The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman Francis Richard

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer Donald Schwab Ron Animashaun Eli Miles, Jr.

Judge Jimmy Gaidry

Absent: Hugh Caffery, Vice-Chairman; Jake Giardina; Lance Authement

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

Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Stevie Smith, All South Consulting Engineers

Ayad Taofik, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.; Henry Templet and Hattie Templet, Bayou Rowing

Nick Porto; Jerry Waguespack; Bud Bergeron; Robert Mire

Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Jana Langley, Administrative Assistant

Moved by Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes of June 15, 2015, and special meeting minutes of July 9, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ron Animashaun, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. to approve the accounts payable for June. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Judge Jimmy Gaidry to approve the finance report for June. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ben Malbrough advised that he sent the Board the pumping summary. He stated that the river is really high, and we are saving money. We are still dodging the hydrilla. Mr. Malbrough advised that he believes the rain has a lot to do with the hydrilla not being bad, and the increased pumping is helping. We got our new dump truck, and we may use it for a project in Donaldsonville pretty soon.

Commissioner Ron Animashaun asked about the flies that were released some time back, and Mr. Malbrough answered that they released the flies below the weir in 2011. The Corps of Engineers has a program to monitor the flies but that program got cut. Mr. Malbrough advised that he has been working with Michael Massimmi with BTNEP, who has a grant to continue the hydrilla study if needed.

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell asked about the progress on the sediment trap, and Mr. Malbrough answered that the contractor got their surveyor to come in and do a pre-construction survey. We got that report back today, and there is considerably more sediment in there than what we surveyed a year and a half ago. We are checking those calculations to make sure they are right. We should start seeing the contractor's equipment probably at the end of this week or definitely next week. Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell asked if the plan is to put the sediment on the bank, and Mr. Malbrough answered that the plan is to dispose of the material on the bank and once it dewaters the parish will haul it off.

Mr. Dustin Rabalais, T. Baker Smith, reported that this past month the contractor has been clearing the bayou of trees along the bank lines and vegetative debris, which is required for the dredging to begin. He showed a picture of the chopper they are using to expedite the clearing of the bayou. Mr. Rabalais

advised that all of the discharge pipes are put together and ready to go. They are 55% complete on the containment site for disposal site #3, and 85%-90% complete on disposal site #1.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the cost to purchase a drone would be \$3,500.00, which includes extra batteries and an ipad. He showed a video of the bayou that T.Baker Smith shot with their drone of the pre-construction Phase 2 dredge project.

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell recommended checking with our insurance agent regarding liability factors, and at the next meeting we could make a decision on the drone. Mr. Malbrough advised that he will check on the insurance, and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Malbrough advised that the survey and geotech work was completed on the Donaldsonville Drainage Project. Stevie Smith and his guys put together a plan, and they met with the West Ascension Drainage Board and the City of Donaldsonville to have them guide us to prioritize the location and installation of the pumps. We have a preliminary plan together with cost estimates.

Mr. Malbrough advised that we will have to amend the contract with All South Consulting Engineers for the drainage project. He stated that he is meeting tomorrow to work through a few things, and we will be presenting that to the Board at next month's meeting.

Commissioner Ron Animashaun asked about the purchase of the American Legion building, and Mr. Malbrough answered that we had it appraised, and the appraisal came in to high. The agent was going to talk back to his client and see what they would accept, and he has not heard back from the agent.

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell asked for any public comments, and there were none.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab and unanimously approved to go into executive session at 5:30 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Judge Jimmy Gaidry and unanimously approved to return to regular session.

Moved by Commissioner Donald Schwab, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. and unanimously approved to temporarily fix the dolphin at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00, contingent upon Ben Malbrough and Barry Marionneaux doing their due diligence and making sure we are not violating any public bids laws because it is an emergency situation.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab and unanimously approved to authorize Ben Malbrough and Barry Marionneaux to bring on a consultant, at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00, who has river design experience to guide us to make sure we are permitted properly and the structure is sufficient.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman	Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer	