

MINUTES
FALSE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL
August 28, 2013

The False River Watershed Council met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, 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. Owen Bello, Jimmy Chustz, Paul Miller, Jake Causey, Rick Ward, Jimmy Lyles, Cy D'Aquila, Thomas Van Biersel, Ron Pourciau, Jerry Hix, Kyle Olinde, Major Thibaut, and Mike Wood, Chairman.

ABSENT: Messrs. Stephen Chustz and Dr. Carrie Castille.

AMEND AGENDA

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

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

- Scope of Services for the Project Engineer
- False River Bass Population Evaluation

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the regular meeting of June 18, 2013, be accepted as written and be officially published.

Unanimously carried.

SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR THE PROJECT ENGINEER

Mr. Gerald Babin, President of Professional Engineering Consultants, discussed funding from Facility Planning and Capital Outlay. He informed the council he has been gathering data for the False River project. He presented maps of south flats for Phase 1. He discussed dredging costs for terrace creation in the amount of \$2.4 million. The council discussed engineering costs. They also discussed the permitting process.

The council discussed hydraulic dredging. They also discussed time frame on drawdown.

Mr. Thibaut discussed Priority 5 being moved to Priority 1. The council discussed funding from the Pointe Coupee Police Jury and NRG. Mr. Kevin Gravois, Vice President of Professional Engineering Consultants, suggested Geotech doing layout on the south flats. The council discussed the depths of the islands to be created and how spawning is affected, as well as costs.

Mr. Van Biersel discussed scope of services with the council. After discussion, the following motion was offered.

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

RESOLVED, That the scope of services for the improvement of False River go before the Pointe Coupee Police Jury for approval.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING AND RECENT ACTIVITIES

The council discussed erosion. They also discussed 10 to 20 thousand dollars to be included to correct problems with Chenal Bayou. Mr. Pourciau discussed the shell bed project and he expressed concerns with the timeframe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. Woods announced evaluation project. He stated results will be available electronically. There are two (2) versions of the reports. Information from the evaluation will also be available through the media. The council will revisit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Paul Miller announced he will no longer be a member of the False River Watershed Council.

Motion by Mr. Hix and seconded by Mr. Chustz, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

MIKE WOOD, CHAIRMAN