

MINUTES
FALSE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL
August 22, 2018

The False River Watershed Council met in a regular session at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at the Courthouse Annex Building in New Roads, Louisiana.

Mr. Ricky Moses called the meeting to order and directed Ms. Jeanne Hendrix to call the roll:

Present: Major Thibaut, Arthur Ewing, Cy D'Aquila, Jerry Hix, Steve Chustz, Kyle Olinde, Thomas Van Biersel, Ricky Moses

Absent: Brad Spicer, Jimmy Chustz, Ron Pourciau, Rick Ward, Mark Ward, Jacob Haffner, Bijan Sharafkhani

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Resolved, That the agenda of the meeting of August 22, 2018 meeting be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2018 by Mr. Ewing and seconded by Mr. Olinde.

Resolved, That the minutes of the July 18, 2018 meeting are approved.

UPDATE PROPOSED FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT - PHASE II:

Mr. Gerald Babin indicated that Jim Lee reviewed plans for the Phase II project. The project has been moved up for approval. The USACE permit is still in review. Facility Planning should be giving the go ahead with the project shortly. Hoping to begin dredging by the end of the year. Approximately two weeks from now they are expected to put the project out for bid. There will be a 25 day minimum for bids to come in. He is anticipating September 25th for bids to open and award the bid by October 9th. Has to be awarded at police jury meeting. Access agreement has been signed by the parish but not by landowners. It is pending payment of rental fee by the parish.

GRAVEL SPAWNING BED PROJECT:

Mr. Brian Heimann with LDWF stated that 70 tons of gravel was used to create new spawning beds. The sites were selected based on if they were favorable to spawning. 8-10 yards of gravel is used per location. Six new beds were created and three prior locations were topped off. All spawning areas are noted by GPS coordinates on the LDWF website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Continued discussion on the maintenance of the M1 and M2 canals including funds available and responsible parties. There was also a discussion of asking an outside party to provide a suggested maintenance plan, including what types of chemicals should be used, for the parish to follow.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Ewing asked about the drawdown schedule. WLF stated that there would be a drawdown in 2019 then 2020 then the normal rotation would begin. 2019 will act as a replacement for the drawdown of 2017 which was started in September 2017 but cancelled after the rain event of October 2018.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Mr. Hix discussed the False River Civic Association sending out letters requesting dues from the membership. The letter indicated that the dues would be used to hiring attorneys, experts, and for costs related to stopping the actions of the False River Watershed Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

Next meeting will be October 3rd at 3:00 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.