

March 21, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, March 21, 2022 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
Lance Authement Barry Soudelier
Ray Mayet Francis Richard
Chris Domangue

Absent were: Hugh Caffery; Scott LeBlanc; Jake Giardina; Dale Dennis

Also present were: Ryan Perque, FOBL; Josh Bordelon; Jerry Waguespack; Ernie Blanchard
Shane Guin, High Tide; Capt. Jake Stahl, Marine Expertise
Bob Mire; Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Ben Malbrough, Executive Director;
Heather Armstrong, Admin. Assistant

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell began the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Harrell asked if there was a quorum and there was not, therefore, no action can be taken on any agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken until the quorum is met.

Vice-Chairman Harrell moved down agenda to the Melodia Boat Launch update until we reached a quorum.

Mr. Malbrough introduced Shane Guin with High Tide Consultants, who gave a presentation on the Melodia Boat Launch design.

Commissioner Barry Soudelier arrived at 5:15pm and we now have a quorum.

Vice-Chairman 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 Ray Mayet, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to approve the minutes of February 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the finance report for February 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the pump station is operating all 4 pumps now. Syphoning with 3 pumps and pumping with one.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the Bayou operations are still moving forward with Hurricane Ida clean up.

Mr. Malbrough reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP). The bid opening is scheduled for April 14th at 2pm.

Mr. Malbrough reported the updates to the Phase 3 Permitting. We entered into a professional services contract with Providence Engineering to handle the permitting and T. Baker Smith to handle the surveying.

Mr. Malbrough discussed Amendment No.1 to the professional services contract with T. Baker Smith for additional surveying and historical channel cross section analysis associated with the Phase 3 Permitting.

Mr. Malbrough asked for approval of Amendment No.1 to the professional services contract with T. Baker Smith not to exceed, \$5,800.00 for the additional surveying and \$2,220.00 for the historical channel cross section analysis.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve Amendment No.1 to the professional services contract with T. Baker Smith not to exceed, \$5,800.00 for the additional surveying and \$2,220.00 for the historical channel cross section analysis. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough gave the Hurricane Ida clean-up update.

Mr. Malbrough discussed Amendment No. 3 to the Hurricane Ida Emergency Debris Removal Services Contract with DRC Emergency Services, LLC to continue Debris Removal from Larose to Golden Meadow and its cost share will be reimbursed by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission and asked the Board for authorization to execute.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to authorize the execution of Amendment No. 3 with DRC Emergency Services, LLC as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough asked the Board for authorization to execute a CEA with the Greater Lafourche Port Commission that outlines the terms and conditions associated with the reimbursement of cost/fees for Amendment No.3 to the Hurricane Ida Emergency Debris Removal Services Contract with DRC Emergency Services, LLC.

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to authorize the execution of the CEA with the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough gave a recap on the earlier discussion of the Melodia Boat Launch.

Mr. Malbrough discussed Amendment No.1 to the professional services contract with High Tide Consultants to proceed with the design and development of the plans and specs for the Melodia Boat Launch, not to exceed \$100,000.00 and asked the Board for authorization to execute.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to authorize the execution of Amendment No.1 to the professional services contract with High Tide Consultants to proceed with the design and development of the plans and specs for the Melodia Boat Launch, not to exceed \$100,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- St. Patrick's Day on the Bayou/Paddle Bayou Lafourche event was successful
- Bayou Lafourche Clean-up will be on April 9th
- Napoleonville Project out for bid soon
- Raceland Visitor Center bayouside project moving along

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell asked for any public comments.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to adjourn the meeting at 5:58p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer