

MINUTES
FALSE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL
Thursday, September 10, 2015

The False River Watershed Council met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at the Courthouse Annex Building in New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Randy Myers called the meeting to order and directed Ms. Dinah Bourgeois to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. Jake Causey, Stephen Chustz, Cy D'Aquila, Jr., Jerry Hix, Jimmy Lyles, Kyle Olinde, Major Thibaut and Chairman Randy Myers.

ABSENT: Messrs. Alex Appeaning, John Grezaffi, Jimmy Chustz, Ron Pourciau, Rick Ward and Ms. Carrie Castille.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2015 be accepted for approval.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ewing discussed publicizing the ninety-day extension.

There was discussion that the council is appreciated for making efforts to improve the lake.

Engineer Gerald Babin informed the council he met with the Civic Association to give them information on Phase I of the project.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT – PHASE I

Mr. Babin presented the False River Ecosystem Restoration project progress update for Phase 1 (south flats); he explained the steps. He discussed the removal of sediment. RLB discussed the containment dyke. Chairman Myers discussed elevations and consolidating sediments. The council discussed warning the public regarding safety concerns. Mr. Thibaut discussed allocation of funds for vegetation. Mr. Babin suggested an extension for further work to be done on the project.

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

RESOLVED, That False River maintains a level of 14.9 ft. for 90 days although the normal level is 16.0 ft. to continue the project.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE PROPOSED FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESOTRATION PROJECT – PHASE II

Mr. Babin discussed Phase II of the project. He presented a table of the north flats and spoke about the project schedule. He discussed bids and project awards that will take place in approximately one year. At this time there is roughly \$1.2 million in funds for the north flats. Mr. Thibaut discussed the bond commission's approval for \$350,000 for the north flats. The council discussed the deadline to receive additional funds from Capital Outlay.

The council discussed the effects of the drawdown regarding fish. Mr. Thibaut discussed meeting with Wildlife and Fisheries. The council discussed expanding the timeline.

Mr. Myers discussed information being online for citizens. He also discussed vegetation control.

Mr. Thibaut discussed comparison of the various lakes and how they are managed differently.

Mr. Lyles expressed concerns regarding information not going out to the public; he also discussed improving the water quality and vegetation in order to produce a better quality of fish. Mr. Ewing discussed sewer system that will improve the quality of the water. Mr. Babin stated a new sewer district should be created.

Mr. Thibaut discussed setting up a meeting with Division of Administration.

UPDATE FALSE RIVER NITROGEN IMPACT MITIGATION PROJECT

Fenstermaker presented a draft of the project schedule. He showed maps of proposed Weirs. He stated the permit application of M-1 would be turned in within the following week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

The council discussed RLB doing a good job on the project and gave compliments.

Mr. Thibaut discussed the change order not making an impact with Capital Outlay.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Chustz and seconded by Mr. Hix, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

RANDY MYERS - CHAIRMAN

