

February 18, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, February 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District Office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

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

Absent: Jake Giardina; Lance Authement; Chris Domangue

Also present were: Greg Chatelain, Delta Coast; David Boudreaux; Ryan Perque, FOBL
Alma Robichaux, BTNEP; Henry Templet; Josh Bordelon
Robert Mire; Jerry Waguespack; Ben Malbrough, Executive Director
Barry Marionneaux, Attorney

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes of January 22, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr., seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to approve the accounts payable for January. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Greg Nolan to approve the finance report for January. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the river is still up, and we are still siphoning. They are meeting with the engineers to begin laying out the specifications for the green machine replacement.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the 408 permit process is still under review by the Corps on the Pump Capacity Improvements Project. They had a few comments that are being addressed in order to finalize everything. We are still looking at a six month timeframe to get that completed.

Mr. Malbrough reported that we were successful in getting the commitment from DEQ for sixty-five million dollars for the pump station project. The bond attorney and state attorney will start laying out the agreements as far as how we are going to service that debt. CPRA will service fifty million dollars of the debt, and we will service fifteen million dollars of the debt.

Mr. David Boudreaux with Delta Coast showed a vicinity map of the proposed location of the North Water Control Structure Project. He described how the proposed swing gate will operate for the structure. There will be four sluice gates to assist with the capacity and velocity. Mr. Boudreaux advised that they should have the final plans ready by April.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to approve the permit application for Ochsner St. Anne Hospital to make improvements to the batture property in Mathews, LA. It is well outside of our permit limits. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough advised that when the railroad completed the bridge project there is a catch basin on LA 1 that is on the downstream side of the underpass. There was a pipe that ran from the catch basin out some distance and apparently there was a ditch. The contractor for the railroad graded over everything when he left. That created a problem because apparently it blocked the drainage part of the underpass. There is a discussion between us, the West Ascension Drainage District and the City of Donaldsonville, DOTD and the railroad on

how to mitigate this situation. The plan is to get the pipe out of the Union Pacific's right-of-way so that forever into the future any issues that the West Ascension Drainage District has they would prefer to deal with us. They are asking for us to allow a right-of-way to put a catch basin. Mr. Malbrough requested that the Board authorize Mr. Barry Marionneaux and him to draft up a right-of-way agreement which would allow them to reroute that pipe to the back side of the property and on our property to the bayou.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. and unanimously approved to authorize Mr. Barry Marionneaux and Ben Malbrough to draft a right-of-way agreement, and execute the agreement which would allow them to reroute the pipe to the back side of the property and on our property to the bayou.

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

- Last week they were presented with a grant check from Danos. They agreed to fund a project that we had co-sponsored with an organization in Lafourche Parish called High Five that works with at risk families.
- Leighton started the second phase of the boat launch Improvements past week.
- St. Patrick's Day on the Bayou will be held Saturday, March 16. BTNEP Bayou Lafourche Cleanup will be held March 23.
- Gave an update to the Louisiana Engineering society on projects the Friends of Bayou Lafourche has going on and the work the Fresh Water District has going on.

Chairman Hugh Caffery stated that a book was distributed to each Board member titled "Beyond Control – The Mississippi River New Channel to the Gulf of Mexico", which is a detailed understanding what is at stake if the Old River fails, and the water goes down the Atchafalaya instead of the Mississippi.

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

Moved by Commissioner Scott LeBlanc, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell and unanimously approved to go into executive session.

Moved by Commissioner a Donald Schwab, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell and unanimously approved to return to regular session.

Moved by Commissioner Scott LeBlanc, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. and unanimously approved To enter into a lease agreement with existing tenants of the Sonnier property contingent upon clarification being added to the lease regarding roof repairs.

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

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer