

March 18, 2019

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

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

Absent: Jake Giardina; Ray Mayet

Also present were: David Boudreaux, Delta Coast; Greg Chatelain, Delta Coast; Eric Dallimore, Stantec Ryan Perque, FOBL; Alma Robichaux, BTNEP; Henry Templet; Jocelyn Lewis Kevin Dezern, APTIM; Josh Bordelon; Robert Mire; Jerry Waguespack Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Jana Langley, Administrative Assistant

Terrebonne Parish Commissioner Barry Soudelier was sworn in by Stevie Smith, Notary Public. Chairman Hugh Caffery welcomed Mr. Soudelier to the Board, and thanked him for representing Terrebonne Parish.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes of February 18, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to approve the finance report for February. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to approve the accounts payable for February. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ben Malbrough reported that the river is extremely high, and we are continuing to siphon at a cost savings.

Chairman Hugh Caffery encouraged everyone to read the book "Beyond Control", which details what would happen if the water goes down the Atchafalaya instead of the Mississippi River.

Mr. Eric Dallimore with Delta Coast reported that they had a successful meeting with the Corps on the 404 and 408 permit process for the Pump Capacity Improvements Project. The Corps suggested that a Phase 1 archeological assessment on the Fort Butler area to see if there are any artifacts in that area. The first phase is to determine the footprint of where they need to explore. Mr. Dallimore stated that the good news is the Corps has signed off on the design.

Mr. David Boudreaux with Delta Coast reported that they submitted the preliminary report to Royal Engineers for the North Water Control Structure Project. They should have the final design complete by April, and go out to bid sometime in May.

Mr. Ben Malbrough advised that BTNEP asked that the Fresh Water District partner with them for the sewerage treatment inspections in the Bayou Folse Watershed. This is a grant that BTNEP was successful in getting in which they will go out to residential homes to inspect hot spots that are identified. This is a contract between us and LUMCON. We will act as fiduciary agent and we will contract with South Central Planning and Development to do the inspections and do the reporting. BTNEP is administering the whole grant.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard and unanimously approved to contract with Board of Regents, BTNEP and LUMCON for the home sewerage treatment systems inspections in the Bayou Folse Watershed. Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District will contract with South Central Planning and Development to do the inspections and do the reporting.

Mr. Malbrough stated that the Cheramie Marine permit will be discussed at the April meeting because he is waiting for drawings.

Moved by Commissioner Donald Schwab, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve a permit application for Ladd Legendre, 1060 Hwy. 308, Thibodaux, LA to construct a wooden dock along Bayou Lafourche. His structure falls beyond the limit lines. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- St. Patrick's Day on the Bayou was a big success. There was an increase in the paddle events, and the cardboard duct tape boat races. Ben has retained his trophy for first place for the one mile paddler. There were hundreds of people on the bayou side watching. Ryan thanked the District for their support and help with the event.
- We received word from Louisiana Cajun Bayou, which is Lafourche parish's tourism agency, that they agreed to fund a project that we proposed near Hwy. 90 to add a new floating dock site. It will be located across from the visitor's center in Mathews. They will sign a CEA with them to install the new access point along the bayou.
- We received word this morning that we will be receiving funds from the Louisiana Recreation Trails for the first phase of the Nicholls project.

Ms. Alma Robichaux stated that the Bayou Lafourche Cleanup will be held Saturday, March 23rd. They will not be collecting tires this year because they do not have anyone to pick them up.

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

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer