

September 17, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the water district office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman  
Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer  
Francis Richard  
Donald Schwab  
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Eli Miles, Jr.  
Chris Domangue  
Ray Mayet  
Scott LeBlanc

Absent: Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman; Jake Giardina

Also present were: Henry Templet; Hattie Templet; Ryan Perque; Stevie Smith; Kevin Dezern, APTIM  
Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Ben Malbrough, Executive Director

Moved by Commissioner Greg Nolan, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. to approve the minutes of August 27, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the finance report for August. Motion carried unanimously.

Me. Malbrough reported that that they were monitoring the water levels in the bayou due to the significant amount of rainfall we had for the past several weeks. We shut the power off to the Theriot Canal gate due to the water level in the bayou. It causes a two foot of head difference on that structure. It has a significant current going through the gate, and gets to be dangerous.

Mr. Malbrough stated that they are considering installing a gauge at the Theriot Canal gate structure.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the Board approved the proposal from Stantec to go from 60% design to 100% design on the Mississippi River Pump Capacity Improvements Project. He advised that not much has happened since then but they will be progressing forward.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the land rights negotiations and and property acquisitions are done on the Weir Removal/Water Control Structure Project. The geotechnical subcontractor was out last week taking the borings so the engineering is under way. We are looking at six to seven months turnaround time on engineering.

Mr. Malbrough advised that he e-mailed to the Board that we were successful in getting the Delta Regional Authority grant for \$250,000 that will be administered through South Central Planning for the weir removal/water control structure project. Mr. Barry and he are in receipt of the agreements, and

they are reviewing them now. A resolution has to adopted by the Board basically saying that we understand the rules of the program, and will abide by the rules.

Mr. Malbrough stated that he needs Board approval for Mr. Barry and he to draft up and execute an Act of Donation from Phillip Ferris, Inc. family. The property has been appraised.

Moved by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue and unanimously approved to authorize Mr. Barry Marionneaux and Mr. Malbrough to draft up an Act of Donation from Phillip Ferris, Inc. for batture property in Donaldsonville.

Mr. Ryan Perque gave an update on the Friends of Bayou Lafourche as follows:

We worked during the past month on the Nicholls Master Plan Project. The Board got an opportunity last month to see the plans for the project. The plan was publically released last week.

The Lafourche Parish Leighton boat launch phase one project was completed. It consisted of cleaning up the existing parking lot by leveling it out. The dock was lifted up to make it more user friendly, and the debris just floats underneath the dock instead of getting caught and creating a trash trap. There was money placed in Lafourche Parish Government's recreation budget this year to purchase and install a floating dock. This will take place before the end of the year.

Nicholls annual homecoming pirogue races are on Friday, October 26th. They also have an alumni category.

We submitted a grant to a local foundation in order to organize a couple of paddle trips with at risk youth in the community. We should hear back on that by December.

Mr. Malbrough advised that he spoke to some of the Board members regarding moving the employee performance evaluations so that the pay increases would go into effect January 1, 2019, which would make our budgeting easier. The pay increases will be presented to the Board at the December meeting.

Chairman High Caffery asked for any public moments, and there were none.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved to go into executive session for discussion relative to legal issues relating to property acquisition(s) for the Pump Capacity Improvements Project.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved the return to the regular meeting.

Mr. Barry Marionneaux walked out the Board room meeting and into the office waiting area to inform the public that the regular meeting was back in session.

Commissioner Ray Mayet read a resolution authorizing Ben Malbrough, Executive Director, to negotiate for and enter into purchase agreements to purchase immovable property adjacent to Bayou Lafourche for the purpose of building a pumping facility.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Francis Richard and unanimously approved to adopt a resolution authorizing Ben Malbrough, Executive Director, to negotiate for and enter into purchase agreements to purchase immovable property adjacent to Bayou Lafourche for the purpose of building a pumping facility. The individual properties will not be more than four acres; and the purchase price of the property shall be no greater than its appraised value.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Hugh Caffery, Chairman

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Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer