

REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 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; 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; Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist Parish; Russell Loupe, St. Charles Parish, and Steven Joseph, Ascension 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, 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 Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Gary Watson, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 3, 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
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers
- Kevin Hebert
- Steven Joseph

ABSTAINED: None

By a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nay, 3 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Eric Matherne, seconded by Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the minutes of the Special Call Meeting of April 10, 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
- Russell Loupe
- Gary Watson
- Jeffery Henry
- Craig Carter
- Eric Matherne
- Kevin Hebert
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers
- Stephen Joseph

ABSTAINED: None

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

Commissioner Kevin Hebert entered the meeting before the roll call vote ended.

On motion of Commissioner Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the following cash available for distribution of the month of April 30, 2024 be accepted and filed in the minutes of the Board.

FIRST AMERICAN BANK:

Checking account balance Mar. 2024	\$ 216,129.55
Deposits/Transfer In – Apr.	
Revenues/Refund	54,504.04
Interest on Checking	10.42
Funds transferred in	357,218.73
Operating Expenses/Other	522,222.89
Funds transferred out	0.00
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE APRIL 30, 2024	\$ 109,639.85
LAMP	
Account balance – Mar.	5,409,048.92
Funds transferred in	0.00
Funds transferred out	357,218.73
Interest Income Earned	22,537.76
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE APRIL 30, 2024	\$ 5,075,367.95
INVESTMENTS: BNY	
Discount Notes/T-Bills/Bonds	5,219,781.70
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF APR. 30, 2024	\$ 10,399,789.50

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
- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers
- Stephen 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 Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Vice-President Arthur J. Bosworth, IV, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive Director, Donald Henry, to enter into the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the Lafourche Basin Levee District and the State of Louisiana for Act 397 2023 Regular Legislative Session.

Mr. Donald Henry, Executive Director, explained that the motion would give him permission to recoup the \$100,000 the Board spent on the culvert placed in front of the new boardroom. 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

- James P. Jasmin

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

- Marlin Rogers
- Stephen 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 Eric Matherne, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the following resolution was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve to amend the term of the Professional Services Agreement through June 30, 2025 and to modify the rates to the 2024 rates for Civix to continue to provide support as needed on the Sunset Levee Lift project during construction as well as to provide support as needed and requested on the next phases of the Upper Barataria project.

Commissioner Stephen Joseph entered the meeting. 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 renewal of Wayne Theall's, External Accountant, contract; contract terminates on May 31, 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
- 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, IV, seconded by Commissioner Craig Carter, the following resolution was proposed and approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the annual Independence Day Celebration held by St. Charles Parish being held on July 3, 2024 from 6 to 9 pm at the West Bank Bridge Park in Luling, with the fireworks show to begin at 9:00 pm.

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 Craig Carter, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Henry, the following resolution was proposed and approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Board and/or staff to attend the MVFCA Annual Fall Delegation Visits on September 21-25, 2024 in Washington, D.C.

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 Larry Sorapuru, the following resolution was proposed and approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Executive Director to attend the SHORES Coalition (formerly GOHMESA) DC Fly-In on Revenue Sharing on June 10-13, 2024 in Washington, DC.

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 to hire four Mobile Equipment 2 positions.

Mr. Donald Henry explained that it is getting increasingly difficult to hire. He prefers to have the extra on hand. 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 nays, 1 absent and 0 abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Matthew Martinec, CSRS, Inc., gave the highlights of the Master Plan.

