

January 17, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux LA

Present were:	Hugh Caffery, Chairman	Dr. Darby Chiasson
	Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman	Larry Dugas
	Robert Thibodaux, Secretary/Treasurer	Greg Nolan
	Ron Animashaun	

Absent: Jake Giardina

Also present were: Alice Abney, CH2MHill; Joel Tillery, CH2MHill; Tim Harper, OCPR
Alma Robichaux, BTNEP; Will Norman, CMB Smith; Steve Shaw
Henry & Hattie Templet, Bayou Rowing; Rene Esuenault; Bruno Deleo
Donald Arceneaux; Stevie Smith, All South Consulting Engineers
David Plater; Robert Mire; Stacie Sagona; Jerry Waguespack
Archie Chaisson, Jr., Director; Jana Langley, Administrative Coordinator

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for nominations for the Election of Officers. Commissioner Robert Thibodaux made a motion to elect the same officers for 2012, which are Hugh Caffery, Chairman, Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman, and Robert Thibodaux, Secretary/Treasurer. Chairman Caffery asked for a second to the motion, and Commissioner Ron Animashaun seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Caffery advised that Earl Paddock could not make the meeting due to illness in his family. He will meet with us next week.

Ms. Alice Abney, CH2MHill, stated that the pump test report is in the process of being reviewed. Chairman Caffery proposed to meet with CH2MHill, Earl Paddock, and as many of the Board members to discuss the pump test. A discussion was held on when to hold the meeting, and the Board stated Wednesday the 25th in the morning is a good date. Ms. Abney advised that she would pass that on to Mr. Earl Paddock, and Mr. Chaisson advised that he would contact Earl.

Mr. Joel Tillery, CH2MHill, gave a recap on the pump station renovations. He advised that they did an extensive alternatives analysis to see what they thought would be best way to renovate the existing pumps. They did find two alternatives. One is Alternative 1d which is replacing the pumps and motors in-kind with exactly what we have at the pump station now, and adding the stand by generator. The other is Alternative 2c which is increasing the motor size to give us the opportunity to pump a little additional flow, and adding an adjustable speed to the motor so we could increase the range of flow. This alternative also includes a stand-by generator. The Board had also asked them to look at possibly providing one constant speed pump and motor, and one adjustable speed. The Modified Alternative 2c would include one 300HP with eddy current, and one 250HP constant speed motor.

Mr. Tillery also investigated some mechanical means, such as transmissions, hydraulic drives, etc. as requested by Commissioner Giardina. The basic answer is that all those things are doable but they would have to be custom fit and fabricated at a machine shop which would increase the cost. They would also require additional space on the pump station deck. It would be less efficient technologies.

Mr. Tim Harper, OCPR, reviewed the estimated budget for the pump renovations. Mr. Harper advised that Will Norman, CMB Smith, will be taking over the project. An in-depth discussion was held regarding which alternative would be best for the pump replacements.

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell asked if the District would be able to fund the additional money to add an eddy current drive to the second pump in Modified Alternative 2c. Mr. Harper answered if that is something the District would want to pursue, they could work that into the agreement that their legal staff is working on now.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Robert Thibodaux to approve the Modified Alternative 2c, which would include one 300HP with eddy current, and one 250HP constant speed motor for an estimated cost of \$2,530,243.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Larry Dugas, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Darby Chiasson to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of December 12, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Robert Thibodaux, seconded by Commissioner Ron Animashaun to approve the accounts payable for December. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Caffery stated that he e-mailed to the Board eleven items that he feels are priorities at this time. The eleven items are as follows: 1) summit conclusion review; 2) retreat; 3) master plan; 4) funding our master plan; 5) meeting and collaborating with the Joint Committee on Bayou Lafourche; 6) millage renewal; 7) pump station upgrade planning and construction; 8) pump test results report and action plan; 9) operations and maintenance manual; 10) vegetative blockage removal; 11) by March 2012 complete the Donaldsonville tree planting.

Chairman Caffery asked the Board to pin down for now Saturday, February 4th for the summit retreat, and also check to see if Mr. Jake could attend on that date.

Chairman Caffery advised that our millage will expire in 2013, and we have to hold an election before then. He would like to hold the election this year in either April or November. A discussion was held regarding when to hold the election.

Moved by Commissioner Robert Thibodaux, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Darby Chiasson and unanimously approved to tentatively hold the election in November of this year. The Board will discuss the election further, and that date may change.

Chairman Caffery advised that they have been going around and around about the tree planting. We were given the information of where the trees were taken out, but we didn't correlate where that

address is. Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell stated there is the legality of taking State funds and spending it on private property.

Chairman Caffery stated that he talked to Earl Paddock, and Earl suggested that they put the trees on the low water State property lines. Mr. Deleo stated that on Nick Porto's property the tree will be in the water. Chairman Caffery advised that they are trying to come up with an overall plan.

