

August 22, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, August 22, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman Eli Miles, Jr.
 Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer Ray Mayet
 Judge Jimmy Gaidry Lance Authement
 Donald Schwab Francis Richard

Absent: Hugh Caffery, Chairman, Jake Giardina, Ron Animashaun, Chris Domangue

Also present: Dustin Rabalais, T. Baker Smith; Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Robert Mire
 Dan Grandal, Stantec; Joe Cancienne & Sergio Gaintan, Tetra Tech
 Mitch Marmande & David Boudreaux, Delta Coast; Nick Porto; Jerry Waguespack
 Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Jana Langley, Administrative Assistant

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell chaired the meeting in Chairman Hugh Caffery's absence.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of July 18, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab to approve the accounts payable for July. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that he sent the pumping summary for the month to the Board. We are fully back up in operation at the pump station. The dredging project is complete. The sediment project is complete. We will now be able to see how the bayou functions now that everything is up and running.

Mr. Malbrough advised that we monitored the rainfall events last week very closely. We were very fortunate in this area. The two main structures of concern for us were the Theriot Canal gates because the bayou elevation comes up every time we have that kind of rainfall.

Mr. Malbrough advised that we helped in Baton Rouge with removing water hyacinths from the LSU lakes. LSU will reimburse us for all our expenses for that job. We received a lot of good press from it, and it went very well. The folks at LSU were very happy and appreciative.

Mr. Dustin Rabalais, T. Baker Smith, advised that the contractor has sixteen days left on the dredge project but he is substantially complete as of August 4th. We do have some punch list items left. He reported that sites 1-5 are finished, and we are still working on sites 6-8.

Mr. Rabalais reported that we have advertised for bids for the pedestrian bridge project. We have a mandatory pre-bid meeting tomorrow at 10:00 a.m., and we will open bids on September 1st at 2:00 p.m. We will probably need to have a special meeting to award the project.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the contractors are driving piles for the temporary bridge for the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge project. They are well on their way, and it is very impressive to see how fast they are working.

Mr. Malbrough reported that he had a meeting today with the pump station design team, and we will be presenting some cost proposals next month for some of the leg work which will all have to be done in the project

whether we pay for them or the Dept. of Interior pays for it.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the saltwater control structure is scheduled to be finished by the middle of September. He stated that we are working on getting the guardrail system along the highway. There will be a change order on the Lafourche Parish Council agenda tomorrow night.

Mr. Malbrough stated that we will get some prices to repair the boat launch in Donaldsonville now that the sediment trap is complete.

Mr. Malbrough advised we need to get a two-thirds vote to add an agenda item to discuss scheduling a public hearing for an amendment to an ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab and unanimously approved to amend the agenda by two-thirds vote to add an agenda item to discuss scheduling a public hearing requirement for an amendment to the ordinance as it relates to derelict vessels.

Mr. Malbrough advised that he sent out the amended ordinance to the Board, and stated that we need to have a public hearing on the ordinance before we formally adopt the amendment to the ordinance. The amendment will lay out how we handle derelict and abandoned vessels in the bayou.

Moved by Commissioner Judge Jimmy Gaidry, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard and unanimously approved to move forward on advertising for a public hearing to adopt an amendment to the ordinance regarding derelict and abandoned vessels in the bayou.

Commissioner Donald Schwab stated that a very dear friend of his had a stroke, and he asked that everyone pray for him.

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell asked for any public comments, and there were none.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved to go into executive session at 5:30 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab and unanimously approved to return to regular session.

Mr. Barry Marionneaux stated that a motion is needed to authorize Ben Malbrough to accept the terms and conditions of the offer to settle the Enterprise Marine accident to the two protection dolphins at the water intake.

Moved by Commissioner Judge Jimmy Gaidry, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved to authorize Ben Malbrough to accept the terms and conditions of the offer of Enterprise Marine to the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District to settle the Enterprise Marine accident which took out two of the protection dolphins at the water intake.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer

