

August 27, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

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

Absent: Jake Giardina; Scott LeBlanc

Also present: Dan Grandal, Stantec; Eric Dallimore, Stantec; David Boudreaux, Delta Coast
Kevin Dezearn, APTIM; Chuck Savoie, C. J. Savoie Engineers
Ryan Perque, FOBL; John Lafargue; FOBL; Henry Templet; Hattie Templet
Michael Sobert; Josh Bordelon; Robert Mire; Nick Porto; Ernest Blanchard
Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Barry Marionneaux, Attorney

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of July 16, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue to approve the finance reports for July. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ben Malbrough reported that he has nothing new to report as far as the pumping. He stated that we have an item under new business for a request for a purchase for the bayou crew.

Mr. Malbrough advised that on Thursday he received notice that our pile dolphin at the pump station was struck. The pile is still standing and leaning slightly. We identified who we believe hit it. Our video surveillance has a hard drive that collects approximately seventy to ninety days of data, and as it fills it records over and continues. We tried to pull the video surveillance, and found out that the hard drive crashed. We will work with the manufacturer to see if they can reformat the hard drive to pull the data.

Mr. Malbrough advised that next on the agenda is the discussion on the proposal by Stantec to complete the design of the pump station. He stated that he sent the proposal to the Board with the meeting documents, and informed them that this is a high cost item on the agenda. The proposal will bring us from the 60% design phase to 100% completion, which includes the preparation of design documents to go to construction. Also, it is broken down into eight individual tasks. The proposal is for a total amount not to exceed \$1,331,141.00.

Mr. Dan Grandal stated that they met with the Corps several times regarding the permit, and advised that the Corps will probably have geo tech comments. The permit will be valid for five years as long as construction is started within those five years.

Moved by Commissioner Donald Schwab, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the proposal presented by Stantec to bring the pump station design from 60% to 100% completion, which includes the preparation of design documents to go to construction. It is broken down into eight individual tasks. The proposal is for a total amount not to exceed \$1,331,141.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the property for the water control structure has been acquired. We will begin rolling into the design. A lot of the surveying has been done, and the geo technical engineer will mobilize out to the site to begin borings. We are hoping in six to eight months we can have the design complete, and ready to go to construction. The property we acquired is just adjacent to the LA 1010 bridge below Cancienne Canal. We acquired the property on the Hwy. 308 side from Brian Robinson.

Mr. Malbrough stated that we have been acquiring a little bit of property with the saltwater control structure, and the water control structure. The bayou crew is only equipped with a push lawn mower and weed eaters. We got some costs for a zero turn commercial grade 52" riding mower, and the lowest cost came back at \$6,398.00 from Reeco Rental & Supply. We also need a trailer to move it around. We got some prices on a trailer, and the lowest price is \$2,225.00 from Trailers Unlimited.

Moved by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr., seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell and unanimously approved to purchase a zero turn commercial grade 52" riding lawnmower, and 6' X 16' trailer for an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00.

Mr. Malbrough stated that he received a permit application from Troy Morvant in Lockport to construct a bulkhead and boat house.

Moved by Commissioner Greg Nolan, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to approve a permit application for Troy Morvant in Lockport to construct a bulkhead, and to cut back into his bank to build a boat slip to park his party barge. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. John Lafargue advised that the mission of the Friends of Bayou Lafourche is to raise awareness of the importance of Bayou Lafourche and its revitalization, through education and informational outreach, and by the creation of recreation and beautification opportunities along the bayou.

Mr. Lafargue stated that the Board consists of eight members, and Mr. Templet and Mr. Sobert are here tonight. He advised that Ryan Perque is always here, and stated that the St. Patrick's Day boat races would not have happened without Ryan Perque.

Mr. Lafargue gave a re-cap of the Friends of Bayou Lafourche Nicholls Bayouside Park project as follows:

- We received a \$25,000 grant from the tourist commission for the Nicholls Bayouside Park master plan. We created a steering committee. The project goes from the Audubon Street Bridge and ends at Jake Giardina's property. It is a total of seven acres for the project. The master plan process was actually four meetings, assessment, and physical site visits.
- The real key of what was agreed on the master plan project is a four zone approach, which is two passive zones, a community zone, and an active zone. It would also include improvements to the highway.

- There would be traffic calming techniques to slow the traffic down in that area, and more accessible walkways and bikeways. There will be some conveyances to get from the campus side to the bayou side. There will be boardwalks for observation of the bayou and lots of seating and swings.
- The active zone would include a boat house, and a multi-use facility across from the culinary school. There would be access points to get the boats in the water. There would be a secured very restricted boat launch that would be available for the Nicholls biology department, and the BLFWD boats or emergency boats. It would not be available for public use.
- Mr. Lafargue advised that the cost estimate, if you take out the multi-purpose facility and contingency, would be about three million dollars.
- Mr. Lafargue stated that it is aggressive, but it is a vision that is appropriate for that site and for Nicholls.
- Mr. Lafargue advised that our first objective is to get people in the bayou, and the initial phase is access to the bayou by putting a parking driveway, access to the bayou, and a boat loading area. The estimate would be about \$202,000.
- The Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District voted on being the co-sponsor for a grant through the Recreational Trails Program to fund part of the Nicholls Bayouside Park project.

Mr. Lafargue advised that Friends of Bayou Lafourche is having a membership drive, and he advised that Ryan has some brochures that we made to distribute. The website also has a monthly contribution.

Ms. Hattie Templet advised that it was very exciting to be on the steering committee, and meeting with people from Nicholls and local people to hear their dreams and visions for the master plan.

Mr. Malbrough advised that they met with Entergy regarding the Donaldsonville Drainage Improvements Project to discuss the project with them about getting power out to the site without any major problems.

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

There was no executive session.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.m.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer

