

MINUTES
FALSE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL
April 21, 2021

The False River Watershed Council met in a regular session at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at the Pointe Coupee Parish Council 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, Steve Chustz, Mark Ward, Bijan Sharafkhani, Thomas Van Biersel, Ron Pourciau, and Ricky Moses

Absent: Rick Ward, Cy Daquila, Jacob Haffner, Jeremy LaCombe, and Jimmy Chustz

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion to amend the agenda by Mr. Van Biersel and seconded by Mr. Ewing.

Resolved, that the agenda for the meeting of April 21, 2021 is amended.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda of April 21, 2021 by Mr. Ewing and Mr. Van Biersel.

Resolved, that the agenda for the meeting of April 21, 2021 is approved.

APPROVAL OF July 22, 2020 MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2020 meeting by Mr. Ewing and second by Mr. Van Biersel.

Resolved, that the July 22, 2020 minutes are approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Moses asked Mr. Thibaut to lead the discussion on priorities for future of the restoration project. Mr. Thibaut spoke about funding and uses of future funding. Future projects could include bulkhead replacement, gate structure upgrades, and dredging. The damaged bulkhead that the parish owns is about \$1.8 million. There will be no excess funds for lighthouse canal. The structure is currently under inspection by DOTD. One of the gates is open but does not function without intervention. DOTD is open to allocating funds in next year's budget to replace the structure.

Mr. Thibaut gave a brief overview of the solar project in Ventress near the M1.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Van Biersel spoke about the legislative report. He requested that all members review and submit any comments to him soon.

Brian Heimann gave on the lake study activities, including winter and spring samples. The size of the bass in the lake are increasing in quality and size. The lake has been stocked with 6000 fingerlings.

Mr. Thibaut also gave an update on the replica program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

None

Next meeting will be June 23, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Ewing and seconded by Mr. Van Biersel.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:05 p.m.