November 16, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, November 16, 2020 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 Ray Mayet
Barry Soudelier Jake Giardina
Francis Richard Lance Authement

Absent were: Scott LeBlanc; Chris Domangue; Dale Dennis; Donald Schwab

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

Lee Bouziga, Edison Chouest Offshore

Doug Cheramie, AG Office; Capt. Jake Stahl, Marine Expertise

Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Heather Armstrong, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Hugh Caffery opened the public hearing at 5:03pm to review the 2021 Proposed Operational Budget and 2021 Proposed Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget.

Mr. Malbrough reviewed the Proposed 2021 Operational Budget and the Proposed 2021 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget.

Mr. Malbrough reviewed the Amended 2020 Operational Budget and Amended 2020 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments on the four budgets that were reviewed, and there were none.

The Public hearing adjourned at 5:33pm and the regular public meeting was called to order.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of October 19, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve the accounts payable report for October. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Malbrough reported that the Bayou operations are functioning as normal.

Mr. Malbrough introduced Mr. Lee Bouziga with Edison Chouest Offshore, to speak on behalf of its subsidiary, Expert Risers, who are submitting a Foreign Trade Zone Application and are asking for a Letter of No Objection from the Board. The Letter of No Objection would exempt Expert Risers from the Ad Valorem taxes paid on the storage of risers that are remitted to BLFWD.

Mr. Malbrough asked the Board to approve the submittal of the Letter of No Objection to Expert Risers.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the submittal of the Letter of No Objection to Expert Risers. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP). The 30-day consultation period is coming to an end and we are waiting to hear from the USACE what comments have been received and proceed accordingly.

Mr. Malbrough reported the progress on the North Water Control Structure Project. We are waiting to receive the Clear Lien Certificate and then can submit the Final Acceptance to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the progress on the Weir Removal Project. He explained the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Thibodaux regarding the Raw Water Intake Facility modifications. The Purpose of this Agreement is to design and construct modifications to the Intake Facility to accommodate altered water surface elevations anticipated as a result of the Project.

Mr. Malbrough recommended and asked the Board to approve the IGA with the City of Thibodaux.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Thibodaux regarding the raw water intake facility modifications. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that we have received several bids on the Weir Removal Project and the low bidder was Sea Level Construction with a base bid and alternate of \$750,995.00. The engineer has reviewed the bid and recommends awarding the contract to Sea Level Construction.

Mr. Malbrough asked the Board to accept the recommendation to award the Weir Removal Project to Sea Level Construction for a total bid of \$750,995.00.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to accept the recommendation and award the Weir Removal Project to Sea Level Construction for a total bid of \$750,995.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough asked the Board to move to adopt the Amended 2020 Operational Budget, Amended 2020 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget, 2021 Proposed Operational Budget and 2021 Proposed Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget, reviewed in the public hearing.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to approve the Amended 2020 Operational Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to approve the Amended 2020 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the Proposed 2021 Operational Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the Proposed 2021 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reviewed a bid that was submitted by Advance Forklift & Equipment LLC, for the fabrication and delivery of a self-propelled utility pontoon in the amount of \$274,450.00 and he recommends the acceptance of the bid.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Lance Authement to accept the bid provided by Advance Forklift & Equipment LLC, for the fabrication and delivery of a self-propelled utility pontoon in the amount of \$274,450.00. Motion carried unanimously.

The Discussion on the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Ascension Parish Government regarding the Pump Capacity Improvements Project and the Donaldsonville Drainage Improvements Project has been tabled until next meeting.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the proposed Ordinance No. 5 revisions to be presented in a public hearing at the December 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting.

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

- Nicholls bayou side project bids out November 24th
- > Napoleonville Project CEA being drafted.
- > Christmas Decorations on docks in Bayou in Thibodaux and Napoleonville
- Leeville campaign

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

> FOBL Membership promoting

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

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer