

**MINUTES**  
**FALSE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL**  
**March 9, 2015**

The False River Watershed Council met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015, at the Courthouse Annex in New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Mike Wood called the meeting to order and directed Ms. Dinah Bourgeois to call the roll:

**PRESENT:** Messrs. Jimmy Chustz, Stephen Chustz, Cy D'Aquila, Jr., Jerry Hix, Kyle Olinde, Major Thibaut, Rick Ward, Steve Juge, and Mike Wood, Chairman.

**ABSENT:** Messrs. Alex Appeaning, Owen Bello, Jake Causey, Jimmy Lyles, Ron Pourciau and Dr. Carrie Castille.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The council unanimously approved the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. S. Chustz and seconded Mr. Hix:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the meeting of August 18, 2014 be accepted for approval.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF RECENT AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Discussion of progress related to South Flat Ecosystem Restoration
- Outreach Plans

Engineer Gerald Babin of Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation presented a brochure to the council that entailed Phase 1 of the False River Ecosystem Restoration. He stated the back levees have been worked on, but the front levees need more work done. Mr. Babin discussed working with RLB to deter erosion.

Mr. Randy Boyd of RLB discussed soil saturation and drying of the levees because of the rainfall.

Mr. Babin discussed methods to break waves from the river.

The council discussed lower level inside of river being 14.5 ft for boats to launch.

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The council discussed the need for an extension of drawdown of 14.5 ft. until May 1<sup>st</sup> which will be presented before the Pointe Coupee Police Jury at its meeting of March 10, 2015. It was stated that spawning and fisheries will not be hindered.

Motion by Mr. Thibaut and seconded by Mr. Olinde:

RESOLVED, That the level of False River be maintained at 14.5 ft. until May 1<sup>st</sup> be accepted and presented to the Pointe Coupee Police Jury.

Unanimously carried.

Mr. Thibaut suggested that a facts related to the action be compiled and distributed to media. LDNR staff will produce a draft for review.

Mr. Babin discussed shoreline property inspections and the questionnaires distributed for damage complaints; he will compose reports.

#### FUNDING UPDATE

The council discussed applying for funding to complete work on the north end. Presently there are enough funds to begin. Mr. Babin informed the council that Facility Planning has not yet signed off on the contract to obtain \$75,000. He also stated he will meet with Mr. Jim Lee of Facility Planning. He informed the council that Fenstermaker has started work on the M-1 canal.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

The council discussed replacing Mr. Jim Bello with Mr. John Grezaffi to serve on the council.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. J. Chustz, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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MIKE WOOD - CHAIRMAN

