December 14, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman Francis Richard

Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman Donald Schwab
Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer Eli Miles, Jr.
Lance Authement Ray Mayet
Judge Jimmy Gaidry Chris Domangue

Absent: Ron Animashaun, Jake Giardina

Also present: Dustin Rabalais, T. Baker Smith; Alma Robichaux, BTNEP; Tiffany Bergeron

Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Leo Sternfels, Arthur Gallagher Insurance; Mike Sobert

John Lafargue; Janice Miles; Joe Cancienne; Jason Kennedy; Melissa Cloutet

Henry Templet; Hattie Templet; Nick Porto; Jerry Waguespack Garland Pennison, HDR Engineering; Robert Mire; Doodie Mire

Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Jana Langley, Administrative Assistant

Chris Domange, Terrebonne Parish, and Ray Mayet, Lafourche Parish were sworn in as new commissioners by Judge Edward "Jimmy" Gaidry. Chairman Caffery welcomed the new commissioners, and thanked Judge Gaidry.

Moved by Commissioner Donald Schwab, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of November 16, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Greg Nolan to approve the accounts payable for November. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. to approve the finance report for November. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ben Malbrough advised that the pumping report was sent to the Board members, and everything is pretty normal. We are expecting the contractor to bring the repaired pump back to the pump station this week or next. He reported that the river has come up substantially lately so our pumping capacity is sufficient. Mr. Malbrough reported that repairs were done on some of the bayou equipment.

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell asked about the projected completion of the sediment trap dredging, and Mr. Malbrough answered that they are about 80 -85% complete. He advised that we are preparing a plan with the contractor to repair the boat launch, and it should be between \$12,000 - \$18,000.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for a status on the Donaldsonville Drainage Improvements Project, and Mr. Malbrough answered that Stevie Smith and All South Consulting have gotten the approval to move forward on preparing the final plans and specifications for that project to be ready to bid out when the funding is in place which should not be more than three months.

Mr. Malbrough reported that Representative Dee Richard requested to be on the agenda to discuss Board appointments, especially as it relates to Lafourche Parish. He advised that he planned to be at the meeting but could not attend because something came up, and he got caught up in Lafayette.

Mr. Malbrough advised that Representative Richard drafted a letter, and requested that his letter be given to the Board. He laid out some questions in his letter that he would like answered regarding the Lafourche Parish Board appointments. Mr. Malbrough stated that Jana and he reviewed the letter, and we will take care of replying to the six questions for him. Chairman Hugh Caffery requested that the Board get a copy of the answers provided to Representative Richard.

Mr. Malbrough requested that an item be added to the agenda to discuss Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with T. Baker Smith for the Phase 2 Dredging Project.

Moved by Commissioner Judge Jimmy Gaidry, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard and unanimously approved to amend the agenda by two-thirds vote to discuss Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with T. Baker Smith for the Phase 2 Dredging Project.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the amendment would approve the fees that would correlate to developing the change order for 2.6 miles of additional dredging. It will all be time and material work. We have had discussions with CPRA about continuing the dredging for an additional 2.6 miles, and there have been funding made available through the CIAP program.

Moved by Commissioner Judge Jimmy Gaidry, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab to approve Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Service Agreement with T. Baker Smith for the Phase 2 Dredging Project. The purpose of the amendment is to approve fees that would correlate to developing the change order for 2.6 miles of additional dredging in the Phase 2 project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dustin Rabalais, T. Baker Smith, gave an update on the Mississippi River Reintroduction into Bayou Lafourche Phase 2 Project as follows: The contract is 450 days. We are at contract date 189. There are 261 remaining days. Disposal Site 1-100% fill material delivered. Site 2- Delivery of dredge material in process. Site 3-85% fill material delivered. Site 4-100% fill material delivered. Site 5-50% fill material delivered. Site 6- Containment built. Mr. Rabalais advised that they have been working on Phase 2A, which is the 2.6 additional miles we referenced earlier. They will begin surveys, aerial photography, and get temporary access points.

Mr. Malbrough advised that he would like to advertise for Request for Statement of Intentions and Qualifications for the Analysis and Design of the Pumping Capacity Improvements Project. He advised that the pump station is a project that we could move forward on the design today.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. and unanimously approved to advertise for Request for Statement of Intentions and Qualifications for the Analysis and Design of the Pumping Capacity Improvements Project. The deadline will be February 19, 2016 to receive qualifications.

Mr. Malbrough advised that he would like to advertise for Request for Statement of Intentions and Qualifications for the Analysis and Design of the Thibodaux Weir Removal Project. He advised that December 2016 we will have a saltwater control structure in place in Bayou Lafourche in Lockport.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell and unanimously approved to advertise for Request for Statement of Intentions and Qualifications for the Analysis and Design of the Thibodaux Weir Removal Project. The deadline will be set to after our January meeting so that we can decide at our January meeting if we need to postpone it until later.

Mr. Leo Sternfels, Arthur Gallagher Insurance, reviewed the insurance coverage summary for the insurance renewal effective January 1, 2016. He advised that site pollution and cyber privacy liability are new coverages which the District didn't have previously.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for an explanation of what we would be covered for, and Mr. Sternfels answered remediation. Mr. Barry Marionneaux stated that if some bad chemicals hit the Mississippi River unbeknownst to us, our first line of defense is we are a governmental entity and plead immunity. We have to have in place strict written policies that have been followed to have that immunity.

Chairman Hugh Caffery recommended that the insurance committee review the site pollution coverage. Mr. Malbrough recommended that we approve all of the insurance coverages at a renewal cost of \$162,365.66, and the insurance committee will report back on the site pollution and cyber coverage.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to approve the insurance coverages at a renewal cost of \$162,365.66 effective January 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough advised that we have entertained the idea assisting in the formulation of a non-profit that would basically promote recreation, beautification, and other mandates of the District. He stated that Barry and he met with the Attorney General's office to get assurances that we could finance the inception of this organization through a cooperative endeavor agreement. The Attorney General's office that says everything is in line, and we are okay to proceed if the Board sees fit.

Mr. Malbrough stated that the District would initially fund some of the Friends of Bayou Lafourche's efforts until it can stand on its own through private donations. They will have the right to invoice the Fresh Water District for expenses not to exceed \$6,000.00 per month.

Moved by Commissioner Donald Schwab, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. and unanimously approved to adopt the resolution authorizing Ben Malbrough to enter into and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Friends of Bayou Lafourche, Inc., and to sign any documents necessary to satisfy the obligations of said agreement.

Moved by Commissioner Donald Schwab, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell and unanimously approved to grant a permit for Atmos Energy to bore a 4" gas line fifteen below the finished dredge elevation, located upstream of Highway 1008 Bridge in Assumption Parish, Napoleonville, LA.

Mr. Garland Pennison, HDR Engineers, distributed to the Board the 30% preliminary engineering report on the railroad bridge. He reported that there has been a really good relationship with Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District and Union Pacific. The construction will be done under traffic. He gave a brief description of how the bridge will be constructed. The estimated construction cost will be four million dollars. UP has agreed to take over final design of the bridge. The expected completion should be before the end of 2016.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments. Mr. Mike Sobert stated that he would like to bring Christmas greetings to the Board from Consolidated Waterworks. They are about 85% complete on the 36" line running from the Schriever water plant. He welcomed new Terrebonne Board member Chris Domange, and Mr. Mayet from Lafourche Parish.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman	Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer