August 17, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer Ray Mayet
Barry Soudelier Jake Giardina
Chris Domangue Dale Dennis
Donald Schwab Lance Authement
Francis Richard Scott LeBlanc

Absent were: None

Also present were: Ryan Perque, FOBL; Josh Bordelon; Barry Marionneaux, Attorney;

Kristyn Childers, Millage Management, LLC; David Boudreaux, Delta Coast Consultants;

Pernell Pellegrin, Martin and Pellegrin CPA; Ben Malbrough, Executive Director

Heather Armstrong, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Hugh Caffery began the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Donald Schwab, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of July 20, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the accounts payable for August. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab to approve the finance report for August. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that we are no longer siphoning at the pumping station. The station has started pumping around the clock. Everything is operating normally.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the revised specifications of the "Green Machine" (barge mounted excavator) replacement and subsequent solicitation of bids.

Chairman Hugh Caffery advised that we are moving up agenda item 11.c on the discussion of the millage rates for Terrebonne Parish that were adopted at the July 20, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Malbrough recommended the opportunity for the Board to form a Millage Review Committee to discuss the millage rates for 2020 across all parishes due the current economic situation, and to rescind Resolution No. 2020-2, to roll forward to the maximum allowed of 2.11 for Terrebonne Parish.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Commissioner Don Schwab to form a Millage Review Committee and rescind Resolution 2020-2, to roll forward to the maximum allowed of 2.11 for Terrebonne Parish.

Commissioner Chris Domangue recommended tabling the motion to rescind until the Millage Review Committee has the opportunity to review the budget needs and proceed accordingly. If it was determined that the already approved millage rate of 2.11 was most appropriate, it would eliminate the need to go through the adoption process again. Conversely, if it was determined most appropriate to reduce the millage rate, the entire process of rescinding

the already approved rate and approving the reduced rate can take place at the September meeting and still meet all deadlines.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to table the motion to rescind Resolution No. 2020-2, to roll forward to the maximum allowed of 2.11 for Terrebonne Parish, until the Millage Review Committee has the opportunity to review the budget needs. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for a Commissioner from each parish to make up the Millage Review Committee.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the millage rates for Lafourche, Assumption and Ascension Parishes to be adopted at the September 2020 board meeting.

Mr. Pernell Pellegrin of Martin & Pellegrin, CPAs presented the BLFWD 2019 financial audit. The audit was completed on April 6, 2020. He stated that the BLFWD received a clean report and has fulfilled the audit obligation for another year.

Mr. Malbrough recommended that the motion be made to approve the BLFWD 2019 financial audit as presented.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the BLFWD 2019 financial audit as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Francis Richard recommended updated practices to the accounting procedures that will be adopted to the SOP.

Mr. Malbrough reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP). We have been working to expedite the architectural and archeological review. We have been in contact with the USACE to elevate the issue and move forward. USACE should issue their "effects determination" within the next two weeks to SHPO for review.

Mr. Malbrough reported the progress on the North Water Control Structure Project. The gate is operable, and the substantial completion is expected in the next week.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the progress on the Weir Removal Project. The project is still in a waiting period. Once we receive the substantial completion on the North Water Control Structure, it can go out for bid.

Mr. Malbrough discussed and recommended the approval of Amendment No.5 to the Professional Services Contract with Duplantis Design Group relating to the Resident Project Inspection during construction of the Weir Removal Project, not to exceed \$22,262.60.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve Amendment No.5 to the Professional Services Contract with Duplantis Design Group relating to the Resident Project Inspection during construction of the Weir Removal Project, not to exceed \$22,262.60. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by Allison Fakier to construct a bulkhead along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the permit application for Allison Fakier to construct a bulkhead along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit application was submitted by Friends of Bayou Lafourche to construct Phase 1 of Nicholls Bayou Side Trailhead along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to approve the permit application for Friends of Bayou Lafourche to construct Phase 1 of Nicholls Bayou Side Trailhead along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- ➤ Nicholls bayou side project survey and geotechnical study is complete.
- Raceland Visitors Center Trailhead agreement amended with DOTD
- Napoleonville Project is moving along
- Kayak and paddle boat rental options being looked at along the Bayou
- Floating Dock grant submitted

Mr. Malbrough stated in his Executive Director's report that Mrs. Jana Langley has formally submitted her retirement, effective September 19, 2020. Mrs. Langley has been with the BLFWD for 30 years and is the longest tenured employee in BLFWD history. She has been an invaluable asset to the District and we are sad to see her go. Mr. Malbrough stated that once the current circumstances are behind us, we will invite Mrs. Langley to a board meeting to give everyone an opportunity to publicly express their gratitude and appreciation for all of her years of service and dedication to BLFWD.

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

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| Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded Motion carried unanimously. | by Commissioner Don Schwab to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m |
| Hugh Caffery, Chairman | Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer |