

May 15, 2023

A regular public meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

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

Absent were: Jake Giardina

Also present were: Henry & Hattie Templet, Bayou Rowing; Jake Stahl
Josh Bordelon; Heather Armstrong; Barry Marionneaux, Attorney
Dustin Rabalais, Executive Director

Chairman Hugh Caffery began the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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 Chris Domangue, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the minutes of April 17, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Rabalais reported that pump #3 went out and we are syphoning on the other 3 pumps at the pump station.

Mr. Rabalais reported that the Bayou operations are normal.

Commissioner Ray Mayet read Resolution No. 2023-01, in full, to adopt the Terrebonne Parish millage rate of 2.11 for the tax year 2023. He asked for any public comments on Resolution No.2023-01 and there were none.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Joe Boudreaux to adopt Resolution No.2023-01. The roll was called and the votes were as follows: Yeas 10; Nays 0; Abstained 0; Absent 2. Resolution No. 2023-01 was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ray Mayet read Resolution No. 2023-02, in full, to adopt the multi-parish: Lafourche, Ascension & Assumption Parishes millage rate of 2.11 for the tax year 2023. He asked for any public comments on Resolution No.2023-02 and there were none.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to adopt Resolution No.2023-02. The roll was called and the votes were as follows: Yeas 10; Nays 0; Abstained 0; Absent 2. Resolution No. 2023-02 was passed unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP). The river is low, and construction has resumed.

Mr. Kevin Rizzo with Delta Coast Consultants gave an update on the pump station.

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

Mr. Rabalais discussed a proposal from Safeworx for safety training.

Moved by Commissioner Ernie Blanchard, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the proposal by Safeworx for safety training. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais discussed the Professional Services Agreement with BTNEP for Sewerage Inspections in the Bayou Folse Watershed.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to accept the Professional Services Agreement with BTNEP for Sewerage Inspections in the Bayou Folse Watershed, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais gave an update on the Melodia Boat Launch Project.

Mr. Rabalais asked the Board for approval to solicit advertisements for bid on the construction of the Melodia Boat Launch project.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the solicitation of advertisements for bid on the construction of the Melodia Boat Launch project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais asked the Board for approval to solicit advertisements for Debris Monitoring in Bayou Lafourche.

Moved by Commissioner Joe Boudreaux, seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue to approve the solicitation of advertisements for Debris Monitoring in Bayou Lafourche. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais asked the Board for approval to solicit advertisements for Debris Clean Up in Bayou Lafourche.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the solicitation of advertisements for Debris Clean Up in Bayou Lafourche. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais asked the Board for approval to solicit advertisements for the Grant Administration of the project titled "Drainage Improvements" located in the city of Donaldsonville, LA.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to approve the solicitation of advertisements for the Grant Administration of the project titled "Drainage Improvements" located in the city of Donaldsonville, LA. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matt Rivere gave an update on Friends of Bayou Lafourche.

Mr. Rabalais gave his executive director's report.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments. There were none.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer