

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 10, 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.

President Jasmin welcomed all guests and wished everyone a happy new year from himself and the board.

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; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish; Steven Joseph, Ascension Parish; Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish and Kevin Hebert, St. Charles Parish were present. Marlin Rogers, St. Charles Parish, was absent.

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 absent. Mr. Chuck Long, Attorney, was present.

President Jasmin asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV made the motion to amend 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 Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, seconded by Commissioner Larry Sorapuru, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 13, 2023 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
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Kevin Hebert
- Steven Joseph
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the minutes of the Special Call Meeting of December 13, 2023 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
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Kevin Hebert
- Steven Joseph
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 absent and 0 abstained. 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 December 31, 2023 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK:**

<b>Checking account balance Nov. 2023</b>	<b>\$ 142,538.55</b>
<b>Deposits/Transfer In – Dec.</b>	
<b>Revenues/Refund</b>	<b>353,407.26</b>
<b>Interest on Checking</b>	<b>16.85</b>
<b>Funds transferred in</b>	<b>250,000.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses/Other</b>	<b>440,704.93</b>
<b>Funds transferred out</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 305,257.73</b>

**LAMP**

<b>Account balance – Nov.</b>	<b>1,254,468.72</b>
<b>Funds transferred in</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Funds transferred out</b>	<b>250,000.00</b>
<b>Interest Income Earned</b>	<b>4,771.24</b>
<b>TOTAL ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 1,009,239.96</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS: BNY</b>	
<b>Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds</b>	<b>5,149,060.22</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH &amp; INVESTMENTS AS OF DEC. 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 6,463,557.91</b>

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

**YEAS:**

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

- Eric Matherne
- Kevin Hebert
- Steven Joseph
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve Amendment No. 1 to Right-of-Way Agreement between Chevron U.S.A., Inc., and the Lafourche Basin Levee District for the Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Segment 2 – Sunset Levee Project subject to final review and approval by LBLD Board Attorney, Spencer Long, and to allow LBLD President, James Jasmin, to execute said amendment.

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

YEAS:

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

- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Kevin Hebert
- Steven Joseph
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the UBRRP Agency Coordination Task between BKI and LBLD for the amount of \$49, 500.

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

YEAS:

- Arthur Bosworth IV
- Larry Sorapuru
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne

- Kevin Hebert
- Steven Joseph
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nay, 1 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 the UBRRP Segments 4 & 5 Alternatives Hydraulic Study Extra Work Request Task between BKI & LBLD for the amount of \$60,466.

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

YEAS:

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

- Steven Joseph
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

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

On motion of Commissioner Jeffery Henry, seconded by Commissioner Larry Sorapuru, 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 Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Spring Conference in Washington D.C on March 9-13, 2024.

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

YEAS:

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



NAYS:

- Kevin Hebert

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 1 nay, 1 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**

- **Owner, Contractor, and State Agreed on contract change order terms**
- **Team drafted CPRA and Owner IGA amendment**
- **LBLD board approved the contingent award of the contract**

### **Next Steps**

- **Critical path item for contract execution: Execute Final IGA amendment**
- **Civix finalize extension of Wagner Rd access current agreement expires January 2024**
- **Civix coordination of extension of Williams. and Phillips 66 pipeline access agreements expiring March 2024 (update by Ms. Jane Dufour, Civix and Mr. Kyle Galloway, GIS)**

### **Schedule**

- **Contract Award date by Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 2024**

- **Less than 60 days from Contract Award to Contract Execution**
- **Less than 30 days from Contract Execution to Notice to Proceed**

### **Segment 3 – Floodgate**

#### **Progress Update**

- **FTN revised the scope of work proposal for the H&H modeling per designer, CPRA, and owner’s representation comments.**
  - **CSRS reviewed to verify non-duplication of PED H&H scope at CPRA direction**
- **BKI working on MEP 65% Design**
- **CPRA has agreed to permitting initiation**
  - **Greenup Industries provided permitting proposal**

#### **Next Steps**

- **Critical Path Item: 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**
  - **BKI has finalized the existing conditions modeling**
  - **BKI initiated the implementation of HEC RAS alternative analysis**
- **BKI submitted consultants survey of segment 4 alignment to CPRA and USACE**

#### **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**
- **Consultants developed a PED and NFS implementation strategy**

#### **Next Steps**

- **PED Progress**
  - **Critical Path Item: ADCIRC model completion by end of March**
  - **Data collection**
  - **Begin Risk Assessment and Value Engineering Study**
- **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**

### **Schedule**

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

Mr. Domoine Rutledge, CSRS, updated the Board on the upcoming delegation meetings.

### **Washington DC Delegation Meetings**

#### **Agenda**

- **Tentative meeting with FEMA headquarters Hazard Mitigation Staff**
  - **Sen. Cassidy’s Office facilitating meeting with FEMA HQ, Region 6 and GOHSEP to add visibility to pending FEMA HM requests; FEMA IGA currently facilitating request**
- **Tentative meeting with Senior USACE leadership**
  - **We have determined that efforts are best suited to the District/MVD level.**
- **Tentative Key Delegation Meetings**
  - **Finalizing time with Cassidy’s office for debrief on current UBRR status and FEMA HM request**

Mr. Rodney Greenup, Greenup Industries, did an update on the master plan.

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING PROGRESS**

- **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 reminder of plan being developed**

## **Greenup Industries Website Development Update**

The district's website will be [www.lbld.org](http://www.lbld.org)

## **Strategic Master Plan Structure**

- **Intro**
- **Vision Statement**
- **Process**

**Engagement results from Internal and External Stakeholder Sessions**

- **Gap Analysis**
- **Conceptual/Visualizations**
- **LBLD Goals and Objectives**

**Internal Stakeholder Feedback**

***Project Planning/Prioritization***

***Better Public Visibility***

- **Project Prioritization**

**Policy and Planning**

**MS River Levee Ongoing Maintenance**

**UBRR**

**Other Federal Levees**

## **Interior Stormwater Projects**

### **Non-Structural**

### **Recreational and other Assets**

- **Implementation Strategies**

Commissioner Jeffery Henry made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Craig Carter seconded his motion.

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PRESIDENT

01/16/2023