

January 22, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the water district office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were:	Hugh Caffery, Chairman	Eli Miles, Jr.
	Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman	Chris Domangue
	Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer	Ray Mayet
	Donald Schwab	Lance Authement
	Jake Giardina	Francis Richard

Absent: Scott LeBlanc

Also present were: Greg Chatelain, Delta Coast; Ryan Perque, FOBL; Henry Templet Hattie Templet; Josh Bordelon; Robert Mire; Jerry Waguespack Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Ben Malbrough, Executive Director Jana Langley, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for nominations for the slate of officers for 2019. Commissioner Ray Mayet nominated the current slate of officers for 2019. Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any other nominations, and there were none. Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab to close the nominations. Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab and unanimously approved to nominate the current slate of officers for 2019.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of December 20, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab to approve the accounts payable for December. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. to approve the finance report for December. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough advised that everything is operating normal at the pump station. They have been siphoning. The bayou crew has been removing trees along the bayou. They are looking for ways to relocate the trees that are taken out of the bayou.

Mr. Malbrough reported that we received a proposal from Mino Marine to provide engineering services for the replacement of the green machine. We consulted with several shipyards and naval architects. We would hire a naval architect to develop a specification package that details the core specs that we need on the vessel. We would have to go out for public bid for the vessel.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the proposal from Mino Marine, LLC in the amount of \$21,298 for them to develop a specification bid package that details the core specs that we need on the vessel, and for them to evaluate the bids. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that we got some questions from the Corps on the 404 permit on the Pump Capacity Improvements Project, and the engineers are answering those questions. They are moving forward to get to 100%.

Mr. Greg Chatelain with Delta Coast advised that they are working on the preliminary documents on the north water control structure, and they are hoping to have that turned in by the end of February. Mr. Malbrough stated that the design should be complete by April.

Mr. Malbrough advised that Mr. Loney Grabert, Terrebonne Parish Assessor, attended our December meeting to discuss that they contracted with Assessure Systems, who will to an analysis of their homestead exemptions to see if there are improperly applied homestead exemptions. They will get paid based on the amount of findings. Mr. Grabert had requested that we enter into a Cooperative Endeavor agreement with the assessor's office to hire Assessure Systems to do the homestead exemption analysis.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District and Terrebonne Parish Assessor to hire Assessure Systems to do the analysis of the homestead exemption. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina and unanimously approved to adopt the resolution for the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, and that a copy of its adoption will be given to the CPA for the audit.

Mr. Malbrough advised that he just wanted to let the board know that will be have to roll forward our multi-parish approved maximum rate of 2.11 this year, or we will lose our ability to keep the 2.11 rate because next year is a statewide reassessment year.

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

- We are keeping the social media outlets up to date on the Friends of Bayou Lafourche webpage and Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District webpage.
- Newsletter is going out to highlight work being done.
- He was guest speaker at Thibodaux Rotary last week, and spoke about the work that Friends of Bayou Lafourche is doing, and work that the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District is doing.
- He submitted a grant to Louisiana Cajun Bayou, which is a Louisiana tourism agency, for their 2019 tourism investment program. The grant would be to create, install, and promote a bayou side park in front of the tourism center in Raceland.
- We co-sponsored with Nicholls State for a grant to set up and host a bayou side Christmas exhibit sort of festival.
- They are working diligently putting together everything for St. Patrick's Day on the Bayou, which will be held March 16th. They are working on sponsorships for the event.

- BTNEP’s Bayou Lafourche Cleanup will be held Saturday, March 23rd.
- BTNEP reached out to Ben and him a few weeks ago, and invited us as co-sponsors for the Paddle Bayou Lafourche event.
- The Bayou Country Children’s Museum in Thibodaux had an estuary exhibit where water flowed through it, and it was shut down over time. They reached out and want help with putting a new exhibit together. The new exhibit will be an accurate depiction of Bayou Lafourche from the Mississippi River down to the Gulf that shows the pump station, water plants, and water control structures.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the Donaldsonville Improvements Project is set to go out for bid for construction.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any comments, and there were none.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab and unanimously approved to go into executive session to discuss potential legal issues relating to property acquisitions for the Pump Capacity Improvements Project.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved to return to regular session.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer