



## Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District 9/17/18 Meeting Summary

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- Operations
  - This time of the year brings increased public usage of the Theriot Canal lock system. In cases where there is a large water level difference between Bayou Lafourche and Theriot Canal, the lock will be turned off (not usable) by representatives of the BLFWD if deemed unsafe. Users are encouraged to call the BLFWD office to find out if the lock is usable. BLFWD will also post to social media when the lock system is turned off/on.
- Mississippi River Reintroduction into Bayou Lafourche (MRRBL)
  - Donaldsonville Pump Capacity Improvements Project –
    - Engineers received authorization to proceed with final design at last month's meeting
  - Water Control Structure/Weir Removal
    - Land acquisition for the Napoleonville water control structure is complete
    - BLFWD received funding from the Delta Regional Authority in the amount of \$250,000 for the water control structure.
- A tract of Mississippi River batture land adjacent to the BLFWD pumping station is being donated to the BLFWD. Commissioners provided authorization to begin an appraisal and act of donation.
- Ryan Perque, Director of Friends of Bayou Lafourche, provided a report of ongoing projects and events:
  - Nicholls Bayou-Side Master Plan has been released and is available to the public
  - Leighton Boat Launch
    - Phase 1: raising level of wood dock has been completed
    - Phase 2: Lafourche Parish Council approved the purchase of a floating dock to be installed
  - Nicholls Homecoming Pirogue Races will take place on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and will include an alumni division
  - FOBL recently submitted a grant that would fund two paddle trips for at-risk youth in the Northern Lafourche community

*\*this summary has been formed by Friends of Bayou Lafourche, Inc., a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to raise the awareness of the importance of Bayou Lafourche and its revitalization, through education and informational outreach, and by the creation of recreation and beautification opportunities along the bayou.*