

MINUTES
FALSE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL
October 3, 2012

The False River Watershed Council met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, at the Courthouse Annex in New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Mike Wood called the meeting to order and directed Ms. Dinah Bourgeois to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. Stephen Chustz, Owen Bello, Jerry Hix, Jimmy Lyles, Paul Miller, Kyle Olinde Ron Pourciau, Dr. Carrie Castille and Mr. Mike Wood, Chairman. Arrived after roll call: Messrs. Jake Causey and Major Thibaut.

ABSENT: Messrs. Jimmy Chustz, Cy D'Aquila, Jr., Steve Juge, Rick Ward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Lyles and seconded by Mr. Bello:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the regular meeting of September 5, 2012, be accepted as written and be officially published.

Unanimously carried.

AMEND AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Chustz and seconded by Mr. Pourciau:

RESOLVED, That the Agenda be amended for inclusion of the following:

- Funding Update
- Review of HCR 123 Report Outline
- Establishment of Sub-Committees

Unanimously carried.

DRAFT PLAN FOR CHANNEL AND BASIN MAINTENANCE

Mr. Bello reported the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury meeting to be held Tuesday, October 9, 2012; the Jury will review the Draft Alternative Action Plan to be considered for adoption. Once reviewed, any objections will be stated.

Mr. Van Biersel reported on updates on Appendix A and Appendix B of the document for the restoration project. He stated the document justifies reasoning for the plan. He informed the council, they will receive a modified version of the document.

Motion by Mr. Thibaut and seconded by Mr. Olinde:

RESOLVED, That the modified version of document be adopted by the False River Watershed Council.

Unanimously carried.

MODEL ORDINANCE FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

Mr. Van Biersel reported on revising the ordinance for Erosion and Sediment Control. Mr. Bello informed the council the language for the ordinance should be proper. Mr. Pourciau suggested an attorney making the necessary corrections to the ordinance, and then it shall be brought back to the Jury. Mr. Bello informed the council the ordinance will be introduced in November or December.

FUNDING UPDATE

Mr. Thibaut reported on funding to be recommended to the Board of Commissioners to be placed on a project list from the Governor's office. The council discussed a foundation that will be set up for the funds. He also stated an ad should be published keeping the public abreast as to what is getting accomplished. Mr. Thibaut informed the council Ms. Delia Taylor will work to obtain 50 to 100 thousand dollars in funding. As the work is being done, she will be contacting the council members. The foundation needs a name and three (3) members for a sub-committee to decide how funds will be spent. Once a decision is made on how funds will be spent, a paragraph must be written entailing the council's goal. Mr. Lyles suggested the three tentative members should be decided by the council. Dr. Carrie Castille suggested the members attend the next meeting. Chairman Wood will declare the members.

Motion by Mr. Pourciau and seconded by Mr. Hix:

RESOLVED, That Chairman Mike Wood will declare the members who will make up the foundation sub-committee.

Unanimously carried.

REVIEW OF HCR - 123 REPORT OUTLINE

Mr. Van Biersel stated there are items that need funding such as flooding and water quality. Mr. Chustz will make recommendations for management strategies that need to be put in place.

Mr. Wood expressed concerns about each sub-committee's purpose. In response to his concerns, Mr. Chustz responded the sub-committees will be divided according to issues on the list such as water quality, flooding, etc. Mr. Wood informed the council, sub-committee members will not be limited to members of False River Watershed Council.

Chairman Wood informed the council a list of proposals is needed for the next scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wood stated rough fish netting season will become effective November 1, 2012.

Mr. Pourciau expressed concerns regarding fishermen patronizing Pointe Coupee Parish. In response, Chairman Wood stated notices will be displayed for fishing season.

Mr. Keith Robillard expressed concerns about the council possibly not receiving \$500,000 in funding for improvement of False River. Mr. Thibaut informed the council receiving the funding should be easier because the project has started. Mr. Thibaut stated by the year 2014 the lake will be improved. Over the next two (2) years, the council's focus will be to receive 2.2 million dollars. Department of Administration decides which projects is priority.

Mr. Justin Shaw with Fenstermaker informed the council data will be collected from rainfall events in the watershed.

Mr. Don Haydel met with Baton Rouge Green to possibly provide trees to beautify False River. Baton Rouge Green will be contacting him on the process. The council will review possible recommendations for resources for this project.

Mr. Chustz stated the alternative action plan will have updates for False River Watershed future meetings that will be posted to the DNR website for public awareness.

Motion by Mr. Thibaut and seconded by Mr. Bello, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

MIKE WOOD, CHAIRMAN