

MINUTES  
FALSE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL  
June 26, 2019

The False River Watershed Council met in a regular session at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at the City of New Roads Meeting Room 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, Mark Ward, Bijan Sharafkhani, Thomas Van Biersel, Ricky Moses

Absent: Rick Ward, Brad Spicer, Jimmy Chustz, Jacob Haffner, Ron Pourciau, Jeremy LaCombe

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Ewing and seconded by Mr. Hix.

Resolved, that the agenda for the meeting of June 26, 2019 be accepted.

APPROVAL OF MAY 1, 2019 MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2018 meeting by Mr. Ewing and second by Mr. Thibaut

Resolved, that the May 1, 2019 minutes are approved.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT – PHASE II:

Mr. Gerald Babin of PEC gave an update on the dredging project. There is approximately 60 days left on the project. End date is projected for approximately August 25, 2019. Issues with the bag ruptures appear to have been resolved.

There was discussion regarding the upcoming drawdown and if it would affect the dredging project. Mr. Babin indicated he would speak with the contactor before any decisions needed to be made.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion on the new priorities of the False River Watershed Council and future goals of the project. Mr. Thibaut spoke about funding from legislature in Priority 1. He spoke about responsibility to maintain and repair the M1 canal bulkhead along with Lighthouse

Canal and gates. There was also funding of approximately \$3,000,000 for future restoration projects. Automated gates for the Lighthouse Canal will be about \$100,000.

There was discussion regarding Bayou Sere and the operation schedule of the Lighthouse Canal.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Van Biersel asked to defer the maintenance plan discussion to the next meeting due to late posting.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

None.

Next meeting will be August 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. S. Chustz and seconded by Mr. Hix.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:45 p.m.