

April 18, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were:	Hugh Caffery, Chairman	Eli Miles, Jr.
	Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman	Francis Richard
	Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer	Lance Authement
	Judge Jimmy Gaidry	Chris Domangue
	Jake Giardina	Ray Mayet
	Ron Animashaun	Donald Schwab

Absent: None

Also present: Dustin Rabalais, T. Baker Smith; Jason Kennedy; Dan Grandal; Joe Cancienne
John Lafargue; Alma Robichaux, BTNEP; Hattie Templet; Henry Templet
Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Jerry Waguespack; Nick Porto; Robert Mire
Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Jana Langley, Administrative Assistant

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell chaired the meeting until the arrival of Chairman Hugh Caffery.

Moved by Commissioner Donald Schwab, seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of March 21, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the accounts payable for March. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ben Malbrough advised that he sent out the budget summary with the Board packet. He asked if there were any questions about the budget summary, and there were none. Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell asked if we have to act on the finance report, and Mr. Malbrough answered no.

Mr. Malbrough advised that he sent out the pumping summary, and he stated that the river is starting to fall. It looks like we will be able to get the pump installed in a week or two.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the bayou crew is still taking debris and trees out of the bayou from the tornado damage. It will take another month or so to get cleaned up.

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell asked about the dredging pit, and Mr. Malbrough advised that the contractor has to mobilize back out to the site because they didn't dredge to the full lines and grades. He advised that the boat launch will be repaired once the contractors complete the sediment trap.

Chairman Hugh Caffery entered the meeting.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the original 8.3 miles of the Phase 2 dredging project is completed. The contractor is waiting for us to get the final permit from the Corps of Engineers to continue on the change order for the additional dredging. Mr. Dustin Rabalais stated that approval of the change order will give the contractor another two to three weeks of dredging work while waiting on the Corps of Engineers to finish processing the permit.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the pre-construction visit was held for the Union Pacific Railroad last month. The bids are expected next week. We are still waiting for the draft construction agreement.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the saltwater control structure project in Lockport is well under way. We got the formal change order back from the contractor to do the modifications. It was slightly higher than we originally anticipated because there were some additional things that had to be done.

Mr. Malbrough advised we have been working on the change order with Dustin Rabalais with T. Baker and Bertucci Contracting for the 2.6 miles of additional dredging. He asked that the Board authorize the change order for Bertucci Contracting in the amount \$3,958,545.00 for the dredging of 2.6 additional miles from the end of Phase 2 to the Pedestrian Bridge in Napoleonville.

Moved by Commissioner Judge Jimmy Gaidry, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina and unanimously approved to authorize the change order for Bertucci Contracting Company in the amount of \$3,958,545.00 for the dredging of 2.6 additional miles from the end of Phase 2 to the Pedestrian Bridge in Napoleonville.

Mr. Malbrough reported he gave the Board a list of board of directors for the Friends of Bayou Lafourche. He advised that the Board approved a resolution to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Friends of Bayou Lafourche, which would allow us to fund their operations up to a certain dollar amount. We can't enter into the cooperative endeavor agreement until the entity is actually set up.

Mr. Malbrough advised that in the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation it lays out how the Board is established. The original Friends of Bayou Lafourche Board is made up of one representative from Ascension Parish, one from Assumption Parish, two from Lafourche Parish, two from Terrebonne Parish, one at-large member that is appointed by the Chairman of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District, and one representative from Nicholls State University that will be appointed by the university.

Mr. Malbrough advised that we have all of the Board positions filled and agreed to except for Ascension Parish. We will continue to seek out the people that were recommended to us as a potential board member from Ascension Parish. He advised that he would like to get the original Board of Directors for the Friends of Bayou Lafourche Foundation approved, as presented to the BLFWD Board.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue to approve the list of Board of Directors of the Friends of Bayou Lafourche Foundation as presented to the BLFWD Board. The Ascension Parish representative will be approved by the BLFWD Board once that person is selected. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. John Lafargue advised that there will be a lunch for the initial organizing Board at the Reinzi Plantation house at noon on Friday, April 22nd.

Chairman Hugh Caffery thanked Mr. Henry Templet for his service and willingness to serve on the Friends of Bayou Lafourche Board, and Mr. Templet thanked us for the vote of confidence.

Mr. Malbrough reported that last month we selected a team of Stantec, Tetra Tech, Delta Coast and Baird to work on the Pumping Capacity Improvements Project. The first phase of this work is going to be

the most critical. They will have a lot of work to sift through and review. They will see what can be utilized going forward without having to duplicate.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved to authorize Ben Malbrough to negotiate and execute a contract with Stantec to perform the study and report phase of the Pumping Capacity Improvements Project with a cost not to exceed \$272,000.00

Mr. Malbrough advised that Peoples Water Service has a permit application to reinstall a water main underneath the sediment trap in Donaldsonville. It will be 10 ft. below the bottom of the design section.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. to approve the permit application for Peoples Water Service Company. Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any comments on the permit application.

Commissioner Jake Giardina asked if the sedimentation pond is adequate to serve about 450cfs of water discharged into the bayou, and Mr. Malbrough answered that he is pretty sure it was designed with 1000cfs. Commissioner Giardina stated that if it was designed for 450cfs with a potential for 1000cfs then that is a two and one-half times factor, and stated that ten feet might be shallow in that circumstance. Mr. Malbrough advised that he talked to their engineers about going deeper but it would drastically increase the installation cost. Mr. Malbrough advised that he will look at the design plans.

Mr. Malbrough asked if we are going to approve the permit contingent upon the sediment trap being designed for 1000cfs, and Commissioner Giardina answered he would strongly recommend that.

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell amended his motion, and seconded by Eli Miles, Jr. to approve the permit application for Peoples Water Service Company to reinstall a 12" HDPE water main 10ft. underneath the sediment trap in Donaldsonville contingent upon it being designed for 1000cfs. We will require that they submit to us as-built drawings. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina and unanimously approved to authorize Ben Malbrough to enter into access agreements with two landowners to utilize their property for a demonstration of a temporary weir structure in the bayou in the St. Charles area.

Commissioner Greg Nolan stated that he went ride in the bayou north of Labadieville last week and saw four abandoned boats. He asked if we contact Wildlife & Fisheries, and Ben answered that we try. Mr. Malbrough advised that if they are small we can take them out. Commissioner Greg Nolan advised that it looks like they are 16 -18 ft. fiberglass that have been stripped and abandoned. Mr. Malbrough stated that he will have one of the bayou crew guys go by and see if we can move them.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments, and there were none.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer

