

MINUTES
FALSE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL
April 19, 2018

The False River Watershed Council met in a regular session at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at the Courthouse Annex Building in New Roads, Louisiana.

Mr. Thomas Van Biersel called the meeting to order and directed Ms. Jeanne Hendrix to call the roll:

Present: Arthur Ewing, Jimmy Chustz, Steve Chustz, Kyle Olinde, Ron Pourciau, Mark Ward, Brad Spicer, Bijan Sharafkhani, Thomas Van Biersel

Absent: Major Thibaut, Rick Ward, Jerry Hix, Cy D'Aquila, Ricky Moses

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. S. Chustz and seconded by Mr. J. Chustz.

Resolved, That the agenda of the meeting of April 19, 2018 meeting be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2018 meeting by Mr. S. Chustz and second by Mr. J. Chustz.

Resolved, That the minutes of the March 23, 2018 meeting are accepted for approval.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE PROPOSED FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT - PHASE II

Gerald Babin informed the group that he has found another possible location in which to gain access to the unloading site. This new property is near a cross drain. He has met with the property owners and addressed their concerns regarding the project. There is a tentative agreement. The property owners would like to have a lease in place. They are working together and it seems to be moving forward. This would allow them to access the Jarreau property and have an adequate route to and from the river. He is currently refining the project plans/costs and added the canals to the dredging project up to the mouth of the canals.

Providence is working on the permitting and should be ready for submission soon. They are trying to have the plans to facility planning within 4 weeks. Additionally, they will have to meet with the USACE to see if the project would require permitting. They will move equipment

in to move material out as soon as possible.

Mr. Ewing asked about more dredging and tubing in order to remove even more material out of the lake. Mr. Babin stated that they will actually be reducing the size of the project and then adding from there due to the amount of material that needs to be moved. Mr. S. Chustz asked about funds from Capital Outlay.

Mr. Van Biersel asked about total needed. It adds up to \$3.3 million plus \$500,000 to top off the south flats. Mr. Van Biersel said that the middle of the island needs to be addressed before it becomes permanent wetlands.

Mr. Ewing asked about permitting dates and agreements with landowners. Mr. Babin stated they are working on this now and are in the process of securing the agreements. Mr. Ewing asked about updating permitting and Mr. Babin stated that he felt it would not be an issue.

UPDATE FALSE RIVER NITROGEN IMPACT MITIGATION PROJECT:

Mr. Van Biersel spoke to Mr. Kevin Gravois and he is pricing the repairs to the outlet channel. \$18,000 for one side and \$15,000 for the other. Combined with the M2 repairs the total should be around \$43,500 which will come from the leftover funds. This would leave about \$300,000 for maintenance. They are looking to end the project by June 30, 2018. What funds are left will be used for maintenance and support by the police jury.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

The buoys are still being placed. The legislative report is on the website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Keith Robillard
Tommy Bryan

Next meeting will be May 23, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Ewing and second by Mr. Olinde

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.