Strategic Plan Status

- Draft Plan submitted and reviewed by ED and team on April 22nd
- CSRS is making edits and changes based on ED direction
- Subcommittee meeting to review Draft Strategic Master Plan, May 22nd at 6:00 pm.
- Final updates to Draft Strategic Master Plan will be made after comments from Subcommittee
- Strategic Plan will embrace name change to Lafourche Basin Conservation Levee and Drainage District and reflect the theme of this change throughout, while maintaining prioritization of flood risk reduction assets and mission
- Distribution to key stakeholders (i.e., parishes, state and federal delegation) TBD

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

Segment 2 Sunset Levee Rebid

Progress Update

- Onshore Construction
 - Completed clearing and grubbing for access route to DABL surcharge
 - Completed temporary access route entrance for DABL access route

- Installed silt fence along DABL access route
- Onshore Construction remains on schedule
 - Action item; Onshore to finalize borrow pit permit
 - DNR has not approved the dirt pit

Next Steps

- Ongoing construction effort
- Borrow Pit Permit approval

Schedule

- Onshore scheduled substantial completion of scope Dec 2024

Segment 3 – Floodgate

Progress Update

- Independent Technical Review currently reviewing MEP 65% Design
- CPRA waiting to review Structural 65% Design until Design Criteria is Finalized by USACE
- CPRA agreed the floodgate would not require operation under Peak Reverse Head Loading
- USACE Safety Assurance Reviews (SAR) submittal will be required for progression of Segment 3
- FTN coordinating with USACE on methodology for storm selection
- Segment 3 permitting is underway (combined with Segment 4)
- Gordon Dove promised procurement of 90 million for the floodgate in the 2025 budget

Next Steps

- 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
- Confirmation of CORP ADCIRC modeling completion – Estimated End of April
- Independent Technical Review comments for MEP 65% Design
- (SAR) Safety Assurance Reviews development and coordination
- Structural 95% Design kickoff workshop to address critical 65% design comments

Segment 4 – Floodgate to Hwy 90

Progress Update

- Segment 4 opinion of probable construction is currently approximately 75 million
- BKI continuing progress of amended task order 10-A Alternatives Analysis
 - BKI has finalized the task 1-5 of the H&H modeling scope
 - Tasks 6-10 are awaiting submittal for final review and draft deliverable.
- Greenup Industries continuing effort on amended task order 10-B Alternatives Analysis – Environmental
 - Greenup submitted environmental assessment to BKI for inclusion in Alternatives analysis report.
 - Operation of Godchaux canal to finalize Water Plan
- Segment 4 permitting is underway (combined with Segment 3)

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 completed
 - Risk Assessment Coordination
 - 5-6 Months, 55k estimate
 - Geotechnical Exploration
 - Soil Borings & Topo Surveys
 - Waiting on update from MVD for when money will be released
 - Geotech
 - Focusing on getting drilling exploration finalized
 - Moved forward with Technical Analysis
 - Civil
 - Topo contract is awaiting funding
 - Aims to reach out to Geotech for layout on access road
 - Environmental
 - Hoping to start drafting this summer
 - EA to include induced flooding report

Next Steps

- PED Progress

- Critical Path Item: ADCIRC model completion by end of April
- Data collection
- Begin Risk Assessment and Value Engineering Study
- Implementation of strategy to accept LBLD 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 LBLD
- Value Engineering
 - Week of May 6th

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. Domoine Rutledge, CSRS, spoke to the Board informing them of how interesting it was to attend the Mississippi River High Water Tour. It was very significant in its capacity and very informative.

Mr. Martinec updated on agency engagement.

Update

- 4/11/2024
 - Attended USACE Mississippi River High Water Mark Tour

Mr. Kyle Galloway, GIS, gave an update on the Sunset Levee. He informed the Board that construction for Sunset is well on the way. St. Charles parish is anxious about receiving reimbursement requests so that they can use their grant money on this project before it expires. Commissioner Eric Matherne asked about all the curves in the road that is being prepared as a part of this project. Mr. Galloway stated it was to avoid some areas as neighborhoods and soft areas in the ground. Mr. Donald Henry informed the board to check their emails for pictures that will update them on the project. Commissioner Kevin Hebert said that maybe it can be posted on the website, but oh wait, there's no website. Mr. Henry informed him that there isn't one...yet.

Mr. Rene Chopin, BKI, gave an update. He informed the board that the internal analysis should be submitted tomorrow to CSRS for review.

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

PRESIDENT

05/20/2024