

August 19, 2024

A regular public meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5:00p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman                      Chris Domangue  
Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman                      Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer  
Francis Richard    Ernie Blanchard  
Barry Soudelier    Joe Boudreaux

Absent were: Lance Authement; Dale Dennis

Also present were: Marlon Domangue, DCC; Kevin Keiser, GIS Engineering  
Shane Guin, High Tide Consultants; Rebecca Quinn, Bayou Children’s Museum; Jake Stahl  
Henry & Hattie Templet; Josh Bordelon; Heather Armstrong; Amy Hebert  
Dustin Rabalais, Executive Director

Chairman Hugh Caffery began the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Mr. Caffery asked if we had a quorum, and we did.

Mr. 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.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to approve the minutes of July 15, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ernie Blanchard to approve the accounts payable report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to approve the finance report. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais reported that pump all 4 pumps are back up and running.

Mr. Rabalais reported that the Bayou operations are normal.

Mr. Rabalais reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP).

Mr. Rabalais discussed and asked for a motion to accept the Substantial Completion of the PUA Fresh Water Intake.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve the acceptance of the Substantial Completion of the PUA Fresh Water Intake. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais gave an update on the Phase 3 Permitting.

Mr. Rabalais discussed the conceptual design phase of Phase 2 of the Melodia Boat Launch.

Mr. Rabalais discussed and asked for a motion to award a contract to Intracoastal Consultants for the engineering and design of the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Bayou Lafourche Pump Project located in Donaldsonville, pending legal review.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve motion to award Intracoastal Consultants the contract for the study and report of the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Bayou Lafourche Pump Project, located in Donaldsonville. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais discussed and asked for a motion to award a contract to GIS Engineering LLC for an alternative analysis for the replacement of 2 water control structures located on both sides of Bayou Lafourche, just North of Raceland, pending legal review.

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan, seconded by Francis Richard to award a contract to GIS Engineering LLC for and alternative analysis for the replacement of 2 water control structures located on both sides of Bayou Lafourche, just North of Raceland, pending legal review. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation by Bayou Children's Country Museum on Bayou Lafourche Exhibit

Mrs. Amy Hebert gave an update on the Friends of Bayou Lafourche.

Mr. Rabalais gave his Executive Director's report.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Joe Boudreaux to adjourn the meeting at 6:33p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Hugh Caffery, Chairman

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Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer