

January 22, 2024

A regular public meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 5:00p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman                      Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman  
                    Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer              Jake Giardina  
                    Ray Mayet    Barry Soudelier  
                    Joe Boudreaux    Ernie Blanchard  
                    Dale Dennis    Chris Domangue

Absent were: Lance Authement; Francis Richard

Also present were: Kevin Beyer, Intracoastal; Justin Lan, Sealevel Construction  
                            Kevin Rizzo, DCC; Shane Guin, High Tide Consultants  
                            Jake Stahl; Henry & Hattie Templet; Josh Bordelon; Heather Armstrong  
                            Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Dustin Rabalais, Executive Director

Chairman Hugh Caffery began the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Chairman Caffery asked if we had a quorum and we did.

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.

Chairman Caffery opened the floor for nominations for the slate of officers for 2024.

Commissioner Barry Soudelier nominated the current slate of officers for 2024. Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any other nominations, and there were none. Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis and unanimously approved to close nominations and approve the current slate of officers for 2024.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the minutes of December 18, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the accounts payable report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to approve the finance report. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais reported that all 4 pumps are up and running.

Mr. Rabalais reported that the Bayou operations are normal.

Mr. Rabalais reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP). Stantec provided a video presentation of the progress.

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

Mr. Rabalais discussed an amendment to the contract from La Terre Engineering, LLC for the Drainage Improvements Project in Donaldsonville, removing the 10 percent markup on direct expenses.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the removal of the 10 percent markup on direct expenses from the contract with La Terre Engineering, LLC for the Drainage Improvements Project in Donaldsonville. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shane Guin, High Tide Consultants, gave an update on the Melodia Boat Launch.

Mr. Rabalais discussed the annual adoption of the resolution for Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for 2023 audit.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to adopt the resolution for the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for 2023 audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais gave an update on the Friends of Bayou Lafourche.

Mr. Rabalais gave his Executive Director's report.

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

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Joe Boudreaux to enter into executive session at 5:45pm to discuss anticipated prospective litigation concerning the Pump Capacity Improvements Project. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Ernie Blanchard to approve the addition of up to 3 monitors around the project site. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to execute contact with Tri-Parish Testing for vibratory testing, not to exceed \$50,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Hugh Caffery, Chairman

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Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer