

March 18, 2024

A regular public meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 5:00p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman                      Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman  
                    Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer              Jake Giardina  
                    Ray Mayet                                                      Barry Soudelier  
                    Joe Boudreaux                                              Ernie Blanchard  
                    Dale Dennis                                                      Francis Richard

Absent were: Lance Authement; Chris Domangue

Also present were: Marlon Domangue, DCC; Kevin Rizzo, DCC  
                            Shane Guin, High Tide Consultants; Eric Dallimore, Stantec  
                            Jake Stahl; Henry & Hattie Templet; Josh Bordelon; Heather Armstrong  
                            Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Dustin Rabalais, Executive Director

Chairman Hugh Caffery began the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Mr. Caffery asked if we had a quorum, and we did.

Mr. 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 approve the minutes of February 19, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Commissioner Joe Boudreaux, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to approve the finance report. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais reported that all 4 pumps are up and running.

Mr. Rabalais reported that the Bayou operations are normal.

Mr. Eric Dallimore with Stantec, reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP). Delta Coast provided a video presentation of the progress.

Mr. Rabalais discussed Change Order #2 for the PCIP Project and asked for the Boards approval.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve Change Order #2 for the PCIP Project. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Shane Guin, High Tide Consultants, gave an update on the Melodia Boat Launch.

Mr. Rabalais discussed Change Order #2 for the Melodia Boat Launch Project and asked for the Boards approval.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve Change Order #2 for the Melodia Boat Launch Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais discussed the Substantial Completion submitted for the Melodia Boat Launch Project and recommends its acceptance.

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the acceptance of the Substantial Completion for the Melodia Boat Launch Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais discussed an agreement to donate the chipper to NSU.

Moved by Commissioner Ernie Blanchard, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the agreement to donate the chipper to NSU. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais discussed the amendment to the CSRS contract for disaster recovery.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Joe Boudreaux to approve the amendment to the CSRS contract for disaster recovery. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais discussed a motion to ratify the authority for Barry Marionneaux to sign a JDA with Stantec.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve the motion to ratify the authority for Barry Marionneaux to sign the JDA with Stantec. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais discussed a motion to ratify the authority for Barry Marionneaux to sign an agreement with Dunlap Fiore.

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan, seconded by Commissioner Ernie Blanchard to approve the motion to ratify the authority for Barry Marionneaux to sign an agreement with Dunlap Fiore.

Mr. Rabalais discussed a servitude for Ascension Parish and recommended its approval.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the servitude for Ascension Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais discussed an RFQ for Solicitation for Design Services for Donaldsonville Drainage Improvements Project.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to approve the RFQ for Solicitation for Design Services for Donaldsonville Drainage Improvements Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais gave an update on the Friends of Bayou Lafourche.

Mr. Rabalais gave his Executive Director's report.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to enter into executive session at 6:05pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard and unanimously approved to return to regular session.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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Hugh Caffery, Chairman

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Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer