

November 21, 2022

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

Absent were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman; Jake Giardina; Scott LeBlanc

Also present were: Ryan Perque, FOBL; Matt Rivere, FOBL; Josh Bordelon; Robert Mire
 Capt. Jake Stahl; George Toups; Ernie Blanchard
 Henry & Hattie Templet, Bayou Rowing; Barry Marionneaux, Attorney
 Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Heather Armstrong, Administrative Assistant

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved to open the public hearing on the Proposed 2023 Operational Budget, and Proposed 2023 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget.

Mr. Malbrough reviewed the Proposed 2023 Operational Budget and the Proposed 2023 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget.

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell asked for any public comments on the budgets that were reviewed. Ernie Blanchard complemented the Board on doing a great job with the budgets.

Mr. Harrell asked again for public comment. There were none.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:20pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to open the public meeting at 5:20pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Harrell 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 Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the minutes of October 25, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier 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. Malbrough reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP). He discussed an amendment to the IGA with CPRA regarding the funding of the PCIP and asked for the Boards authorization to execute the amendment.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the authorization for Mr. Malbrough to execute the amendment to the IGA with CPRA regarding the funding of the PCIP. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Malbrough reviewed the Amended 2022 Operational Budget and Amended 2022 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget.

Vice-Chairman Harrell reminded the public that a comment period is allowed at any point in the meeting prior to action on any agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken.

Mr. Malbrough asked the Board to move to adopt the Proposed 2023 Operational Budget and Proposed 2023 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget, reviewed in the public hearing.

Vice-Chairman Harrell asked for public comment. There were none.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the Proposed 2023 Operational Budget and Proposed 2023 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough asked the Board to move to adopt the Amended 2022 Operational Budget and Amended 2022 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget.

Vice-Chairman Harrell asked for public comment. There were none.

Moved by Commissioner Lance Authement, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the Amended 2022 Operational Budget and Amended 2022 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the Melodia Boat Launch updates.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the Emergency Debris Removal and Emergency Debris Monitoring RFP. RFP's for both contracts were solicited. Mapco was awarded the contract for the Emergency Debris Monitoring. We only received one response for the Emergency Debris Removal. If Emergency Debris Removal is needed for the remainder of the 2022 Hurricane Season, we will need to go back out for solicitations.

Mr. Malbrough asked the Board to authorize him to negotiate and execute a contract for the remainder of the 2022 hurricane season for Emergency Debris Monitoring to Mapco, if needed.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the authorization for Mr. Malbrough to negotiate and execute a contract for the remainder of the 2022 hurricane season for Emergency Debris Monitoring to Mapco, if needed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Mr. Perque announced his resignation as the FOBL Executive Director.
- Raceland Project ribbon cutting, officially named "Lafourche-Terrebonne Scenic Overlook" Project
- Napoleonville project groundbreaking ceremony- November 22nd
- E.D. White historic site project – in design phase

- Melodia Boat Launch – negotiating kayak kiosk site
- St. Patricks Day on the Bayou/ Paddle Bayou Lafourche – March 18th 2023

Mr. Perque announced Mr. Matthew Rivere as the new Friends of Bayou Lafourche, Executive Director.

Mr. Rivere introduced himself to the Board and attendees.

The Board welcomed Mr. Rivere and thanked Mr. Perque for his great work during his tenure.

Vice-Chairman Harrell asked for any public comments. There were none.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer