

September 16, 2024

A regular public meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, September 16, 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: Eric Dalamore, Stantec; Shane Guin, High Tide Consultants;
Jake Stahl; Robert Theriot; Henry & Hattie Templet;
Josh Bordelon; Heather Armstrong; Amy Hebert
Dustin Rabalais, Executive Director

Chairman Hugh Caffery opened the public hearing at 5:00pm to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rate after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments regarding the millage rate. He asked again for any comments on the millage rates, and there were no comments.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Joe Boudreaux and unanimously approved to close the public hearing on the millage rates.

Chairman Hugh Caffery stated that we will now begin the regular meeting at 5:10 p.m.

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 Joe Boudreaux, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to approve the minutes of August 19, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to approve the accounts payable report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the finance report. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dustin Rabalais reported that all 4 pumps are operational and running.

Mr. Rabalais reported that the Bayou operations are normal.

Mrs. Heather Armstrong read Resolution No. 2024-01, in full, to adopt the Multi-Parish (Ascension, Assumption, & Lafourche) adjusted millage rate of 2.110 for the tax year 2024.

Mr. Caffery asked for any public comments on Resolution No.2024-01 and there were none.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to adopt Resolution No. 2024-01. The roll was called and the votes were as follows: Yeas 8; Nays 0; Abstained 0; Absent 4. Resolution No. 2024-01 was passed unanimously.

Mrs. Armstrong read Resolution No. 2024-02, in full, to adopt the Terrebonne Parish adjusted millage rate of 2.040 for the tax year 2024.

Mr. Caffery asked for any public comments on Resolution No.2024-02 and there were none.

Moved by Commissioner Joe Boudreaux, seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue to adopt Resolution No. 2024-02. The roll was called and the votes were as follows: Yeas 8; Nays 0; Abstained 0; Absent 4. Resolution No. 2024-02 was passed unanimously.

Mrs. Armstrong read Resolution No. 2024-03, in full, to set forth the Terrebonne Parish adjusted millage rate and roll forward to millage rate not exceeding the maximum authorized rate of 2.110 for the tax year 2024.

Mr. Caffery asked for any public comments on Resolution No. 2024-03 and there were none.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to adopt Resolution No. 2024-03. The roll was called and the votes were as follows: Yeas 8; Nays 0; Abstained 0; Absent 4. Resolution No. 2024-03 was passed by a required two-thirds vote of the Board.

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

Mr. Eric Dalamore with Stantec, gave a presentation on the PCIP progression.

Mr. Rabalais asked to amend the agenda to add the discussion of Change Order #5 for the PCIP.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Joe Boudreaux to approve the amending of the agenda to add the discussion of Change Order #5 for the PCIP. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais discussed Change Order #5 and asked for its approval.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to approve Change Order #5 for the PCIP. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Rabalais discussed Phase 2 of the Melodia Boat Launch.

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

Moved by Commissioner Joe Boudreaux, seconded by Francis Richard to approve Bayou County Children's Museum Sponsorship, up to \$50,000.00, for Bayou Lafourche exhibit. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rabalais gave his Executive Director's report.

Mr. Rabalais asked to amend the agenda to add an executive session.

Moved by Commissioner Joe Boudreaux, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve amending the agenda to add an executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to enter into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to return to regular session and adjourn the meeting at 7:19p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer