September 16, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman   Lance Authement
                Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman   Eli Miles, Jr.
                Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer   Chris Domangue
                Francis Richard   Ray Mayet
                Donald Schwab

Absent: Jake Giardina; Scott LeBlanc; Barry Soudelier

Also present were: Kevin Dezearn; Greg Chatelain; Ryan Perque; Alma Robichaux; Henry Templett
                    Hattie Templett; Josh Bordelon; Robert Mire; Jerry Waguespack
                    Ben Malbrough, Executive Director

Chairman Hugh 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.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of August 26, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to approve the accounts payable for August. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab to approve the finance report for August. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ben Malbrough advised that he sent the pumping summary to the board members, and we are no longer siphoning and are back on electricity. We are making a few final edits on the RFP for the green machine proposal. The bayou and pump station are operating as normal.

Mr. Malbrough reported that we will be opening bids for the derelict vessel project on September 26. We will meet with Lafourche Parish the following week to review the proposals, and be ready to make a recommendation to the Board at our October meeting. Mr. Malbrough stated that he will send an e-mail to the Board about possibly changing the October meeting date.

Mr. Malbrough advised that we have to clean up one thing just as an abundance of caution on the Pump Capacity Improvements Project. The proposal that was presented last month, and was approved did not actually include the digging of the trenches. He anticipates the cost to be between five to ten thousand dollars depending on how many days it goes.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Donald and unanimously approved to authorize Ben Malbrough and Mr. Barry Marionneaux to negotiate and execute a contract not to exceed ten thousand dollars without prior approval to perform the trenching operations in accordance with the public bid law for the Pump Capacity Improvements Project.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the archeological review is underway at the pump station doing their shovel digging that they were authorized to do by the Corps. The only thing we have to do is negotiate that contract with the operator and equipment to actually dig the trenches.

We are having a pre-construction meeting on Monday at 10:00 on the North Water Control Structure project. The contracts are signed and executed and recorded.

The execution of the Weir Removal Project was approved on our end, and we are waiting for the signed copy from Duplantis Design Group. The field work has been initiated in the bayou.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. to approve the permit application for Hunt Communications to directional bore cable conduit below Bayou Lafourche near Larose, LA. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Greg Nolan to approve the permit application for Dwayne Rodrigue to construct a bulkhead along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux, LA. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Nicholls Bayouside Project dollars for construction next year should be headed our way pretty soon.
- Checked to see if the Capital Outlay Priority 2 money could slide for next year construction, and will be submitting again to make sure we can keep that money rolling through the system.
- Lorio Foundation announced last week that they were going to make a $150,000 commitment for the next two years towards the projects.
- Lafourche Parish Government has agreed to the match for the Raceland Project across from the visitor center. They have agreed to own the asset after the Raceland Project is complete.
- We will do a paddle trip Saturday, September 28 with the Nicholls Baseball Team.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Hugh Caffery, Chairman   Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer