

January 12, 2026

A regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 5:00p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

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

Absent were: Joe Boudreaux

Also present were: Jan Rogers; Jake Stahl; Robert Theriot; Eric Dalamore, Stantec; Shane Guin, High Tide; Matthew LeBourgeois, Sealevel; Corey Simoneaux, Sealevel; John Borne, Sealevel; Kevan Keiser, GIS; Josh Bordelon; Heather Armstrong; Amy Hebert; Dustin Rabalais

Chairman Hugh Caffery began the meeting at 5:00 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.

Chairman Caffery opened the floor for nominations for the slate of officers for 2026.

Commissioner Barry Soudelier nominated the current officers: Chairman Hugh Caffery, Vice-Chairman Ernie Blanchard and Secretary-Treasurer Greg Nolan for 2026. Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any other nominations, and there were none.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Gene Harrell and unanimously approved to close nominations and approve Chairman Hugh Caffery, Vice-Chairman Ernie Blanchard and Secretary-Treasurer Greg Nolan as the officers for 2026.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the minutes of December 15, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to approve the accounts payable report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Ernie Blanchard, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to approve the finance report. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Blanchard stated there was not a quorum at the last Project Committee Meeting, so no formal discussion was had.

Mr. Dustin Rabalais reported that we are operating on all 4 pumps.

Mr. Rabalais reported that the Bayou operations are normal.

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

Mr. Rabalais asked to table Change Order 13 for the PCIP until next meeting.

Mr. Kevan Kaiser with GIS, gave an update on the Phase 3 Dredging Permitting/Design.

Mr. Rabalais asked for a motion authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Calabro Law Firm, APLC for legal services pertaining to Phase 3 dredging project.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Calabro Law Firm, APLC for legal services pertaining to Phase 3 dredging project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais discussed the annual adoption of the resolution for Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for 2025 audit.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ernie Blanchard to adopt the resolution for the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for 2025 audit. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Rabalais gave his Executive Directors Report.

Mr. Kevin Beyer gave an update on the Donaldsonville Drainage Improvements Project.

Mr. Rabalais asked to amend the agenda to add the substantial completion of the Melodia Pavilion.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the amendment of the agenda to include the substantial completion of the Melodia Pavilion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shane Guin gave an update on the Melodia Pavilion.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the substantial completion of the Melodia Pavilion once Entergy connects power. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Caffery asked for any public comments.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Ernie Blanchard, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer