

MINUTES  
FALSE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL  
February 20, 2019

The False River Watershed Council met in a regular session at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 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: Major Thibaut, Arthur Ewing, Cy D'Aquila, Jerry Hix, Steve Chustz, Mark Ward, Bijan Sharafkhani

Absent: Brad Spicer, Jimmy Chustz, Kyle Olinde, Ron Pourciau, Rick Ward, Jacob Haffner, Ricky Moses

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Resolved, that the agenda for the meeting of February 20, 2019 be accepted.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT – PHASE II:

Mr. Gerald Babin of PEC gave an update on the dredging project. All three alternate were awarded. Estimated to be a 210 day project with 96,000 cubic yards of material to be removed. They will submit progress survey every month. Contractor is starting to lay out equipment. Safety equipment will be used to make public aware. There will also be notice in newspaper and at boat launches. They will not be running any equipment under the piers. There will be contractor meetings bi-weekly. End date of contract is August but predict that it will be done by end of July.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Thibaut spoke about the operation of gates for False River. There was talk on a more reliable way of monitoring the river level and gages. Mr. Van Biersel stated that DOTD did not have plans for the structure. Mr. Ewing asked about the management plan that the parish had from DOTD. Mr. Van Biersel has been looking at who much time do you need to open the gates in anticipation of a weather event. There was discussion regarding automated gates/electronic gages. Discussion was held on the costs and types of these gages. Additional discussion was to have a more accurate plan based on science.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Mr. Thibaut spoke about a 10lb bass caught on the river. There was discussion on commercial fishing and spring stocking of False River.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Next meeting will be April 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.