

October 19, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Present were:	Hugh Caffery, Chairman	Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman
	Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer	Ray Mayet
	Barry Soudelier	Jake Giardina
	Dale Dennis	Francis Richard
	Donald Schwab	Chris Domangue

Absent were: Scott LeBlanc; Lance Authement

Also present were: Ryan Perque, FOBL; Josh Bordelon; Ernie Blanchard
Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Ben Malbrough, Executive Director
Heather Armstrong, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Hugh Caffery began the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of September 24, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the accounts payable report for September. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab to approve the finance report for September. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the pump station is still pumping around the clock. Everything is operating normally.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the Bayou operations are functioning as normal.

Mr. Malbrough asked to amend the agenda to include a discussion on the agreement with South Central Planning for the sewer inspections of the Bayou Lafourche watershed.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked if there were any objections to amending the agenda. Hearing none, amendment to the agenda carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the agreement with South Central Planning for the sewer inspections of the Bayou Lafourche watershed and asked the board for approval to execute the agreement.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab to approve the execution of the agreement with South Central Planning for the sewer inspections of the Bayou Lafourche watershed. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP). We are still waiting on USACE to finalize their determination letter which will begin the 30 day consultation period. We are expecting that letter this week.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the progress on the Weir Removal Project. An Amendment No. 6 was submitted by Duplantis Design Group for professional services regarding modifications to the City of Thibodaux Water Intake Facility, not to exceed, the amount of \$16,187.60. Mr. Malbrough recommended the approval of the amendment.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab to approve Amendment No. 6 submitted by Duplantis Design Group for professional services regarding modifications to the City of Thibodaux Water Intake Facility, not to exceed, the amount of \$16,187.60. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the group health premium for 2021 and asked that the Board move to accept or deny continuing to pay the active-employee group health premium for 2021.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to continue paying the active-employee group health premium for 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough announced and read aloud the Notice of Public Hearing being held November 16, 2020 to adopt the proposed 2021 general fund budget, and proposed 2021 Pump Capacity Improvements Project budget.

Mr. Malbrough then read aloud the proposed 2021 budget summaries and asked for a Budget Committee to convene to review the budget to present to the full-board in November.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by Jerry Badeaux to replace an old retaining wall and construct a raised deck along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to approve the permit application for Jerry Badeaux to replace an old retaining wall and construct a raised deck along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by Howard Marcello to construct a bulkhead and backfill along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the permit application for Howard Marcello to construct a bulkhead and backfill along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by Dwayne Rodrigue to construct two decks against bulkhead along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the permit application for Dwayne Rodrigue to construct two decks against bulkhead along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Nicholls bayou side project will begin advertisement for bids.
- Career Magnet Center will start assembling floating docks for use along Bayou Lafourche.
- Grant to put Christmas Decorations on docks in Bayou.
- Kayak and paddle boat rental options being looked at along the Bayou

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments.

Mr. Ernie Blanchard inquired about current water elevations.

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

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer