MINUTES FALSE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL October 3, 2018

The False River Watershed Council met in a regular session at 3:10 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 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, Ron Pourciau, Ricky Moses, Mark Ward, Bijan Sharafhani,

Absent: Brad Spicer, Jimmy Chustz, Rick Ward, and Jacob Haffner

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 October 3, 2018 meeting be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of August 22, 2018 by Mr. S. Chustz and seconded by Mr. Hix.

Resolved, That the minutes of the August 22, 2018 meeting are approved.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE PROPOSED FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT - PHASE II:

Mr. Gerald Babin introduced Mr. Jim Lee of the Division of Administration to the group. Mr. Babin indicated that the project is out for bid. Interest has been expressed in the project. October 18, 2018 will be the bid opening date. They will select a base bid and three alternates to be awarded as funding becomes available. Funds have been approved and are being processed. They have received word that the access agreement has been signed. DOTD has the permit. Mr. S. Chustz asked time line on awarding. Mr. Babin indicated 45 days. USACE permit has been submitted. Because the state will not allow a \$600,000 change order they may delay the process to allow all funds to be in place. Mr. Lee approved the cash line of credit. DOA has started putting project in line for funding. Bid award to mobilization would be approximately one month.

NEW BUSINESS:

WLF gave an update on the gill net season. Fishermen are back on the lake for the season. False River has been type mapped which marks types and amount of vegetation in the lake.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thomas Van Biersel will update the maintenance plan for the M1 and M2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

Next meeting will be December 5th at 3:00 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.