January 2014 Open House Public Comments

Report:

The open house took place on January 22nd between 2:00 to 6:00 pm at the Cottonport Center in New Roads. The open house was well attended, with thirty six persons filling the signup sheet, four submitting written comments and two emailing comments. Media present included the Pointe Coupee Banner, Fox 44, NBC 33 and WBRZ. State agencies represented included LDNR and LDEQ. Engineering firms represented included Professional Engineering Consultants Corp. and C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC. Several members of the False River Watershed Council and False River Restoration Fund Board attended. All information presented has been uploaded on the <u>falseriverrestoration.dnr.la.gov</u> webpage.

Four Comment Forms:

- Would like some help with disposal of trash generated from clean-up during the drawdown.
- Give advance notice of the drawdown (e.g. include a note on the electric bill).
- Suggested that the piers be numbers and labeled.
- Suggested no skiing/jet ski before 9 am and after 6 pm.
- More advance notice of upcoming meetings.

Three Emailed Comments/Suggestions:

- Reported confusion associated with the 14.8 ft normal pool labeled on the engineering drawings (note: 16-foot False River datum/NGVD 29 is equivalent to 14.8-foot NAVD 88).
- Cost estimate of sheet piling seemed high. Suggested talking to Crane Materials
 International of Atlanta.
- Suggested dewatering the sediment and adding additive for the installation of the containment dike and building the island.