



Councilman Autin expressed his heartfelt thanks to the citizens of Lafourche Parish, BLFWD's commissioners, director Ben Malbrough, and employees of the BLFWD.

Commissioner Chris Domangue asked if there are still vessels in the bayou, and Mr. Malbrough answered that there are definitely some still out there. Mr. Malbrough stated that we will be able to remove the ones remaining with our in-house capabilities.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the next item on the agenda is the contract amendment to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project from Stantec for the construction administration tasks. There are five sub-tasks included in the contract amendment, which are project management, construction documents, bidding services, construction administration, and construction closeout. The total contract amendment is \$2,542,860.00.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the second contract amendment on the agenda is for a change order for additional archeological tasks, and historical viewshed analysis requested by USACE and SHPO in the amount of \$90,958.56. The archeologist is finalizing a report which will summarize their findings, and should be complete before the end of February. There are two components, which are the archeological component which is everything underground, and the architectural component which is how it will affect the viewshed of historical places in Donaldsonville. Mr. Malbrough stated that the new proposed pump station is going to impact the view of the existing station.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to approve the contract amendment to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project from Stantec for the construction administration for a total of \$2,542,860.00. The motion also includes a change order for the additional archeological work for \$90,958.56, which is inclusive of \$56,000.00 that was already preauthorized. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the North Water Control Structure Project is going well. We installed a camera at the site, which is recording the complete construction of the structure. We are doing this to use for public relations in the future.

Mr. David Boudreaux with Delta Coast advised that the contractor has excavated 80% of material out of the bayou. They are expecting the sheet pile pretty soon. They are scheduled to complete the project by May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Malbrough reported that he met with Duplantis Design Group this morning regarding the Weir Removal Project. They are finalizing the preliminary design report. They submitted the Coastal Use Permit application, and received comments. They met with Entergy to discuss how to access the site.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the Weir Removal Project was named as one of the Tier 2 projects in Lafourche Parish Government's GOMESA bonding funds.

Moved by Commissioner Donald Schwab, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell and unanimously approved to adopt the resolution for the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, and that a copy of its adoption will be given to the CPA for the audit.

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

- The contractor was on site from December 11 – December 20, and removed twelve derelict vessels from the bayou. There were pre and post press releases that were well received. He showed pictures of the derelict vessels that were removed from the bayou.
- St. Patrick's Day on the Bayou will be held March 14<sup>th</sup> in downtown Thibodaux.

- BTNEP Bayou Lafourche Cleanup will be held Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Paddle Bayou Lafourche will be held April 2 – 4.
- The Nicholls Bayouside Project is going through environmental, and the funds are secured.

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

Chairman Hugh Caffery advised that there is no executive session tonight.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Hugh Caffery, Chairman

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Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman