

August 18, 2025

A regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 5:00p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were:	Hugh Caffery, Chairman	Gene Harrell
	Ernie Blanchard, Vice-Chairman	Joe Boudreaux
	Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer	Chris Domangue
	Dale Dennis	Barry Soudelier

Absent were: Francis Richard

Also present were: Jan Rogers; Doug Cheremie; Henry & Hattie Templet; Jake Stahl; R.J. Roth, Sealevel
Eric Dalamore, Stantec; Shane Guin, High Tide; Josh Bordelon; Heather Armstrong;
Amy Hebert; Dustin Rabalais

Chairman Hugh Caffery began the meeting at 5:02 pm

Chairman Caffery stated that public comments can be made at any time in the regular 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 July 17, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Ernie Blanchard, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the accounts payable report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Joe Boudreaux to approve the finance report. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dustin Rabalais reported that we are operating on 3 pumps.

Mr. Rabalais reported that the Bayou operations are normal. Napoleonville and Lockport structures are on a weekly schedule of closed Monday through Thursday and opened for the weekend, pending sufficient water elevations.

Mr. Rabalais discussed the right-of-way agreement with the City of Donaldsonville and ask to table until he hears back from city officials.

Mr. Pernell Pellegrin presented the Annual Audit.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Ernie Blanchard, seconded by Commissioner Joe Boudreaux to accept the Annual Audit as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eric Dalamore with Stantec, reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP).

Mr. Rabalais discussed revised Change Order No. 9.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Ernie Blanchard, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve revised Change Order No. 9. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais gave an update on the Phase 3 Dredging Permitting/Design.

Mr. Rabalais and Mr. Shane Guin, discussed a motion to award the “St. Charles Community Bayou Park, Boat Launch, and Pavillion”, also known as Melodia Boat Launch Pavillion and Sign Package to Foret Contracting Group, LLC for \$174,900.00 and authorize the executive director to sign and execute all appropriate documents for construction.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to award the “St. Charles Community Bayou Park, Boat Launch, and Pavillion”, also known as Melodia Boat Launch Pavillion and Sign Package to Foret Contracting Group, LLC for \$174,900.00 and authorize the executive director to sign and execute all appropriate documents for construction. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais discussed a motion to approve value engineering “Change Order #1” for the deduct of Item Number 109 “Sign Package” in the amount of \$25,200.00 (Deduct) for the project titled: “St. Charles Community Bayou Park, Boat Launch, and Pavillion” and authorize the executive director to sign and execute all appropriate documents.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ernie Blanchard to approve the value engineering “Change Order #1” for the deduct of Item Number 109 “Sign Package” in the amount of \$25,200.00 (Deduct) for the project titled: “St. Charles Community Bayou Park, Boat Launch, and Pavillion” and authorize the executive director to sign and execute all appropriate documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais discussed a motion to authorize the executive director to sign and execute amendment #1 to the “Tainter Gate Study & Analysis Report” with GIS Engineering not to exceed \$129,000.00. Tabled until further notice.

Mr. Rabalais asked to amend the agenda to include a motion and discussion to authorize the Executive Director to sign and execute a Commitment of Funds Letter to the Office of Community Development for the project titled, “Bayou Lafourche Pump Project” in the amount of \$1,594,028.00 (One million, five hundred, ninety-four thousand, twenty-eight dollars).

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to amend the agenda and authorize the Executive Director to sign and execute a Commitment of Funds Letter to the Office of Community Development for the project titled, “Bayou Lafourche Pump Project” in the amount of \$1,594,028.00 (One million, five hundred, ninety-four thousand, twenty-eight dollars). Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Amy Hebert gave an update on the Friends of Bayou Lafourche.

Mr. Rabalais gave his Executive Directors Report.

Chairman Caffery asked for any public comments.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Ernie Blanchard, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer