

May 17, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer
Chris Domangue Scott LeBlanc
Jake Giardina Ray Mayet
Dale Dennis Lance Authement
Barry Soudelier

Absent were: Donald Schwab Hugh Caffery, Chairman
Francis Richard

Also present were: Josh Bordelon; Capt. Jake Stahl, Marine Expertise
Henry & Hattie Templet; Kristyn Childers, Millage Mgmt.
Ryan Perque, FOBL; T. Bradley Keith, BTNEP
Ernie Blanchard; Barry Marionneaux, Attorney
Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Heather Armstrong, Admin.Assistant

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved to open the public hearing to consider proposed revisions to BLFWD Ordinance No. 5.

Mr. Ben Malbrough advised that the public hearing is to discuss allowing for administrative approval of permits, the ability for permittee to use anchor poles on floating docks, modify the definition of pollution, modify the violation notification, and modify verbiage on the State Property Letter of Agreement.

Mr. Malbrough and Commissioners discussed the revisions in detail to be adopted during the regular meeting.

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell asked three times for any public comments regarding the proposed revisions to BLFWD Ordinance No. 5., and there were no comments.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier and unanimously approved to close the public hearing on the revisions to BLFWD Ordinance No. 5.

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell stated that we will now begin the regular meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell stated that public comments can be made at any time in the meeting prior to action on any agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken.

Moved by Commissioner Lance Authement, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of April 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to approve the accounts payable report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the finance report for April 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the pump station is now syphoning on all pumps.

Mr. Malbrough stated that the Weir Removal is now complete, and the water surface elevations have dropped a little over 1 foot on the northside of the Weir, as expected, and taper off around the North Water Control Structure.

Mr. Malbrough stated the revisions to Ordinance No. 5 to be adopted as follows:

- Allow for administrative approval of permit application if permit is in compliance and complete.
- Revise the permit to allow for anchor poles to be utilized on floating docks or wharfs.
- Modify the definition of pollution.
- Modify the violation notifications.
- Modify the State Letter of Agreement as it applies to the sale and notification of property.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue to adopt the revisions to Ordinance No. 5 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the revised Ordinance No. 5 will be available upon request and on our website.

Mr. Malbrough introduced Kristyn Childers with Millage Management. She discussed the millage process and rates for tax year 2021.

Mr. Malbrough stated the Pump Capacity Improvements Project is progressing and working through the mitigation process.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the final acceptance for the North Water Control Structure as submitted by Delta Coast Consultants, and asked for the Board's approval and to release the retainage owed on the project.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the final acceptance and release the retainage on the North Water Control Structure. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough announced a Change Order No.2 for the Weir Removal Project for an increase in the contract of \$81,230.00 for additional work on the pumps and the ADA access boardwalk.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve Change Order No.2 for \$81,230.00 for additional work on the pumps and the ADA access boardwalk on the Weir Removal Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by Michael Halbrook to install floating docks and to cover an existing deck along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve the permit application submitted by Michael Halbrook to install floating docks and to cover an existing deck along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Nicholls Bayouside project moving along well
- Napoleonville Project – received substantial completion
- Melodia Boat Launch - RFQ submittal document available
- Weir Removal – Q & A on social media

There was a discussion about the ongoing update of the engineering agreement with All South Engineering as it relates to the Donaldsonville Drainage Improvements.

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell asked for any public comments.

Ernie Blanchard, Napoleonville resident, congratulated the Commissioners and Mr. Malbrough on the great job they are doing to revitalize the Bayou.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer