

October 17, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 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	Chris Domangue
	Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer	Ray Mayet
	Francis Richard	Scott LeBlanc

Absent: Jake Giardina; Lance Authement; Donald Schwab

Also present were: David Boudreaux, Delta Coast; Eric Dallimore, Stantec; Ryan Perque, FOBL
Alma Robichaux, BTNEP; Henry Templet; Hattie Templet; Nick Porto
Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Robert Mire; Josh Bordelon
Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Jana Langley, Administrative Assistant

Moved by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Scott LeBlanc to approve the minutes of September 17, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Ben Malbrough reported that he sent the pumping summary to the board members, and everything is back up and operational. We had a problem with the eddy current drive, and it has been worked out. He advised that he met with potential engineers for the green machine replacement, and they will be submitting a proposal to do the design of that work.

Mr. Eric Dallimore, Stantec, reported that they are in the process of presenting the 408 permit to the Corps on the Pump Capacity Improvements Project. Mr. Dallimore stated that they met with the Corps four times, and we have an understanding of what their needs and wants are. The 100% design should be complete by the end of the year.

Mr. David Boudreaux, Delta Coast, advised that the survey is complete on the Water Control Structure Project. They now have a location, which is just off of the Hwy. 1010 bridge. The geotech field work and lab work is complete. The geotech report is being wrapped up. They are gearing up to do the preliminary design, and should have that finalized by the end of the year or beginning of next year. The final design will probably be complete by the end of the first quarter next year.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the 2019 employee health insurance premium will be the same as last year, and asked the Board for their decision on paying the employees' premiums.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Ray May and unanimously approved to continue paying 100% of the health and life premiums for 2019 for all employees.

Mr. Malbrough read the notice of public hearing to be held November 19, 2018 on the proposed 2019 operational budget. He reviewed the budget summary figures that will be published with the public hearing notice.

Mr. Malbrough stated that he would like to set up a budget committee, and Chairman Hugh Caffery asked who would be interested in serving on the committee. Commissioners Chris Domangue, Francis Richard, Scott LeBlanc and Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell stated that they would serve on the committee.

Mr. Malbrough stated that the Board gave him the authority to submit a \$250,000 grant request through the Delta Regional Authority, which we were successful in getting. South Central Planning will be the assistant administrator on the grant, and will make sure we get all the reporting done. The \$250,000 will be put towards the construction of the water control structure. Mr. Malbrough advised that we have to adopt a resolution regarding the grant.

Moved by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue and unanimously approved to adopt a resolution acknowledging that we are accepting the \$250,000 grant from the Delta Regional Authority, and are designating Ben Malbrough as the authority to perform the duties and administration of the award on behalf of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District. We are also committing the proposed funds of \$2,506,500 that we put in the application, which are all project costs beyond the award amount.

Moved by Commissioner Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. to approve the permit application for Drake Verret, 1054 Hwy. 1 South, Donaldsonville, to build a dock with a floating portion of a dock so that in the event that it has to ever be moved, it is configured to where it can be winched up. It will be within the BLFWD permit limits.

Commissioner Chris Domangue recommended that Friends of Bayou Lafourche use Mr. Drake Verret's model for his permit on their website to use as a textbook example to promote the construction of one life it.

Mr. Ryan Perque, Friends of Bayou Lafourche, stated that he is glad Mr. Domangue brought that up about the permit because they actually have a document that was prepared to explain to people the process in which they would go about to make improvements, and dedicating them for public use.

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

- ❖ They had pushed for the grant through the Delta Regional Authority. The Daily Comet and Houma Courier ran an article on that.
- ❖ The plans for the Nicholls bayou side improvements master plan has been released, and they are chasing down the dollars.
- ❖ The wood structure dock at the Leighton boat launch has been cleaned up, repaired and replaced. The floating dock component is scheduled to arrive tomorrow.
- ❖ Nicholls pirogue races is next Friday. They have opened it up to alumni.

- ❖ They will have the St. Patrick's Day on the bayou next year on Saturday, March 16th. The Bayou Lafourche Cleanup will be held the following week.

Mr. Malbrough stated that we are still waiting on a final estimate and layout from Entergy on the capital outlay Donaldsonville Drainage Improvements Project.

Mr. Malbrough advised that they met with Lafourche Parish regarding the derelict vessel project. We are developing a RFQ for a consultant to come on and put together a removal plan. We are working with Lafourche Parish to have an in-house grant writer who will handle a grant application to NOAA for the removal. It is up to a \$250,000 award. The BLFWD has \$50,000 committed and Lafourche Parish has \$200,000.

Chairman Hugh Caffery 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 to discuss litigation entitled Carroll J. Aucoin, Tonie A. Aucoin and Aucoin Homestead, L.L.C. Vs. Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District, 23rd Judicial District Court, Parish of Assumption; Docket Number 33837. The Board will also discuss potential litigation involving the damaged monopole in Mississippi River in Donaldsonville, LA.

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

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Commissioner Ray May and unanimously approved to accept the settlement offer from Enterprise Marine for the 2018 pile allision.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer

