

December 19, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

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

Also present were: Matt Rivere, FOBL; Josh Bordelon; Ernie Blanchard
Capt. Jake Stahl; Bonnie Nolan; Shane Guin, High Tide; Jack Gonsulin, LA Companies
Kevin Rizzo, Delta Coast ; Barry Marionneaux, Attorney
Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Heather Armstrong, Administrative Assistant

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

Mr. Caffery stated that public comments can be made at any time in the regular 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 November 21, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the finance report for October. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the pump station is pumping with all 4 pumps.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the Bayou operations are normal.

Mr. Jack Gonsulin with Louisiana Companies reviewed the insurance proposal for 2023.

Mr. Malbrough made the recommendation to renew the insurance coverage for 2023, as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to renew the insurance coverage for 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP). The Contractor is working through pre-construction processes with the USACE and construction could begin in January.

Mr. Malbrough gave an update on the Phase 3 Permitting.

Mr. Malbrough advised the change of the January Meeting date due to a holiday. Date to be announced at a later time.

Mr. Shane Guin from High Tide Consultants gave an update on the Melodia Boat Launch Project. Once Permitting is complete, the project can go out to bid.

Mr. Malbrough asked the board for authorization for solicitation of bids for construction, once permitting is complete.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard , seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to authorize Mr. Malbrough to solicit bids for Construction of the Melodia Boat Launch, once permitting is complete. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matt Rivere gave an update on the Friends of Bayou Lafourche as follows:

- Napoleonville project groundbreaking ceremony successful
- E.D. White historic site project – still in design phase
- Raceland Project will be getting 2 new kayaks
- St. Patrick’s Day on the Bayou/ Paddle Bayou Lafourche – March 18th, 2023

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

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to enter into executive session to discuss employee evaluations and pay increases for employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved to return to regular session.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue to approve the employee pay increases effective January 1, 2023 according to the table presented by Mr. Malbrough per performance evaluations. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer