## November 18, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were:	Hugh Caffery, Chairman	Lance Authement
	Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman	Eli Miles, Jr.
	Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer	Chris Domangue
	Francis Richard	Ray Mayet
	Barry Soudelier	Scott LeBlanc (entered meeting at 5:15 p.m.)

Absent: Jake Giardina; Donald Schwab

Chairman Hugh Caffery stated that public comments can be made at any time in the meeting prior to action on any agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken.

Also present were: David Boudreaux, Delta Coast; Ryan Perque, FOBL; Doug Cheramie; Henry Templet Hattie Templet; Josh Bordelon; Mrs. Eli Miles, Jr.; Jerry Waguespack Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Ben Malbrough, Executive Director Jana Langley, Administrative Assistant

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of October 21, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue to approve the accounts payable for October. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the finance report for October. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ben Malbrough advised that the cultural resources phase is still being reviewed on the Pump Capacity Improvements Project. We would potentially be looking at a six-month delay if we have to mitigate this site. Once they complete their field work, it will be summarized in a report. SHPO and the Corps will review the report, and based on what is in the report they will determine if we will need to mitigate. This could delay us bidding the project six months.

Mr. Malbrough and Mr. Barry Marionneaux decided that Item 11a.(1)-Discussion on payment to David Wolf for legal fees associated with CWSRF Loan through DEQ would be tabled and discussed in executive session.

Mr. David Boudreaux, Delta Coast, reported that lots of materials are involved with the North Water Control Structure Project, and the materials have to be ordered. The contractor will start mobilizing to the site the week after Thanksgiving.

Mr. Malbrough advised that we have a pre-permit filing meeting set up with the Corps on December 5<sup>th</sup> on the Weir Removal Project.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell and unanimously approved to open the public hearing on the Proposed 2020 Operational Budget, and Proposed 2020 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget.

Mr. Malbrough reviewed the Proposed 2020 Operational Budget revenues, expenditures, and capital projects line items. He also reviewed the Proposed 2020 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget revenues and expenditures line items.

Mr. Malbrough reviewed the Amended 2019 Budget revenues, expenditures and capital projects line items.

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

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved to close the public hearing on the budgets.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve the Amended 2019 Operational Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to approve the Proposed 2020 Operational Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. to approve the Proposed 2020 Pump Capacity Improvements Project Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that will we table agenda Item 12-Discussion on Investment Management Agreement with Hancock Whitney Bank until the December meeting.

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

- We received the letter of approval from the Corps of Engineers on the NSU project. It will be moved on to environmental next which will take about two months. In the meantime, we will talk about professional services procurement with NSU.
- The city approved their local match in their budget to include the Downtown Thibodaux Multi-Trailhead Project. The Lafourche Parish Council also approved a supplement in their budget for the project.
- We finally released the map and the response has been good. We have a print version, on-line, and smartphone app version. We have them in the chamber offices, and the visitor center.
- We are working on our annual membership drive.
- Mr. Perque showed an informational video by Chett Chiasson about Port Fourchon, and another informational video by Ben Malbrough about Bayou Lafourche.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. and unanimously approved to amend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Friends of Bayou Lafourche through December 31, 2021.

Commissioner Chris Domangue left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Malbrough advised that we had our bid opening meeting on the utility barge, and no bids were received.

Mr. Malbrough stated that Josh and he will meet with a naval architect to see what can be done differently, and then go out for bid again.

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

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier and unanimously approved to go into executive session to discuss the payment to David Wolf for legal fees associated with CWSRF Loan through DEQ.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved to return to regular session.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer