

March 16, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman Jake Giardina
Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer Barry Soudelier
Chris Domangue Lance Authement
Ray Mayet

Absent: Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman; Francis Richard; Donald Schwab; Eli Miles, Jr.; Scott LeBlanc

Also present were: Ryan Perque, FOBL; Jennifer Shortess, Duplantis Design Group; John Shaver
Captain Jake Stahl, Marine Expertise; Josh Bordelon; Bonnie Nolan
Brandon Arceneaux, All South Consulting Engineers
Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Ben Malbrough, Executive Director
Jana Langley, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Hugh Caffery began the meeting at 5:15pm.

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of February 17, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan, seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to approve the accounts payable for February. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the finance report for February. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ben Malbrough reported that we are still siphoning at the Pump Station and things are moving right along with Bayou operations.

Mr. Malbrough reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP). He Authorized the Architectural Subcontractor to submit his report to the agencies, the USACE and the SHPO, yesterday afternoon. Once received, they will begin their review process and hopefully will give some feedback on mitigation from an Archaeological and Architectural standpoint, before our next meeting in April.

Mr. Malbrough reported that construction on the North Water Control Structure Project is still progressing and is still on schedule to be completed late April – early May.

Mr. Malbrough introduced Jennifer Shortess from Duplantis Design Group, who is the Project Manager on the Weir Removal Project. She stated that they received the coastal use permit that we applied for from the USACE, in advance of the approval from DNR.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the amendment from DDG for Final Design - \$29,783.75, Bidding and Negotiating - \$3,816.75, and Construction Administration - \$14,310.35, totaling and not to exceed \$47,910.85 for the Weir Removal Project.

Mr. Malbrough requested that the Board approve the amendment from DDG to move forward with the Weir Removal Project.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to approve the amendment from DDG for Final Design - \$29,783.75, Bidding and Negotiating - \$3,816.75, and Construction Administration - \$14,310.35, totaling and not to exceed \$47,910.85 for the Weir Removal Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the adoption of three resolutions for Hancock Whitney Bank to authorize signers on the checking, savings and safe deposit box accounts.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the adoption of the three resolutions for Hancock Whitney Bank to authorize the following signers on checking, savings and safe deposit box accounts. The following signers for the checking account are Benjamin Malbrough, Executive Director; Hugh Caffery, Chairman; Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman; Gregory Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer; Jake Giardina, Commissioner; Francis Richard, Commissioner; Jana Langley, Administrative Assistant; and Heather Armstrong, Administrative Assistant. The following signers for the savings account are Benjamin Malbrough, Executive Director; Jana Langley, Administrative Assistant; and Heather Armstrong, Administrative Assistant. The following signers for the safe deposit box are Benjamin Malbrough, Executive Director; Jana Langley, Administrative Assistant; and Heather Armstrong, Administrative Assistant. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough asked to table the adoption of the resolution for Capital One Bank to authorize signers on the checking account, due to verbiage that needs modification.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the approval of the Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity Policy required for the annual audit by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. This Policy will be adopted to our standard operating procedures manual.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to approve the adoption of the Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity Policy to BLFWD standard operating procedures manual. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by Mr. John Shaver to construct a walkway along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Greg Nolan, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the permit application for Mr. John Shaver to construct a walkway along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by Mrs. Anna Morvant to replace rip-rap along the bank of Bayou Lafourche in Raceland, and he recommended approval of the permit contingent upon the removal/disposal of some previous rip-rap.

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the permit application for Mrs. Anna Morvant to replace rip-rap along the bank of Bayou Lafourche in Raceland, contingent upon the removal/disposal of some previous rip-rap. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by Mr. Brian Rodrigue to place rip-rap along the bank of Bayou Lafourche in Raceland, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan, seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to approve the permit application for Mr. Brian Rodrigue to place rip-rap along the bank of Bayou Lafourche in Raceland. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by Mr. Douglas Dodsden to place retaining wall along the bank of Bayou Lafourche in Raceland, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve the permit application for Mr. Douglas Dodsen to place a retaining wall along Bayou Lafourche in Raceland. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by Mr. Jacob Foret to construct a shed along Bayou Lafourche in Raceland, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to approve the permit application for Mr. Jacob Foret to construct a shed along Bayou Lafourche in Raceland. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by Mr. Keith Landry to reshape his bankline for maintenance along the bank of Bayou Lafourche in Donaldsonville, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the permit application for Mr. Keith Landry to reshape his bankline for maintenance along the bank of Bayou Lafourche in Donaldsonville. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by Mr. Tommy Dufrene to construct a dock along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the permit application for Mr. Tommy Dufrene to construct a dock along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- St. Patrick's Day on the Bayou is postponed.
- Paddle Bayou Lafourche is cancelled.
- BTNEP Bayou Lafourche Cleanup will be postponed, TBD
- Gave analytics on traditional media outreach, social media and other coverage.

Mr. Malbrough stated that Brandon with All South was present and that we are still planning to move forward with the drainage pump stations in Donaldsonville.

Mr. Malbrough stated that he met with Ascension Parish Government and they are still wanting to move forward with the original arrangement that was in place with the previous administration.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments. There were none.

Mr. Malbrough advised that there is an executive session tonight.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to commence executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to return to regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer