



Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District 10/17/18 Meeting Summary

- Operations
 - With the amount of recent rainfall, the pump station in Donaldsonville has been managed appropriately and no problems have been reported
 - One of the four pumps is currently undergoing maintenance
 - When water levels are high in the bayou, Bayou Lafourche the locks in Theriot Canal and 4 Point Dr Canal 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 has also been posting to social media when the lock system is turned off/on.
- New Business
 - Mississippi River Reintroduction into Bayou Lafourche (MRRBL)
 - Donaldsonville Pump Capacity Improvements Project –
 - The new pump station in Donaldsonville is in the final stage of design and engineers are submitting the Arm Corps of Engineers permit is being submitted for review
 - Water Control Structure/Weir Removal
 - The water control structure in Napoleonville is currently being designed. Plans are scheduled to be submitted by the end of 2018
 - The commission agreed to fund the same amount of employee benefits in 2019 that was provided in 2018
 - The 2019 BLFWD budget hearing will take place on November 19th, 2018
 - The commission approved a resolution in order to receive funding from the Delta Regional Authority for the Napoleonville water control structure
 - The commission discussed and approved a permit application submitted by a resident in Donaldsonville to include enhancements to his private batture.
- Ryan Perque, Director of Friends of Bayou Lafourche, provided a report of ongoing projects and events:
 - Funding sources are currently being identified for the Nicholls Bayou-Side Park Enhancements
 - Leighton Boat Launch: floating dock is scheduled to be delivered this week.
 - Nicholls Homecoming Pirogue Races will take place on Friday, October 26th and will include an alumni division
 - St. Patrick's Day on the Bayou will take place on Saturday, March 16th 2019
 - BTNEP's Bayou Lafourche Cleanup will take place on Saturday, March 23rd 2019
- The commission adjourned the public meeting for executive session in order to discuss litigation

**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.*

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