

October 13, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

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

Absent were: Scott LeBlanc
Barry Soudelier
Donald Schwab

Also present were: Josh Bordelon; Henry & Hattie Templet, Bayou Rowing
Kenny King, Delta Coast Consultants
Ryan Perque, FOBL; Jerry Schexnayder
Ben Malbrough, Executive Director

Chairman Caffery began the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Caffery 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 Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the minutes of August 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the accounts payable report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Vice-Chairmen Gene Harrell to approve the finance report for August- September 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the pump station is down to 3 pumps. Pump #1 has been pulled and is being repaired.

Mr. Malbrough reported we finally received the mitigation requirements from the USACE for the new pump station. This is the final step before we receive the permit on the new pump station in Donaldsonville.

Mr. Malbrough asked the Board to approve the execution of the Wetlands Mitigation Agreement with Delta Land Services, LLC to fulfill the mitigation requirement in the amount of \$166,950.00.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the execution of the Wetlands Mitigation Agreement with Delta Land Services, LLC to fulfill the mitigation requirement in the amount of \$166,950.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough asked the Board for authorization to go out for bid on the new pump station when necessary.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to authorize Ben Malbrough to go out for bid on the new station when necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough discussed a proposal from TerraXplorations to satisfy the archeological mitigation requirements and he recommended its approval.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue to approve the proposal from TerraXplorations to satisfy the archeological mitigation requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the Weir Removal Project. Waiting on delivery of the floating dock to close out the project. Anticipated delivery in January.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the Hurricane Ida recovery efforts in Bayou Lafourche.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the contract with All South Consultants for FEMA Compliance and Debris Removal Monitoring and recommended its approval.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the contract with All South Consultants for FEMA Compliance and Debris Removal Monitoring. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough discussed ratifying the contract with DRC Emergency Services for Debris Removal Services from Bayou Lafourche and recommended its approval.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to approve ratifying the contract with DRC Emergency Services for Debris Removal Services from Bayou Lafourche. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough announced and read aloud the Notice of Public Hearing being held November 15, 2021 to adopt the proposed 2022 general fund budget, and proposed 2022 Pump Capacity Improvements Project budget.

Mr. Malbrough then read aloud the proposed 2022 budget summaries and asked for a Budget Committee to convene to review the budget to present to the full-board in November.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the group health premium for 2022 and asked that the Board move to accept or deny continuing to pay the active-employee group health premium for 2022.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to continue paying the active-employee group health premium for 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Nicholls Bayou Project – substantial completion
- Napoleonville Project on track
- City of Thibodaux will take over Weir Floating Dock maintenance after completion
- Paddle Trips- TBA

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer