

October 25, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.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 Chris Domangue
 Dale Dennis Barry Soudelier
 Ray Mayet Francis Richard

Absent were: Jake Giardina; Scott LeBlanc; Lance Authement

Also present were: Ryan Perque; Josh Bordelon;
 Capt. Jake Stahl; Ernie Blanchard; George Toups;
 Barry Marionneaux, Atty.; Ben Malbrough, Executive Director;
 Heather Armstrong, Admin. Assistant

Chairman Hugh Caffery began the meeting at 5:05 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 Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the minutes of September 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Caffery asked for public comment and there were none.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the pump station is operating all 4 pumps.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the Bayou operations are normal.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the Line of Credit on the Hancock Whitney Bank account.

Mr. Malbrough reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP) and thanked everyone that attended the groundbreaking ceremony.

Mr. Malbrough reported the updates to the Phase 3 Permitting.

Mr. Malbrough announced and read aloud the Notice of Public Hearing to be held November 21, 2022 to adopt the proposed 2023 general fund budget, and proposed 2023 Pump Capacity Improvements Project budget.

Commissioner Ray Mayet then read aloud the proposed 2023 budget summaries and Mr. Malbrough asked for a Budget Committee to convene to review the budget to present to the full-board in November.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the group health premium for 2023 and asked that the Board move to accept or deny continuing to pay the active-employee group health premium for 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to continue paying the active-employee group health premium for 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough gave an update on the Melodia Boat Launch project.

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

- Mr. Perque announced his departure at the end of November
- Interviews for a new Executive Director will start this week
- Napoleonville Project- construction to begin the second week of November
- E.D. White bayou side project- in design phase
- Downtown Thibodaux project – solar lights installed
- Raceland Visitor Center project – groundbreaking in November

Chairman Caffery asked for any public comments.

Vice-Chairman Harrell thanked Mr. Malbrough and staff for the great job organizing the groundbreaking ceremony.

Mr. Ernie Blanchard had a comment about the bayou.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner to adjourn the meeting at 6:25p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer