

October 15, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioner of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, October 15, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman	Larry Dugas
Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman	Jake Giardina
Gregory Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer	Francis Richard
	Windell Curole

Absent: Ron Animashaun

Also present were: Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Matt Ledet and Jimmy Ledet, T. Baker Smith Alma Robichaux, BTNEP; Joel Tillery, CH2MHill; Stacy Sagona; Nick Porto Bruno Deleo; Robert Mire; Robert Thibodaux; Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Mistretta Archie Chaisson, Jr., Director; Jana Langley; Administrative Coordinator

Chairman Hugh Caffery presented Robert Thibodaux with a plaque in commemoration of his service to the Commission for many years, and thanked Mr. Thibodaux on behalf of the Commission. Mr. Thibodaux thanked the Board, and he wished the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District the best. Chairman Caffery announced that we have a plaque for Dr. Darby Chiasson for his service to the Commission, and it will be delivered to him by Commissioner Windell Curole.

Moved by Commissioner Larry Dugas, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina and unanimously approved to go into executive session at 5:10 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Larry Dugas and unanimously approved to return to regular session at 5:35 p.m.

Chairman Caffery advised that it is important that we communicate to the folks that have properties that they think have been affected by the Phase 1 dredge project. There are about fifteen properties to date.

Commissioner Windell Curole stated that they went to Baton Rouge to see what the position the State was going to take regarding the properties that were affected by the project. He said he was encouraged to find that the State agrees that there is a problem, and they agree that it is not finished. The State understands that there is responsibility, and the issue is far from over.

Commissioner Curole said they had stopped at a number of properties that were damaged, and it seems obvious that a lot of that was definitely from the project. The people they talked to said that no one has contacted them since the work was completed and they have problems. Commissioner Curole advised that we will try to start a system where we at least contact the people once a month.

Moved by Commissioner Larry Dugas, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of September 17, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the accounts payable for September. Motion carried unanimously.

BAYOU OPERATIONS: CREWS: The crews have been alternating between working the harvesters, tree cutting and operating the tug to clear hydrilla. EQUIPMENT STATUS: Trucks: all operational. Boats: The mudboat is back in operation. Took longer than expected due to the hurricane and the workload at Hanko's: Harvesters: both operational.

PUMP STATION REPORT: RIVER STAGE: Beginning September: 1.96; Ending Month: 4.12; No. Days Siphon: 0; No. Days Pumping: 16 with 2 pumps / 14 days with 3 pumps

STATION MAINTENANCE: General maintenance, yard work. Dolphin accident on September 17.

Mr. Chaisson gave an update on the storm damage tree removal that the bayou crew is working on. He advised that to date they removed ten large, fourteen medium, and fourteen small trees. FEMA will be here Wednesday for a boat trip to get a visual of the areas where the trees are down.

Mr. Chaisson advised that UPRR had divers in the water this afternoon inspecting the culverts. He spoke to the on-site foreman and he could not give any information other than on the LA 1 side the big culvert was basically clear, the Hwy 308 nine foot culvert the diver started going uphill which means there is some type of blockage there, and the 5X6 ft. box culvert is totally plugged. Mr. Chaisson stated that Mr. Marionneaux stopped on his way to the meeting and got the name of the next level supervisor.

Commissioner Jake Giardina asked if we have done any monitoring of the sedimentation pond, and Chairman Caffery answered no. It has been about a year since it has been dug, and it is a good time now to do a survey. Chairman Caffery suggested getting quotes to survey the bottom of the sand pit.

Commissioner Giardina advised that it is extremely important that we get the as built drawings. Mr. Chaisson stated right now we have nothing to compare it to since we do not have the as built drawings. Mr. Joel Tillery, CH2MHill, told Chairman Caffery that he delivered the as built drawings to him, and Chairman Caffery stated that he didn't realize that was the as built drawings. Mr. Tillery advised that he would supply a PDF of the pre-dredge surveys, and post-dredge surveys to the District.

Mr. Barry Marionneaux stated that he will send a letter to the railroad stating that the statutory duty of this District is to supply fresh water, and our plans are to have the capacity of 1000cfs, not now but in the future. We want to ask them what their plan is to open those culverts completely. We will ask the railroad for a report on their inspection of the culverts.

Chairman Caffery advised that we have gotten Assumption and Ascension Parishes, the City of Donaldsonville, and soon Lafourche Parish to pass resolutions to ask for the Capital Outlay bill to include

a flood control device at Donaldsonville to prevent flooding. The application is sponsored by Ascension Parish. Chairman Caffery stated that Stevie Smith is doing an overall cost estimate of the project.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Greg Nolan to approve the finance report for September. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Caffery stated that the millage tax renewal election is coming up December 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Chaisson stated that for the last election we had ads in the newspapers, ads on the radio station down the bayou, and on the radio station in Donaldsonville. The Director set up the advertisements.

Chairman Caffery advised that the millage rate for 2012 has been adjusted by reassessment so that we would expect the same revenues in 2013 that we received in 2012. The District's adjusted rate is 2.09 mills. The Chairman asked for any comments on the millage. Mr. Chaisson advised that we can go back to 2.11 mills next year if we want to.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard and unanimously approved to adopt the Resolution for the millage rate of 2.09 mills for the tax year 2012. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Chaisson reviewed the 2013 Proposed Operational Budget summary, and the 2013 Bayou Lafourche Dredge Project Phase 2 summary. Mr. Chaisson announced that a public hearing will be held at the November meeting to adopt the 2013 Proposed Operational Budget, and the 2013 Bayou Lafourche Dredge Project Phase 2 budget. Mr. Chaisson stated that the November meeting falls the week of Thanksgiving, and asked if the Board wanted to change the meeting date. The Board agreed to change the meeting date to November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Chaisson announced that the 2012 Amended Operational Budget, and 2012 Amended Bayou Lafourche Dredge Project Phase 1 Budget will be adopted at the November meeting.

Chairman Caffery asked for any comments from the public. Mr. Porto asked about the inflatable weirs that were talked about with the project. Mr. Chaisson answered that he was talking about the river reintroduction project. It was not part of the first phase dredge project.

Mr. Thibodaux asked how many years the millage tax renewal election will be for, and Chairman Caffery answered twenty years.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina and unanimously seconded the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m

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Hugh Caffery, Chairman

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Gregory Nolan

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage is hereby levied on the 2012 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District:

MILLAGE

Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District	<u>2.09 mills</u>
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parishes of Lafourche, Assumption and Ascension, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parishes for the year 2012, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Gene Harrell, Hugh Caffery, Gregory Nolan, Windell Curole  
Larry Dugas, Jake Giardina, Francis Richard  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Ron Animashaun

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on October 15, 2012, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Thibodaux, Louisiana, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

/s/ Gregory Nolan  
Gregory Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer  
Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District

