

November 19, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, November 19, 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
Donald Schwab
Ray Mayet
Eli Miles, Jr.
Chris Domangue
Lance Authement
Scott LeBlanc

Absent: Greg Nolan; Jake Giardina, Francis Richard

Also present were: David Boudreaux, Delta Coast; Eric Dallimore, Stantec; Ryan Perque, FOBL
Alma Robichaux, BTNEP; C. J. Savoie; Kevin Dezern, APTIM; Nick Porto; Josh Bordelon
Robert Mire; Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Ben Malbrough, Executive Director
Jana Langley, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Hugh Caffery stated that he will have to leave the meeting in thirty minutes, and asked for a motion to amend the agenda by two-thirds vote to move Item 10.B - Public Hearing to review and adopt 2019 Proposed Operational Budget to the first item for discussion on the agenda.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved to amend the agenda by two-thirds vote to move Item 10.B – Public Hearing to review and adopt 2019 Proposed Operational Budget to the first item for discussion on the agenda.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. and unanimously approved to open the public hearing to review 2019 Proposed Operational Budget, and 2018 Amended Operational Budget.

Mr. Ben Malbrough reviewed the figures for the 2019 Proposed Operational Budget, and reviewed the capital projects for 2019. He also reviewed the figures for the 2018 Amended Operational Budget.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked three times for any comments on the 2019 Operational Budget, and the 2018 Amended Operational Budget, and there were no comments.

Moved by Commissioner Lance Authement, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab and unanimously approved to close the public hearing on the 2019 Proposed Operational Budget, and 2018 Amended Operational Budget.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement and unanimously approved to adopt the 2019 Proposed Operational Budget.

Moved by Commissioner Donald Schwab, seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue and unanimously approved to adopt the 2018 Amended Operational Budget.

Chairman Hugh Caffery stated that has to leave the meeting, and asked that Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell take over chairing the meeting. Vice-Chairman took over chairing the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of October 17, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to approve the accounts payable for October. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. to approve the finance report for October. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ben Malbrough advised that there are no major issues to report on the pump station or bayou. The river is up so we are capitalizing on that. The pumping summary was sent to the Board to review.

Mr. Eric Dallimore, Stantec, reported that they are approaching the final design on the Pumping Capacity Improvements Project. They are processing the 90% submittal. They are working on the 408 permit submittal. They are looking to put together the 100% submittal by the end of January or beginning of February timeframe to be presented to the Board as a final and complete package.

Mr. David Boudreaux, Delta Coast, advised that the survey is complete on the Water Control Structure Project. The geotech report has been submitted to them. They are currently working with their hydraulic modeler. They should have the final design by the first part of next year.

Mr. Malbrough requested that the agenda to be amended by two-thirds vote to add a permit application for Hunt Telecommunications, LLC.

Moved by Commissioner Donald Schwab, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. and unanimously approved to amend the agenda by two-thirds vote to add a permit application for Hunt Telecommunications, LLC.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue to approve a permit application for Hunt Telecommunications, LLC, 110 E. Coleman Avenue, Hammond, LA to bore and place fiber optic cable fifteen (15) feet below Bayou Lafourche at two locations. The first location is from the intersection of LA-20 and LA-1 in Thibodaux, follow LA-1 south for 6.5 miles to St. Charles By-Pass Road. The second location is from the intersection of LA-20 and LA-1 in Thibodaux, follow LA-1 south for 2 miles to LA-648. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Donald Schwab, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve a permit application for Ryan Matherne to build a bulkhead along Bayou Lafourche located at 416 Hwy. 308, Thibodaux, LA. Matherne Dermatology Clinic will also be constructed at this location. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab to approve a permit application for Jay Pitre, 332 Gemni Street, Larose, LA to dredge, fill, and build a dock to tie a boat to when docked at the bayou side. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Scott LeBlanc, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. and unanimously approved to adopt a resolution authorizing Ben Malbrough, Executive, Director, as the official project representative to submit a pre-application in order to issue debt to the Department of Environmental Quality on behalf of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District for the purpose of placing the pump station project for funding through the State Revolving Fund loan program.

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

- We submitted a capital outlay request to the state to help fund the Nicholls master plan project.

- We are in the process of signing a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Leeville Fishing and Cultural Preservation Commission to help them promote not only the businesses but also the new launch, pier and kayak launches. We are having success in making ways up and down the bayou.
- Friends of Bayou Lafourche, with the help of Mr. Henry and Miss Hattie Templet, hosted a meet and greet at the Napoleonville Community Center two weeks ago. There were between thirty and forty attendees.

Mr. Ben Malbrough stated that the work that Ryan and his organization is doing by vocalizing the importance of getting permits to build structures along the bayou has really helped to facilitate landowners questions. The district does as much as they can to assist the landowners in getting permits. We want them to access the bayou, and we want them to do it in a way that does not conflict with what the district has to do in the future.

Mr. Malbrough reported that we are still waiting on a cost estimate from Entergy to bring power to those stations for the Donaldsonville Drainage Improvements Project.

Mr. Malbrough advised that we developed an RFQ to bring in a project manager on the Derelict Removal Project. It is out for the next twenty five days. We will take responses and coordinate with Lafourche Parish to review, make a selection, and present it to the Board.

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell asked for any public comments. Ms. Alma Robichaux announced that BTNEP was awarded a grant from the Gulf of Mexico program to do a water quality assessment. The Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District gave a letter of intent. It will be much like the grant from DEQ to Nicholls where they do testing up and down the bayou. We hope to get a huge water quality push in the area. Mr. Malbrough stated that we will be heavily involved in that project.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab and unanimously approved to go into executive session at 6:10 p.m. relative to potential litigation involving the damaged monopole in Mississippi River in Donaldsonville, LA.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement and unanimously approved to return to regular session.

Moved by Commissioner Donald Schwab, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. and unanimously approved to accept the settlement offer from D & S Marine for the 2012 pile allision.

Move by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman

Chris Domangue, Commissioner

