

January 18, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 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  
Robert Thibodaux, Secretary/Treasurer  
Absent: Ron Animashaun

Donald Arceneaux  
Dr. Darby Chiasson  
Larry Dugas  
Jake Giardina

Also present were: Michelle Robert & Kurt Brodtmann, CH2MHill  
Louis Buatt, Dr. Terry Howey & Dr. Edward Britton - DNR-Office of Coastal Mgmt.  
Ryan Hearn & Shannon Haynes, OCPR; Alma Robichaux, BTNEP  
Matt Ledet, T. Baker Smith; Stacie Sagona; Jerry Waguespack; Robert Mire; Dodie Mire  
Archie Chaisson, Jr., Director; Jana Langley, Administrative Coordinator

Mr. Louis Buatt advised that in June 2009, the Louisiana Legislature directed the CPRA to begin a science-based study and comprehensive review of the state's Coastal Zone Inland Boundary. Some of the details of the study are as follows:

- Land loss in coastal Louisiana between 1956 and 2050 will be 2038 square miles
- The report recommends incorporating 1,939 square miles into the coastal zone.
- Without increased, successful restoration, if this recommendation is adopted, there will still be 99 square miles smaller in land area in 2010.
- Consider physical, chemical, and biological data to define the limits of coastal processes.
- Consider social, economic and cultural factors in conducting the study.
- Prepare a report to Louisiana Legislature with findings.
- Requests state and federal agencies, business and industry, etc. to assist by providing access to information and data to facilitate this study.
- Provide the most accurate science-based delineation of the coastal zone possible with the resources available.
- Maximize the state's ability to implement the Master Plan using CZM tools of the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program.
- Incorporate socioeconomic factors into the evaluation.
- Minimize increasing the regulatory burden to stakeholders.

Dr. Terry Howey and Mr. Louis Buatt explained in detail parts of the study, such as elevations, wetlands, boundary lines in different parishes, and the coastal zone permitting process.

Mr. Buatt stated that they are going to go throughout the state and have public meetings. They will present the recommendations based on the evaluation of the study and seek approval from the CPRA for adoption of the report. A small portion of Ascension in the report is added to the coastal zone.

Mr. Buatt advised that drawing the lines doesn't increase your risk of flooding or not. It just shows that this is what we got, and this is where we are at today based on the science. He stated that the power point presentation and maps are on the Dept. of Natural Resources website.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for nominations for the slate of officers for 2011.

Commissioner Robert Thibodaux made a motion to nominate Hugh Caffery as Chairman and Gene Harrell as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Larry Dugas made a motion to nominate Robert Thibodaux as Secretary/Treasurer. Chairman Caffery asked for a second to the motion made by Robert Thibodaux for the nomination of Hugh Caffery as Chairman and Gene Harrell as Vice-Chairman. Dr. Darby Chiasson seconded the motion. Chairman Caffery asked for a second to the motion made by Larry Dugas for the nomination of Robert Thibodaux as Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. Darby Chiasson seconded the motion.

Chairman Caffery asked for any further nominations. He asked for a motion to close the nominations. Commissioner Robert Thibodaux moved to close the nominations and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Arceneaux. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Caffery announced that the slate of officers for 2011 are Hugh Caffery for Chairman, Gene Harrell for Vice-Chairman, and Robert Thibodaux for Secretary/Treasurer.

Kurt Brodtmann, CH2MHill, gave a progress report on the dredge project through 01/17/2011 as follows:

- Reach 1 – Approximate # of Dredged Yardage Removed = 14,547 yd (100%)
- Reach 2 – Approximate # of Dredged Yardage Removed = 3,630 yd (86.2%)
- Reach 3 – Approximate # of Dredged Yardage Removed = 91,947 yd (95.7%)
- Reach 4 – Approximate # of Dredged Yardage Removed = 119,185 yd (76.8%)
- Total Approximate # of Dredge Yardage Removed = 227,761 yd (60.1%)
- Stump Removal – Reaches 1-5 Complete
- Relo/Demo – 37 of 40 Planned Structures – 92.5%
- Contractor has returned to Reach 1 to complete rip-rap placement. Work should be complete in this area by the end of the week.
- Substantial dredging in Reach 3 will be completed before the end of the week.
- Dredging operations began in Reach 5 yesterday.
- Total work days to date is 228 and total days remaining to completion is 402.

Commissioner Robert Thibodaux asked why the sewer line relocation is not included in Change Order No. 2. Ms. Michelle Robert answered that they don't know the full cost of it yet but the cost will be included in the cost of the project.

Stacie Sagona asked Mr. Brodtmann if Reach 3 is considered finished as far as sloping. Mr. Brodtmann answered that they are getting pretty close. She asked if they realize that there are already areas across from the rice mill that the slope is actually caving in. Mr. Brodtmann stated that in some of those areas the final cut has not been done. She stated that behind the hotel there is cracking. Mr. Brodtmann advised that slope stability is one of their primary concerns. He advised that in some areas seed has been placed as a temporary erosion control that will later have either articulated concrete block or rip rap protection.

