December 17, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Ray Mayet

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman Francis Richard

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer

Barry Soudelier Jake Giardina

Dale Dennis

Absent were: Scott LeBlanc; Lance Authement; Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman; Donald Schwab;

Chris Domangue

Also present were: Ryan Perque, FOBL; Josh Bordelon;

Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Ben Malbrough, Executive Director

Heather Armstrong, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Hugh Caffery began the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of November 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the accounts payable report for December 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the finance report for December 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the pump station is still pumping around the clock. Everything is operating normally.

Mr. Malbrough reported that we had to close the Saltwater Control Structure in Lockport due to low water elevations. Will most likely be closed through the remainder of the week.

Mr. Malbrough discussed a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Ascension Parish Government regarding the Pump Capacity Improvements Project and the Donaldsonville Drainage Improvements Project. Modifications were made to the agreement granting Ascension Parish a right-away and BLFWD assuming the cost if the raw water intake needs to be relocated.

Mr. Malbrough asked the board to approve the execution of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Ascension Parish Government.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the execution of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Ascension Parish Government. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough announced preparations for a public hearing in January to revise Ordinance No. 5. If we are unable to meet in person due to restrictions, the meeting will be pushed back until the restrictions are lifted.

Mr. Malbrough reviewed the proposed renewal of the 2021 General Insurance policy. There was an increase in cost on the marine coverage due to all the recent storms. The proposed cost for the 2021 General Insurance policy is \$163,248.08 and he recommended its approval.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the renewal of the 2021 General Insurance policy for \$163,248.08. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the adoption of a Debt Service Management Policy for the Pump Capacity Improvements Project to be added to our Standard Operating Procedures. He recommends its approval.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the adoption of the Debt Service Management Policy for the Pump Capacity Improvements Project to be added to our Standard Operating Procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP). We received comments from SHPO and our consultant is working on making those revisions to the report. We also received comments from the City of Donaldsonville Historical District and Ascension Parish Tourism. We are working on setting up a meeting to get details on their expectations. The revised report is expected next week and will be resubmitted to the USACE for approval.

Mr. Malbrough discussed Change Order No. 3 on the North Water Control Structure for Final Balancing. It is a deduction in rip rap used totaling \$22,728.43 and he recommends its approval.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve Change Order No. 3 for Final Balncing, deduct of \$22,728.43. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough announced that he signed the contract on the Weir Removal Project with Sealevel Construction. The 190 day construction has officially started and we will start seeing some activity in the Bayou soon.

Mr. Malbrough discussed Change Order No. 1 on the Sediment Trap Dredging Project for Balancing and Substantial Completion Certificate. There was an increase in the amount of cubic yards dredged than initially estimated, resulting in a balance increase of \$60,578.10, and approval of substantial completion certificate to initiate the clear lien process. He recommends its approval.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve Change Order No.1 for the Sediment Trap Dredging balance increase of \$60,578.10 and approve the Substantial Conpletion Certificate. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough announced the change of the January Meeting date due to a holiday. Date to be announced at a later time.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by the Center for Traditional LA Boat Building to install a removable access ramp and floating dock along Bayou Lafourche in Lockport, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the permit application for the Center for Traditional LA Boat Building to install a removable access ramp and floating dock along Bayou Lafourche in Lockport. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by Dwight Foret to construct a 4 ft x 10 ft dock along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the permit application for Dwight Foret to construct a 4 ft x 10 ft dock along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by Aimee Rousseau to construct a wooden deck along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the permit application for Aimee Rousseau to construct a wooden deck along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by Casey Domingue to install bulkhead and construct a fishing pier along Bayou Lafourche in Belle Rose, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the permit application for Casey Domingue to install bulkhead and construct a fishing pier along Bayou Lafourche in Belle Rose. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that all the Board members received a spreadsheet with the employee pay increases per the performance evaluations, effective for January 1, 2021. Unless there is any objection, there is no need to enter executive session.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked if there was any objection to the spreadsheet as presented by Mr. Malbrough. There were none.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve the employee pay increases effective January 1, 2020 according to the spreadsheet presented by Mr. Malbrough per performance evaluations. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Discussed Floating Dock sales
- ➤ Nicholls Bayouside project bids received
- Discussed progress being made on Raceland Visitor Center project

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, second	ded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to adjourn the meeting at 5:40
p.m. Motion carried unanimously.	
Hugh Caffery, Chairman	Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer