, 2024 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board. President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Russell Loupe
- Steven Joseph

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

President Jasmin asked if there was a motion to accept the minutes of the February 7, 2024 Regular meeting. Commissioner Marlin Rogers stated that on pages

9-10 there is a correction to be made. It shows he voted yea and nay. It should just show nay. President Jasmin confirmed that the correction will be made.

On motion of Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the following cash available for distribution of the month of February 29, 2024 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

<b>Checking account balance Jan. 2024</b>	<b>\$ 5,021,218.32</b>
<b>Deposits/Transfer In – Feb.</b>	
<b>Revenues/Refund</b>	<b>567,462.43</b>
<b>Interest on Checking</b>	<b>177.86</b>
<b>Funds transferred in</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses/Other</b>	<b>421,818.73</b>
<b>Funds transferred out</b>	<b>4,829,392.85</b>
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE FEBRUARY 29, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 337,647.03</b>

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<b>Account balance – Jan.</b>	<b>763,307.83</b>
<b>Funds transferred in</b>	<b>4,829,392.85</b>
<b>Funds transferred out</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Interest Income Earned</b>	<b>8,144.21</b>
<b>TOTAL ENDING BALANCE FEBRUARY 29, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 5,600,844.89</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS: BNY</b>	
<b>Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds</b>	<b>5,186,029.69</b>

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF FEB. 28, 2024**                      **\$ 11,124,521.61**

No public comments were made. President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

**YEAS:**

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry

- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Russell Loupe
- Steven Joseph

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

Attorney, Spencer Long, informed the President that the minutes were not voted on.

On motion of Commissioner Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 7, 2024 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board, after corrections. President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter

- Eric Matherne
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Russell Loupe
- Steven Joseph

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Craig Carter, seconded by Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners reject the settlement offer in the matter entitled “Ivy Chauvin v. Board of Commissioners of the Lafourche Basin Levee District, et al”, discussed in Executive Session on February 21, 2024 at the Board’s Committee of the Whole meeting.

President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

REJECT:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Gary Watson

- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- James P. Jasmin

ABSENT:

- Russell Loupe
- Steven Joseph

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 votes to reject, 2 absent and 0 abstained, the offer was rejected.

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 change the official name of Lafourche Basin Levee District to Lafourche Basin Conservation, Levee and Drainage District.

President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry

- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Russell Loupe
- Steven Joseph

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Larry Sorapuru, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the following resolution was proposed and approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve Amendment NO. 2 to the contract between LBLD and CSRS, LLC to increase the budget of the owner's representative services by \$500,000. The increase in the budget is to provide owner's representative services.

President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry

- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Russell Loupe
- Steven Joseph

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the request from CSRS for LBLD to appropriate \$150,000 for Agency Engagement Services. CSRS shall facilitate and coordinate Agency Engagement Services on the Federal, State and Local level on behalf of LBLD.

Commissioner Kevin Hebert asked if CSRS, Inc. can elaborate on Agency Engagement Services. Mr. Chris Broadwater, CSRS, informed the Board that they have already been doing the work and billing it under the owner's rep part of the contract. the work that is coming up and even next week, engaging with the congressional leaders. It wasn't typical owner's rep services. They felt it better to carve it out with a separate line with a not to exceed amount so that it can be more accurately represented than



under owner's rep services. Commissioner Hebert said that we approved for you to oversee and manage the work that's being done by the contractors and engineers. The last quarter million didn't include that? Mr. Broadwater stated it did not. We were billing it under the owner's rep portion. Commissioner Hebert said that that was something that we did not discuss, to the best of his memory, that we were changing the scope of the services. He still does not agree with the master plan part. Mr. Broadwater informed him that they would do the work, as you, the Board, direct as the client. Mr. Stokka Brown, CSRS, stated that these two amendments do not include additional fees for the master plan services. Commissioner Hebert said that he doesn't recall having that discussion in separating the two services. Mr. Donald Henry, Executive Director, stated that that was what he was trying to do at last month's committee meeting.

President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Russell Loupe
- Steven Joseph

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve for the Board and/or staff to attend the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana (AOLBOL) Annual Workshop in Baton Rouge, LA on May 1-3, 2024.

Commissioner Marlin Rogers said that again, it says staff. He does not believe that the staff should attend this. He believes that the Board should. Mr. Donald Henry stated that the staff should be a part of what we advocate. They do the work. No, they usually don't go to Baton Rouge. The only reason they may attend is if they take the sexual harassment and ethics class. They may be allowed to go if they haven't taken it online yet. They staff will be included in everything going forward. You can vote yes or no. commissioner Rogers stated that the staff wasn't included before. Mr. Donald Henry said yes they have. Mr. Larry Buquoi attended and he was considered staff. Commissioner Rogers said that Mr. Henry knows what he is talking about. President Jasmin asked if they staff has to comply in the same manner as the Board for the sexual harassment and ethics courses. Mr. Donald Henry said yes. Commissioner Rogers asked if all employees have to comply. Mr. Donald Henry said yes. Commissioner Rogers said so all employees in the shop can go. Mr. Donalds Henry informed him that a

representative from the state comes and give a class to the shop employees. A lot of the time, the staff is too busy to attend. President Jasmin said he thinks it is necessary to support the Director if he feels the staff should attend conferences. Commissioner Rogers said he don't. President Jasmin said that is why we vote.