Chairman Caffery advised that Alma Robichaux has a list of the property owners who needs trees. Mr. Chaisson stated that BTNEP would like us to do something different rather than go through them. Vice-Chairman Harrell stated that he has a list of some of the property owners. Chairman Caffery advised that Stevie Smith has a list of tree contractors, and we also have somebody we were told about.

Mr. Chaisson stated that Alma is working on the mailings for the brochure for the Bayou Cleanup. She is having an organizational meeting tomorrow from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Plantation Room at Nicholls. Chairman Caffery advised that his company is adopting the section of the bayou from Valentine Bridge to the Bellevue Bridge for the Bayou Cleanup on March 31st.

Mrs. Templet stated that the Bayou Rowing Association will adopt a section of the bayou for the cleanup. They will attend the meeting tomorrow. Mr. Chaisson stated that he will check with Alma on what sections needs adopting, and will report to the Board on those sections.

Mr. Chaisson reported that the Company Canal structure was closed for twenty-one days due to saltwater intrusion. Overall the complaints were relatively understood once the saltwater problem was explained. There were two that just did not care about the water problem.

BAYOU OPERATIONS: CREWS: The harvesters are working north of the St John Bridge in heavy hydrilla. Second crew is working with the tug clearing hydrilla south of Thibodaux.

EQUIPMENT STATUS: Trucks: all operational; Boats and Harvesters: All operational.

PUMP STATION: RIVER STAGE: Beginning month: 12.43; Ending Month: 22.34; Current Stage: 20.11

PUMP OPERATION: No. Days Siphon: 19; No. Days Pumping: 12

STATION MAINTENANCE: Plumbers finished shower. Working with CHM2HILL running pumping test. General maintenance, yard work, and painting.

Mr. Chaisson stated that he e-mailed the Board a Corps proposal, and the Board stated that they did not receive it. Mr. Chaisson stated that he would send it again. A layer of the Corps budget was zeroed out this year. The proposal was for them to come in to oversee and manage the hydrilla issue, and give us some recommendations.

Mr. Chaisson advised that the evasive species coordinator with BTNEP has contact with the biology department at Nicholls. They may be able to pull samples and see if the flies survived and if the population is multiplying.

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

Mr. Chaisson advised that the building next door was scheduled to be appraised last week and we should get the appraisal sometime this week.

Commissioner Robert Thibodaux asked where we are at with the new barge. Mr. Chaisson stated that we have the plans and specs from 2007 when the last barge was built. All we would have to do is update the plans and specs. We would just have to get the Board's approval to go out for bid. Chairman Caffery asked Commissioner Robert Thibodaux and Archie look at what is entailed.

Mr. Chaisson advised that he has the new harvesters plans and specs available for the Board to look at. He will get copy to Mr. Jake tomorrow.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Larry Dugas to approve the Resolution for the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, and a copy of the adoption will be given to the auditor. Motion carried unanimously. (RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

Mr. Chaisson reported that the permit applications for AT&T crossings in Larose and Lockport will be deferred until the February meeting because AT&T is having problems obtaining signatures.

Mr. David Plater stated that recently there was a lot of news about the coastal plan and he was wondering if the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District has any feelings about the plans. Chairman Caffery advised that the only information he has is Stevie Smith participated in one of those meetings at his request to give us some feedback. Even though we were one of the five big priorities in the State Coastal Restoration Protection Authority, we don't seem to be carrying that same kind of weight in this master plan.

Mr. Stevie Smith stated that in the master plan there is a diversion in Bayou Lafourche that is part of the overall master plan. The diversion on Bayou Lafourche is one of the long term plans, and they are not seeing that as a high priority because they are not seeing it as cost effective as some other things across the coast. Chairman Caffery stated that Mr. Plater could attend the public meeting on January 24th on the master plan, and propose that Bayou Lafourche have more of a profile on that plan, and that would help us all.

Chairman Caffery advised that we should send a letter and Resolution to Garret Graves informing him that we had a summit, and found that there is great interest in us pursuing further cleaning out of the bayou to get it flowing. We want that to be prominent in the coastal master plan. Chairman Caffery thanked Mr. Plater for his good point.

Moved by Commissioner Larry Dugas, seconded by Commissioner Robert Thibodaux and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Robert Thibodaux, Secretary/Treasurer

On motion by Gene Harrell, seconded by Larry Dugas, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District Board of Commissioners was presented with the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, and said questionnaire was adopted by the governing body in an open meeting on January 17, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire and a copy of its adoption will be given to the auditor.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District on January 17, 2012.

/s/ Hugh Caffery
Chairman

/s/ Robert Thibodaux

Secretary/Treasurer