Ms. Sagona stated that another major concern she had since day one is that the slope is so steep, and the majority of the people who live along this area is residential. She talked about an incident where a gentleman fell into the bayou. His dog swims in the bayou and because of the slope the dog couldn't get out. He was lying down trying to get the dog out and fell in, and could not get out because the slope

was so steep. Ms. Sagona stated that there is erosion to the banks already, and the steep slopes are a serious effect to the people along the bayou. . Ms. Robert stated that the design criteria was based on slope stability.

Ms. Michelle Robert advised that they will schedule a boat trip next week to look at the areas of erosion Ms. Sagona is talking about. They will identify any sections that they are having issues with.

Mr. Brodtmann reviewed line items on Change Order No. 2 for the dredge project. A discussion was held about the description of some of the changes included in Change Order No. 2. Commissioner Robert Thibodaux asked what will happen to the golf cart after the project is finished, and Ms. Robert answered that the golf cart is owned by BLFWD.

Moved by Commissioner Robert Thibodaux, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Bayou Lafourche Dredge Project resulting in a decrease in the contract sum of \$210,158.77. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brodtmann reviewed a proposal that he would like the Board to consider regarding substituting rip-rap for some articulating concrete block (ACB). There will be no rip-rap in backyards. The proposed changes are due to contractor input, and to provide the same protection. The areas proposed to replace articulating concrete block (ACB) with rip-rap are as follows:

- Residential areas where ACB terminates at or below the water surface.
- Residential areas where ACB terminates just above the water surface.
- Residential areas where ACB terminates well above the water surface.
- Commercial areas

Ms. Robert advised that tomorrow they will have a schedule to deliver to Archie so he can inform the Board of how they want to proceed with looking at the ACB and rip-rap.

Chairman Caffery asked Ms. Robert about the State lines and Ms. Robert answered that she has seen the hard copies already. Chairman Caffery asked if we will get the state lines down to Thibodaux, and Ms. Robert answered that we already have down to Thibodaux. Mr. Chaisson stated that we don't have anything in hand, and Ms. Robert asked if we were provided a CD. Mr. Chaisson stated that it might have been submitted but they are not in his hands.

Ms. Robert stated that they will train us on how to use the files, and they will provide the Board with a list of the possible GPS units and what the accuracies are so that we could make a decision. They will not provide training on the GPS unit.

Moved by Commissioner Dr. Darby Chiasson, seconded by Commissioner Larry Dugas to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of December 13, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Robert Thibodaux, seconded by Commissioner Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to approve the accounts payable for December. Motion carried unanimously.

**BAYOU OPERATIONS:**

**Crews:** One crew working harvesters in thick hydrilla north of the St. John Bridge in the vicinity of the Grainier Center. Second crew is training on the barge and excavator between here and the 3185 Bridge. The trees have been cut across the bayou from the office.

**Equipment Status:** Trucks: all operational; Boats: all operational; Harvesters: both operational.

Utility Barges: We have received information from the La. Property Assistance Agency on placing Utility Boat 1 up for auction on February 12<sup>th</sup>. We will ask minimum \$5,500.

**Personnel Strength:** Present: 6; Annual: Two crewmen took extended annual leave during the holidays; Sick: No extended sick leave used during the last month. Accident/Incidents: None

**PUMP STATION REPORT:**

**River Stage:** Beginning December: Estimated 4.7; Ending Month: 5.40; Current Stage: 5.11

**Pump Operation:** No. Days Siphon: 0; No. Days Pumping: 31

**Station Maintenance:** General Maintenance, Yard Work, Chipping and Painting.

**Personnel Strength:** Annual: One employee 8-hrs – One employee 8-hrs Comp; Sick- one 17.5 hrs. Accident/Incidents: 0

Jana Langley, Administrative Coordinator, reported that we received \$1.3 million so far in ad valorem taxes, and received the first revenue sharing checks. She will call for rates on CD's.

Moved by Commissioner Larry Dugas, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Darby Chiasson to approve the finance report. Motion carried unanimously.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Chaisson advised that he had a meeting with Rene Gautreaux from the assistant DA's office, Mr. Block, Mr. Charles Glorioso yesterday at the Car Shop site. They are still in the process of trying to hash something out.

We will be contacting Wetlands Equipment and ask for a quote on drafting a set of plans and specifications on the harvester design.

Mr. Chaisson stated that the Donaldsonville mayor's office told us that they do not want us driving vehicles on top of their new levee. We will also be contacting GSE, Inc. to obtain a proposal for the feasibility study for the station bridge project.

Moved by Commissioner Dr. Darby Chiasson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell and unanimously approved to adopt the Resolution for the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2010 annual audit, and a copy of its adoption will be given to the auditor. RESOLUTION ATTACHED

Moved by Commissioner Robert Thibodaux, seconded by Commissioner Larry Dugas and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Hugh F. Caffery, Chairman

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Robert J. Thibodaux, Sr./Secretary/Treasurer

On motion by Dr. Darby Chiasson, seconded by Gene Harrell, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District Board of Commissioners were presented with the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire and said questionnaire was adopted by the governing body in an open meeting on January 18, 2011.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire and a copy of its adoption will be given to the auditor.

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District on January 18, 2011.

/s/ Hugh F. Caffery  
Chairman

/s/ Robert J. Thibodaux, Sr.  
Secretary/Treasurer