President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Kevin Hebert
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSENT:

- Russell Loupe
- Steven Joseph

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 1 nay, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Larry Sorapuru, seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the following resolution was proposed and approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve for the Board and/or staff to attend the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana (AOLBOL) Annual Workshop in Baton Rouge, LA on May 1-3, 2024.

Commissioner Marlin Rogers said that again, it says staff. He does not believe they should go. He does not feel the staff or anyone should go. Commissioner Hebert said he feels it is a waste of taxpayer's dollars. Commissioner Gary Watson stated that for himself and Commissioner Larry Sorapuru, whenever there is an emergency, they are on the front line. They meet people and feel the conference is helpful with being on the front line. Vice-President Bosworth stated it is a benefit for the levee board. Mr. Donald Henry stated that it benefits every levee board. Commissioner Jeffery Henry stated that it is helpful during hurricanes. We get help from vendors and different people at the event.

President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS:

- Marlin Rogers

- Kevin Hebert

ABSENT:

- Russell Loupe
- Steven Joseph

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 7 yeas, 2 nay, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to change the dates of the month of March Finance and Committee Board Meetings due to the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association (MVFCA) Conference. The Finance Meeting will be held on March 18, 2024 and the Committee as a Whole Meeting will be held on March 20, 2024.

President Jasmin called for a vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert

- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Russell Loupe
- Steven Joseph

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

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

Segment 2 Sunset Levee Rebid

Progress Update

- IGA between CPRA and LBLD was finalized and executed
- Contract has been executed with Onshore Construction
- Pre-Construction Meeting was held 2/26/24
- Approved for Construction package was submitted to the contractor

Next Steps

- Onshore Mobilization to begin Mid-March
  - Onshore to begin execution of the project at the boat launch surcharge
- Groundbreaking ceremony to be scheduled; Preliminary Scheduled 4/12/2024

Schedule

- Anticipated start of construction mid-late March 2024
- Construction Duration is 9-months from NTP
- NTP March 11<sup>th</sup>

## Segment 3 – Floodgate

### Progress Update

- FTN Presented Original Scope of Services executed to LBLD and Consultants
- BKI working on MEP 65% Design
- CPRA has agreed to permitting initiation
- Greenup Industries drafting a permitting proposal,

### Next Steps

- Execute an amendment to FTNs scope of services to complete the modeling and study
- Critical Path Item: Complete H&H modeling to inform Structural 95% and MEP 95% Designs
- Reverse Head design elevations
- Wave design loads
- Induced flooding evaluation
- BKI complete MEP 65% Design in the month End of March
- CPRA to review comments for the Structural 65% Design comment and 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
- BKI has finalized the task 1-4 of the H&H modeling scope
- Greenup Industries executed an amendment to task order 10-B

- Greenup Industries provide Draft of Water Management Plan

#### Next Steps

- Complete alternatives analysis BKI and Greenup Industries Scope of Services
- Provide CPRA results and identify path forward

#### UBRR USACE Status Update

#### Progress Update

- Currently working on 10% Design
  - H&H Modeling
  - Drone Flight
  - Risk Assessment Coordination
  - Geotechnical Exploration is experiencing a 2 to 3 month delay on the contract

#### Next Steps

- PED Progress
  - Critical Path Item: ADCIRC model completion by end of March
  - Data collection
  - Begin Risk Assessment and Value Engineering Study
- Implementation of strategy to accept NFS design efforts as independent utility for community stake holders
- LBLD coordination strategy implementation
  - Agree to Interim protection approach moving Forward
  - Coordination of plans and alternatives with CORP, State, and NFS
  - Present plan in March to congressional delegation



## Scheduled Completion of Tasks

- 10% Design – May 2024
- 35% Design – August 2024
- 65% Design – March 2025
- 95% Design – September 2025
- 100% Design – December 2025

Mr. Chris Broadwater, CSRS, updated the Board on the upcoming delegation meetings.

## Washington DC Spring Conference

### **Update**

- Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Spring Conference
  - March 11<sup>th</sup>
    - Meeting the Senator Graves 3:00 PM
  - March 12<sup>th</sup>
    - Meeting the Representative Scalise (Holly Hendrix Representing)  
11:00 AM
    - Meeting the Senator Cassidy (Ron Anderson Representing) 12:00  
PM
    - Meeting the Representative Troy Carter 1:00 PM
  - Meeting with Representative Garret Kennedy to be scheduled

Mr. Kyle Galloway, GIS, gave an update on the Sunset Levee Lift (Segments 2 & 3). The contract for the lift starts soon. It will start slowly but pick up steam and be on the way. He and Mr. Sam Scholle went out to speak to residents to get feed to inform Onshore to keep the access points clear for the residents to continue to have access. To highlight

segment 3, FTN and the Corps' work are the two big items needed to complete the 95%. We have no control over what the Corps does, but the Board can help with completing FTN's work.

President Jasmin invited Mr. Julio Guighard, Senior Advisor in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, to speak to the Board. He dropped off packets and showed the Board a video on the Barataria Diversion. Mr. Donald Henry stated that it was a topic at the CPRA meeting and a hot topic in the newspapers. Good to be aware of the issue.

Commissioner Jeffery Henry made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Gary Watson seconded his motion.

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PRESIDENT

03/18/2024