

April 15, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, April 15, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were:	Hugh Caffery, Chairman (Entered at 5:15 p.m.)	Larry Dugas
	Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman	Jake Giardina
	Gregory Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer	Francis Richard
	Windell Curole	Ron Animashaun

Absent: None

Also present were: Alma Robichaux, BTNEP; Jimmy Ledet, T. Baker Smith  
Gary Eusea and Deannie Eusea; Nick Porto; Bobby Acosta; Euel Zeringue  
Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Jana Langley, Admin. Coordinator

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell chaired the meeting until the arrival of Chairman Hugh Caffery.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of March 18, 2013 and March 25, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Larry Dugas to approve the accounts payable for March. Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Malbrough, Executive Director, reported that the harvesters are at the shop for maintenance. Action Hydraulics came in and did a complete diagnostic on both of the harvesters. They are both ready to go back in the water when the grass starts coming in real heavy again.

Commissioner Windell Curole advised that there is a disk cutter that has dragon teeth on it that shreds, and is in Plaquemine Parish. There is a small one in the St. Mary area that a gentleman would like to demonstrate whenever Ben has the time.

Mr. Malbrough stated that the dye study will be performed tomorrow morning at 8:00. It will be injected just south of the Assumption Waterworks plant in Napoleonville. It is anticipated to take about three days to get to Thibodaux. It has been published in the papers to notify the public.

Mr. Malbrough advised that he furnished the Board with the flow and stage data with the monthly meeting information. He stated that we are operating two pumps now. The clutch was received, and we are scheduling an installation date this week.

Moved by Commissioner Windell Curole, seconded by Commissioner Ron Animashaun and unanimously approved to adopt two Resolutions for Whitney Bank, and signed by Secretary/Treasurer Gregory Nolan, authorizing the signers on the checking account and savings account.

Ms. Jana Langley reported that Tia Barbera, CPA will be in on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to do the annual audit. Ms. Barbera will present the report in June.

Ben Malbrough, Executive Director, reported on the following:

- 1) We submitted the draft engineering contract for the Phase II project to CPRA for their comments, and received some comments Friday. Jimmy Ledet with T. Baker Smith, Barry Marionneaux, and Ben will get together to finalize the engineering contract.
- 2) The contractor has been notified from UP that the contract is on its way regarding the UP crossing in Donaldsonville. The contractor is G&G Marine in Woodlands, TX.
- 3) We signed a contract with Acadia Land Surveying to survey the sediment trap, and some properties under question to get some cross sections to compare to the as-built drawings post construction to see if anything is going on below the water level. They will start the surveying on Monday.

Chairman Hugh Caffery entered the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

- 4) We received the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lafourche Parish for the Company Canal structure. Next month we will adopt a Resolution to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to donate the structure, operation and maintenance of the barge, operation and maintenance of the receiving structure, and they will also pick up the cost of the monitoring gauges in Lockport.
- 5) There are three options to fix the access point for Don Guillot's property; 1) fix it ourselves, 2) give it to Mr. Guillot to fix, or 3) use the \$8,900 towards buying the property. Mr. Guillot verbally communicated to Ben that he would accept the \$8,900, and he will be responsible for fixing the property.

Moved by Commissioner Windell Curole, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina and unanimously approved to authorize the Executive Director sign a release with Mr. Don Guillot, once the document is completed, regarding the Access Point #4 from the Phase I project.

- 6) CDM and the State were able to find another \$500,000 to put towards the Pump Rehab project. The contractor has the construction contract in hand. They will have a pre-construction meeting sometime in mid-May.
- 7) We received a letter from the surveyor that was hired by the boat company to do an assessment of the pile cluster to inspect the damage. The boat company wanted us to go out and contact some marine contractors to get a price on what it would cost to evaluate whether or not they thought they were at fault. If they would be at fault, they would replace the pile cluster.
- 8) We received five applicants for the bayou crew position, two of which were interviewed and qualified. Ben made a recommendation to hire one of the applicants that was qualified, and the Board agreed to go ahead and hire that person.
- 9) Eric and Ben will interview the three candidates for the pump station position this Wednesday. He asked for authority to hire the best candidate for that position, and the Board agreed.

Chairman Hugh Caffery presented Gary Eusea with a plaque framed with a Resolution adopted by the Board thanking him for the work and attention he has given to the District for seven years. The Board thanked and wished him the best in the future.

Ms. Jana Langley explained that the millage rate for tax year 2013 needs to be adopted in order for the District to receive their money next year. The Chairman asked for any comments on the millage rate, and there were none.

Moved by Commissioner Greg Nolan, seconded by Commissioner Windell Curole and unanimously approved to adopt the Resolution for the millage rate of 2.09 mills for the tax year 2013.

Mr. Malbrough advised that there are three permit applications on the agenda but two will be tabled until next month.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the Tiger Drive Bridge permit application was submitted on behalf of the City of Thibodaux by T. Baker Smith. The District submitted their input for the design of the bridge in order that we get our equipment through.

Mr. Malbrough asked Mr. Jimmy Ledet of T. Baker Smith that we are granted access to get across the bridge construction site if needed when the Phase II project starts. Mr. Ledet stated that it may not be too late to write some sort of special permission for access.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to approve the City of Thibodaux permit application for the replacement of the Tiger Drive Bridge. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the Executive Session to discuss litigations is tabled because there are no further updates at this time.

Mr. Nick Porto asked if the water level would stay the same as it is right now after the 1000cfs would start. Chairman Caffery stated that after all the dredging is done the level of the water currently will be the level of the water then. Vice-Chairman Harrell stated that in all those discussions and thoughts it would be a maximum of six inches.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Larry Dugas and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Hugh Caffery, Chairman

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Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer