

MINUTES
FALSE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL
January 8, 2014

The False River Watershed Council met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, 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 Lyles, Cy D'Aquila, Ron Pourciau, Jerry Hix, Kyle Olinde, Major Thibaut, Drs. Carrie Castille, Alex Appeaning and Mr. Mike Wood, Chairman.

ABSENT: Messrs. Stephen Chustz, Jake Causey, Jimmy Chustz and Rick Ward.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The council unanimously approved the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The council unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting from August 28, 2013.

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Mr. Gerald Babin, President of Professional Engineering Consultants, presented a draft layout of creation of islands. He informed the council a geotechnical investigation was done. He discussed habitat in the south flats. He discussed hydraulic dredging of the islands as well as a cost estimate of \$500,000 for equipment. Mr. Thibaut discussed the timeframe on dredging. Mr. Babin discussed the possibility of dredging on the north end while the equipment is available. He also discussed deep water disposal and the equipment needed for it.

The council discussed planning a presentation of ideas in a public forum, then making recommendations to the Pointe Coupee Police Jury.

FUNDING UPDATE

Mr. Thibaut discussed with the council NRG's contribution over the past four years. He discussed funds to be received in 2014 which will be \$500,000 or greater. He informed the council Governor Bobby Jindal will discuss the False River project in Pointe Coupee. The council also discussed Priority No. 5 funds being moved higher.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. Wood discussed a meeting to be held in regards to water bodies throughout the state (not including False River). He also discussed the fish and their habitat.

Mr. Bello informed the council the netting season is good.

The council discussed transporting and processing of fish.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The council discussed drainage systems and sedimentation to False River.

Mr. Pourciau thanked all parties involved in the False River project.

Mr. Rudi Schnur expressed concerns with sheet piling. Dr. Thomas Van Biersel informed him research will have to be done.

Motion by Dr. Appeaning and seconded by Mr. Hix, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

MIKE WOOD, CHAIRMAN