March 22, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman Jake Giardina

Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman Chris Domangue
Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer Ray Mayet
Barry Soudelier Francis Richard

Scott LeBlanc

Absent were: Donald Schwab Dale Dennis

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Also present were: Josh Bordelon; Capt. Jake Stahl, Marine Expertise

David Boudreaux, Delta Coast; Ernie Blanchard; Ryan Perque, FOBL

Alma Robichaux, BTNEP; Barry Marionneaux, Attorney

Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Heather Armstrong, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Hugh Caffery began the meeting at 5:00 pm

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of February 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the accounts payable report for March 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the finance report for March 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the pump station has pumped the entire month of February, due to low water elevations, but has now started syphoning on all 4 pumps. Still having an issue with pump #4 and researching a resolution.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the water control structures have been opened/closed multiple times over the last few weeks and are operating as they should. Also, we are monitoring the bankline at the Donaldsonville boat launch with Delta Coast Consultants and will report any changes.

Mr. Malbrough announced preparations for a public hearing to discuss proposed revisions to Ordinance No. 5 at our next in person meeting.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the Pump Capacity Improvements Project. We have scheduled the first meeting with SHPO, USACE, and stakeholders to discuss the mitigation requests, via web-conference call.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the North Water Control Structure. Working with the contractor to resolve the hydraulic ram issue/repair. Once resolved, we can complete the final acceptance and release final payment/retainage and close this project.

Mr. Malbrough announced that the Weir Removal Project is making progress. Completing modifications on the City of Thibodaux's intake pumps. Demolition should start in April.

Mr. Hugh Caffery asked for volunteers for the Board Member Millage Committee to discuss our upcoming millage.

Mr. Malbrough discussed a Lease Agreement with Laurel Valley Plantation for a parcel of property near St. Charles By-Pass to construct a public boat launch with permanent or semi-permanent docks, an attendant parking lot and a building for equipment storage along Bayou Lafourche, and asked for the Boards acceptance as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, Seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to accept/execute the Lease Agreement with Laurel Valley Plantation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that he is seeking authorization to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with an engineer to do the preliminary design of the Laural Valley Property to include driveways, parking lot, boat launch and layout of storage building not to exceed \$30,000.00.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, Seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to authorize Ben Malbrough to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with an engineer to do the preliminary design of the Laural Valley Property to include driveways, parking lot, boat launch and layout of storage building not to exceed \$30,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit was submitted by Rodney Roddy to construct a walkway along bayouside behind property on Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, Seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the permit as submitted by Rodney Roddy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit was submitted by Kimberly Neil to construct a deck along bayouside behind property on Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, Seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the permit as submitted by Kimberly Neil. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- > Thanked Board for supporting the Laural Valley lease agreement
- Nicholls Bayouside project progressing
- Napoleonville Project working on design agreements
- Raceland Visitor Center project progressing
- Leeville Campaign
- floating docks 2 more being delivered
- FOBL/BLFWD monthly spot on KTIB Radio
- Weir Removal Boat Parade TBA

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments.

Alma Robichaux with BTNEP talked about the Bayou Lafourche Clean Up.

Capt. Jake Stahl commented on the 50-75lb catfish caught on the Bayou on March 11th.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman	Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer