

August 20, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, August 20, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman	Windell Curole
Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman	Larry Dugas
Gregory Nolan, Sr.	Jake Giardina
Ron Animashaun	Francis Richard

Absent: None

Also present: Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Judge William Dupont; Robert Thibodaux; Henry Templet; Donald Arceneaux; Bruno Deleo; Jerry Waguespack; Nick Porto; Stacy Sagona; Ed Harlan; Bob Blair; Joel Tillery, CH2MHill; Nick Porto; Robert Mire; Matt Ledet; T. Baker Smith; Alma Robichaux, BTNEP; Stevie Smith, All South Engineers; Archie Chaisson, Jr., Director

Two new commissioners, Windell Curole and Francis Richard, were sworn in by Judge William DuPont. Chairman Caffery welcomed the two new commissioners.

Alan Offner , Foley & Judell, reviewed the proposition information for the millage election.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Windell Curole and unanimously approved to adopt the Resolution for the millage election for twenty years.

Chairman Caffery stated that Jana is not here tonight because her husband had his transplant and it was successful. Chairman Caffery asked that we keep him in our prayers.

Moved by Commissioner Ron Animashaun, seconded by Commissioner Larry Dugas to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of July 16, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Ron Animashaun to approve the accounts payable for July. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Caffery advised that the Executive Director position is posted on monster. com and in newspapers.

Mr. Barry Marionneaux informed the Board that the intergovernmental agreement for the twenty million CIAP money is close to being finalized.

Moved by commissioner Windell Curole, seconded by Jake Giardina and unanimously approved to authorize Mr. Marionneaux to send a letter to the AG's office to get an opinion as to the legal rights that the railroad in Donaldsonville has regarding the public waterway in Bayou Lafourche. Mr. Marionneaux will draft a letter for the Board to review before mailing it out.

Archie Chaisson gave a review of the property issue at the discharge hill regarding the Bradford's.

Moved by commissioner Windell Curole, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina and unanimously approved to give Chairman Caffery the right to pursue a restraining order regarding the Bradford issue with the recommendation of Mr. Marionneaux.

Commissioner Larry Dugas asked the Board if they are aware of the new deck being built at the water's edge near the Sonic Bridge. Chairman Caffery stated that we need to check on that.

Chairman Caffery stated that the information on the bayou operations and pump station operations were e-mailed to the Board.

Mr. Chaisson stated that the pump station was shut down Saturday and Sunday due to rain . They were mixing water for People's Water Company during the shutdown.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Greg Nolan to approve the finance report. The Chairman called for a vote on the motion and it was approved with the exception of Windell Curole and Francis Richard abstaining from voting.

Joel Tillery gave a recap on the CDBG 2.9 million grant pump station rehab project. He reviewed the schedule of the project, and advised that they are waiting on the Corps permit.

Commissioner Jake Giardina recommended checking to see if a Corps permit is required. He also recommended checking on possibly using steel pole connection rather than the existing power pole connection. Chairman Caffery recommended checking on underground connection. Mr. Tillery stated that he would check on all the recommendations.

Moved by Commissioner Ron Animashaun, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to nominate Greg Nolan as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Caffery introduced Judge William DuPont. Judge DuPont stated that Judge Guidry is retiring, and he is running for the First Circuit Court of Appeal. He asked for everyone's vote.

Robert Thibodaux advised that he received a letter from the Governor removing him from the Board because his four year term was up. The Governor said he is doing a good job. Mr. Thibodaux advised that he has been coming to the meetings since 1994.

Mr. Thibodaux stated that Chairman Caffery removed him from the Board. He went to a public official six months ago and offered his position to that public official. He just wanted to set the record straight. Things are being done under the table.

Mr. Thibodaux stated that Chairman Caffery called to talk to him and told him that issues should go through him, and he asked Hugh if he was censoring what he should say.

Mr. Thibodaux stated that he was doing what is best for Bayou Lafourche and in the best interest for the people of Lafourche, Ascension, and Assumption. He stated that if the northern part is not done, Bayou Lafourche will end up a disaster. Bayou Lafourche is dying a slow death. Bayou Lafourche is everybody's responsibility.

Chairman Caffery thanked Robert Thibodaux for his many years of service. He thanked Robert for his four years of service as commissioner.

Bruno Deleo stated that everything Robert said is true, and he has done a hell of a good job. He hates to see him off the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Larry Dugas and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman.

Gregory Nolan, Sec./Treasurer