

November 13, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioner of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman	Larry Dugas
Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer	Jake Giardina
Ron Animashaun	Francis Richard (Entered at 5:25 p.m.)
	Windell Curole (Entered at 5:40 p.m.)

Absent: Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman

Also present were: Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Matt Ledet and Jimmy Ledet, T. Baker Smith
Stacy Sagona; Nick Porto; Jerry Waguespack; Robert Mire; Bob Blair
Robert Thibodaux; John Krieg; Joel Tillery, CH2MHill
Archie Chaisson, Jr., Director

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Larry Dugas and unanimously approved to go into Executive Session at 5:05 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Larry Dugas, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina and unanimously approved to return to regular session at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Barry Marionneaux advised that they met last Thursday with the State's CPRA attorneys, and they are very close to completing the Intergovernmental Agreement relative to Phase II project. The preliminary timeline is that the IGA should be finalized and signed by the end of November. The next step after that is to advertise for RSIQ. This is to invite engineering firms to respond to the Request for Statements of Interest and Qualifications. The commissioners will grade their responses, and the top three will be turned over to CPRA. Mr. Marionneaux reviewed the preliminary timeline for the Phase II Dredge Project with the Board.

Commissioner Jake Giardina stated that 10% seems kind of high for the engineering . Mr. Jimmy Ledet stated that the State of Louisiana has a fee curve for engineering. He stated that there will be a tremendous survey effort involved with surveying the bayou, as well as permitting and construction management to make sure the project gets built properly. Mr. Ledet stated that 10% would be a good number for design and construction.

Moved by Commissioner Windell Curole, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina and unanimously approved to open the public hearing on the 2013 Proposed Operational Budget, and 2013 Bayou Lafourche Dredge Project Phase II Budget.

Mr. Archie Chaisson reviewed the line items for the 2013 Proposed Operational Budget, and the 2013 Bayou Lafourche Dredge Project Phase II Budget.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked three times for any comments from the public on the two budgets reviewed, and there were none.

Moved by Commissioner Windell Curole, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina and unanimously approved to close the public hearing on the two budgets.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard and unanimously approved to adopt the 2013 Proposed Operational Budget, and the 2013 Bayou Lafourche Dredge Project Phase II Budget.

Mr. Chaisson reviewed the line items for the 2012 Amended Operational Budget, and 2012 Amended Bayou Lafourche Dredge Project Budget. Chairman Caffery asked for any comments on the budgets.

Moved by Commissioner Larry Dugas, seconded by Francis Richard and unanimously approved to adopt the 2012 Amended Operational Budget, and 2012 Amended Bayou Lafourche Dredge Project Budget.

Moved by Commissioner Ron Animashaun, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of October 15, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Larry Dugas to approve the accounts payable for October. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chaisson reported on the gauging he did at the sand trap in Donaldsonville. He reviewed the cross sections he took. He found in some spots 2 ½ to 3ft. buildup from where the post-dredge survey was. Mr. Chaisson stated that Chairman Caffery would like to get a professional survey crew in there. We will send out request for proposals for that survey.

Chairman Caffery asked for a discussion on the proposal to go out and get the sand trap surveyed. Do we get this survey company to do any scoping of what conditions are like in the other parts of the dredge project Phase 1?

Commissioner Jake Giardina stated that he thinks for the cost of the survey it would be money well spent to know what is happening now to give some direction in the future. Commissioner Larry Dugas suggested looking at the area at the Palo Alto Bridge where the Chevron pipeline crossing is.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Greg Nolan and unanimously approved to authorize Archie Chaisson to draft the Request for Proposals for several different options to survey, such as the sand trap, other areas which might be particularly field drainage

points, and also the plug in the Palo Also Bridge area. It could be the whole dredge project Phase 1. Mr. Marionneaux will review it before the request for proposal goes out.

BAYOU OPERATIONS

CREWS: The crews have been alternating between working the harvesters, tree cutting, and operating the tug to clear hydrilla.

EQUIPMENT STATUS: Trucks: all operational; Boats: Mud boat down with bent rudder shaft. Shaft is being repaired at Wetlands; Harvesters: both operational; Misc. equip: operational

RIVER STAGE: Beginning October: 3.76 Ending Month: 2.69; Current Stage: 3.06

PUMP OPERATION: No. Days Siphon: 0; No. Days Pumping: 31

STATION MAINTENANCE: General maintenance, yard work.

Mr. Chaisson advised that he received a written report from the railroad company regarding the inspection of the culverts. There is a 10% plug in one, and the little culvert is totally plugged. They found some holes in one of the culverts. Mr. Chaisson stated that Mr. Kasper advised that based on their inspection report, they are developing a plan to clean those culverts out.

Commissioner Windell Curole recommended sending a descriptive letter about that issue to the new Public Service Commissioner. It would not be a benefit to the railroad or the Fresh Water District to have that collapse. It is not a benefit to anyone along the bayou to have those culverts blocked. Archie will write historically what happened and the latest findings, and Commissioner Curole stated that he would work with Archie to refine the letter.

Chairman Caffery requested that Mr. Marionneaux write a letter to the railroad company stating what the inspection reveals, and ask what their plans are to remove the plug, repair the culverts, and help us to get to 1000cfs. Also, state that anything less than that would be a restriction of the flow of the bayou.

Commissioner Larry Dugas asked what the status of the sod farm is. He stated that when they passed there today he noticed they are growing sugar cane now. Mr. Chaisson asked if it is Werner Sod. Commissioner Francis Richard stated that they swapped some cane land with a farmer, and put the grass further down the road to water it.

Mr. Chaisson advised that the holiday schedule for next week is Thursday and Friday, and he requested the rest of next week off if it is slow.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Windell Curole to approve the permit application for John Krieg, 2140 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA to build an erosion barrier to prevent additional bank erosion of the bayou bank behind his home on property line. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jerry Waguespack stated that his shop burned down a couple of weeks ago. He wants to rebuild and put a metal building. A councilman with the police jury came to his house and the councilman said he doesn't have any problem with the parish. The councilman said he would have problems with the Fresh Water District. He stated that he is eighty feet from the water's edge.

Mr. Chaisson stated that he had showed him the high/low water mark book, and he is about 20-25ft. from the high water mark. Mr. Chaisson told Mr. Waguespack his best bet would be to get with State Lands Office and show them the diagram he has for his new shed, and get a letter of no objection.

Chairman Caffery explained to Mr. Waguespack that you have the mean low and the mean high water mark. He told Mr. Waguespack that he owns everything between the mean low and the mean high. This 25ft. you are talking about you own but there is a right-of-way the State has. Chairman Caffery stated that he needs to get the permit process going.

Moved by Commissioner Larry Dugas, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer