

February 19, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman
Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer
Chris Domangue
Eli Miles, Jr.
Jake Giardina
Donald Schwab
Francis Richard
Ray Mayet
Scott LeBlanc

Absent: Lance Authement, Gene Harrell

Also present: Dan Grandal, Stantec; Eric Dallimore, Stantec; Stevie Smith, All South Consulting
Alma Robichaux, BTNEP; Ryan Perque, FOBL, John Lafargue, FOBL; Henry Templet; Hattie Templet
Chip Badeaux, Thibodaux City Councilman; David Boudreaux; Mitch Marmande; Cyndi Guion
Josh Bordelon; Robert Mire; Barry Marionneaux, Atty.; Ben Malbrough, Executive Director
Jana Langley, Administrative Assistant

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Greg Nolan to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of January 22, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Barry Marionneaux, attorney, administered the Oath of Office for Commissioner Greg Nolan for the reappointment to the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Scott LeBlanc to approve the accounts payable for January. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the finance report for January. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ben Malbrough reported that he distributed to the Board the pumping summary. He reported that everything is operating as normal at the pump station and in the bayou.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina and unanimously approved to amend the agenda by two-thirds vote to allow Mr. Chip Badeaux, Thibodaux Councilman, to address the Board.

Mr. Chip Badeaux stated that he is here as a City Councilman to update the Board as to what occurred nine months ago regarding an idea to create a boat launch in the City of Thibodaux. The Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Bayou Lafourche, and everybody seemed to be onboard so we took a vote and got it passed. Duplantis created a study for us, and it showed locations for a boat launch, and economic development and recreation that it would create.

Mr. Badeaux advised that Ryan Perque and John Lafargue offered their assistance and he agreed. He stated that all of a sudden his boat launch turned into a kayak and canoe launch. He stated that he thinks that is great for the Donaldsonville for the tourism part of the community. Mr. Badeaux advised that the locals in this town want a boat launch, and he is trying to pursue it within the city limits of Thibodaux. He left a copy of the study with Ben

and Hugh to review. He stated that when the kayak and canoe launch began to show some progress, he thought maybe it is because in the study Duplantis recommended that we not do anything in the city but we improve Leighton. Mr. Badeaux stated that he is opposed to improving Leighton because it is outside of the city, and there is not enough parking. The parish did allocate \$50,000 to improve Leighton, and he stated that is fine.

Mr. Badeaux advised that he met with Jean Lafitte National Park, and Angela has no objections to a boat launch. He advised that his study is now in the Dept. of the Interior in Washington, DC. He wanted to update the Board as where they are at with this particular project, and he plans to continue to pursue it.

Mr. Badeaux asked Hugh if either Ben or he would consider attending their council meeting and updating them as to what the Board is doing, and Hugh answered sure we will be happy to make a presentation of our recent past, current and future plans.

Mr. Dan Grandal, Stantec, gave a progress update on the Donaldsonville Pump Capacity Improvements Project:

- **30% design is complete. Draft turned in to Ben for review.**
- **60% by 5/2018 – Submittal of USACE Permit**
- **90% by 10/2018**
- **Final Construction Documents 12/2018**
- **2 Year Construction Period 12/2020**
- **Design Features: 1000 CFS of Pumping Capacity upgradable to 1500 CFS**
 - 4 – 250 CFS pumps with bays for 2 additional pumps.
 - 6 - 84” Intake Pipes
 - 6 - 78” Discharge Pipes into Bayou
 - Emergency Generation Facilities (5 Days of Standby Operation)
- **Additional Design Features**
 - 50 Ton Overhead Bridge Crane; Enclosed Electrical and SCADA Room; Remote Operation
 - Operations Safe Room; Protective Dolphins
 - Improvements to Bayou Lafourche: Sedimentation Basin and Marchand Bridge
- **Design Costs**

Pump Station	\$51.1 Million
Total with 15% Contingency	\$58.6 Million
Bayou Lafourche Improvements	\$ 3.7 Million
Total with 10% Contingency	<u>\$ 4.1 Million</u>
Grand Total	\$62.8 Million
- **Operational Costs.** Electrical Study was done based on different levels in river.
- **Showed BIM (Building Information Model) Renderings**
- **Showed Plan Drawings of Site Layout, Floor Plan, Section View, and Generator Facility**
- **Reviewed Hydraulic Models Intake and Discharge**
- **Generator Facility**
 - 2 Standby Generators, 1000 kw Each; Mix Fuel: Natural Gas and Diesel
 - 5 Days of Uninterrupted Standby Service; Enclosed Storm Rated Exterior Units
- **SCADA System**
 - Simple User Interface; Remote Control and Monitoring; River and Bayou levels for Operation level
 - Programmed to maximize siphoning and reduce energy costs; Manual Over-ride for all systems
 - Alarms for system failures and automatic transfer

➤ **Water Facility Intake Relocation**

▪ **Ascension Parish**

- Option 1: Independent Facility; Option 2: Locate at Proposed Facility
- Option 3: Locate at Existing Facility; Possible Future Expansion

Mr. Malbrough reported that they have identified four potential locations for the water control structure project. They have identified the landowners on either side of the bayou, and will begin contacting them individually to discuss moving forward on right-of-way agreements, and access agreements.

Mr. Malbrough advised that we had currently rolled our millage rates back so we are assessing the least amount of millage that we can because the Board had voted to do that with the tough times in the economy. He stated that this year we need to make a decision whether we stay at our reduced millage rates or roll forward to our maximum millage rates of 2.11. Mr. Malbrough recommended that we stay at our current rate of 2.03 for Lafourche, Assumption and Ascension parishes, and 2.06 for Terrebonne parish from 2018. Mr. Malbrough stated that it would be a total increase for the four parishes of \$140,000 if we roll forward to 2.11.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab and unanimously approved to keep our current millage rates of 2.03 for Lafourche, Assumption and Ascension parishes, and 2.06 for Terrebonne parish for 2018.

Mr. Malbrough reported that we had multiple appraisals done on the Kocke concrete plant property across the bayou from the sediment trap in Donaldsonville. It is 5.7 acres, and there is an existing truck scale on the property which the Kocke's want to maintain because they still utilize the truck scale. We discussed with them that we could subdivide approximately .6 acres out, which would be just enough of area for them to get a truck in to weigh it. We would own from the bayou to the highway right-of-way.

Mr. Malbrough advised that one appraisal was \$500,000, and the other was \$640,000. We are looking at \$515,763, which is taking the difference in the two appraisals and pulling out the .6 acres and the value of the scale.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab and unanimously approved to allow Barry Marionneaux and Ben Malbrough to draft up the purchase agreement with Kocke to purchase the property for \$515,763, with the understanding that the number is correlated to the area being .6 acres. We will also include that we have the option to purchase the .6 acres if they ever intend to sell it. Mr. Barry Marionneaux included that we can do an addendum to both appraisals to get an average of the totals.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the insurance committee met, which is made up of Francis Richard, Chris Domange and himself, to discuss how to proceed long term regarding our insurance policies. They analyzed our policies, limits, coverage and premiums dating back to 2005, and how they have progressed. We also took into consideration the service of the existing insurance, and how we are compensating the agent. It was the recommendation of the insurance committee to move our insurance agent of record from Gallagher Insurance to Louisiana Companies. Louisiana Companies has served two years as our risk manager, and has assisted us in refining our insurance policies as we have them today. Right now we are charged a percentage of the premiums, and with Louisiana Companies it will be a fixed flat fee of \$15,000.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Chris Domange and unanimously approved authorize Ben Malbrough to sign over the insurance agent of record from Gallagher Insurance to Louisiana Companies with a proposed fixed flat fee of \$15,000.

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

- The advisory committees are coming together. We will be meeting with the Donaldsonville group next week.
- We have been heavily involved with several of the Nicholls classes who are looking at Friends of Bayou Lafourche from an outreach, advertising, and social media.
- The Nicholls Bayou Development Project is moving along. We signed an agreement with a local design firm.
- We sent out invitations for people to participate in the steering committee, and we are looking at beginning those meeting sometime in late March or early April.
- Things are coming together for the St. Patrick's Day on the bayou event on March 17th.
- We submitted a grant today to do a large scale campaign across the four parishes of the district, which will include everything from brochures to integrated website maps to smartphone applications and videos. It will show all the purposes of Bayou Lafourche and all the potential aspects of it.

Mr. Malbrough advised that we are still waiting on the Corps of Engineers permit on the Donaldsonville Drainage Improvements Project in Donaldsonville.

Commissioner Francis Richard asked about the property next to the shop, and Mr. Malbrough answered that both properties were appraised. The house next door is now vacant but the property owner does not want to sell it right now. The Lagarde's are interested in selling, and Ben Harang with Donnes Real Estate is supposed to be reaching out to them with the appraisal.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments. Mr. Mitch Marmande advised that now is the time to try to permit whatever we are doing because they are having unbelievable success with the Corps.

Mr. Ben Malbrough stated that next month the Board will be presented with a proposal from Stantec to get to 60% for the Donaldsonville Pump Capacity Improvements Project.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 7: 15 p.m.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer

