

November 17, 2025

A regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:00p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Ernie Blanchard, Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell
Francis Richard Joe Boudreaux
Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer Barry Soudelier
Dale Dennis

Absent were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman; Chris Domangue

Also present were: Jan Rogers; Jake Stahl; Henry & Hattie Templet;
Eric Dalamore, Stantec; Corey Simoneux, Sealevel;
John Borne, Sealevel; Matt LeBourgeois, Sealevel; Grace Fousell, GIS;
Josh Bordelon; Heather Armstrong; Amy Hebert; Dustin Rabalais

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard and unanimously approved to open the public hearing at 5:00 pm on the Proposed 2026 Operational Budget, and Proposed 2026 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget.

Vice-Chairman Ernie Blanchard asked for any public comments.

Mr. Blanchard asked again for public comment. There were none.

Moved by Commissioner Joe Boudreaux, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to adjourn the Public Hearing and to open the Public Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Blanchard 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 Dale Dennis, seconded by Commissioner Gene Harrell to approve the minutes of October 20, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Vice-Chairman Blanchard gave his summary on the October 24th Project Committee Meeting.

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

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

Mr. Rabalais reported that the Bayou operations are normal and the Theriot Gate has been repaired.

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

Mr. Rabalais discussed Change Order #11 for the PCIP.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, Seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve Change Order #11 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Rabalais reviewed the 2026 Proposed Operational Budget and 2026 Proposed Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget.

Vice-Chairman Blanchard asked for public comment. There were none.

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the Proposed 2026 Operational Budget and Proposed 2026 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais asked the Board to move to adopt the Amended 2025 Operational Budget and Amended 2025 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget.

Vice-Chairman Blanchard asked for public comment. There were none.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve the Amended 2025 Operational Budget and Amended 2025 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Rabalais gave his Executive Directors Report.

Vice-Chairman Blanchard asked for any public comments.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to enter into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Joe Boudreaux to return to regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Ernie Blanchard, Vice-Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer