

The Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District One met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 6:30pm at the Administration Office at 8114 Highway 190 in Denham Springs, La.

Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman David Provost for the discussion of the 2021 Amended and 2022 Financial Budget.
Present- D.Provost, C.Whitmire R.Borne, C.Juneau, J.Spence
Public None

Administrative Secretary led discussion on the 2021 Amended Budget and the 2022 Financial Budget as presented and advertised.

Being no further comments Chairman closed public hearing at 6:08 pm

Meeting called to order by Chairman David Provost.
Present: DProvost, C.Whitmire, R.Borne, C.Juneau, J.Spence
Guests: Employees of the District
Legal Counsel, Hannah Callandro
Robert Leslie, Jacob Murray, Deric Murphy, Edward Anthony, Phil Afan of Quality Engineering

Prayer was made by the Administrative Secretary and pledge of allegiance made. Chairman welcomed new board member Jessie Spence.

Motion to approve the 2021 Amended Budget as previously advertised and discussed in public hearing with no public comment by R.Borne seconded by C.Whitmire Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to approve the 2022 Budget as previously advertised and discussed in public hearing with no public comment by C.Juneau seconded by C.Whitmire Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to approve the minutes for the 11-9-21 regular meeting as mailed with no public comment by C.Whitmire seconded by R.Borne Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

No public were in attendance so Chairman moved to the next agenda item.

Legal Counsel reported that 3 bids were tabulated for the previously advertised emergency debris monitoring services. An evaluation was performed and the highest point rating resulted for Quality Engineering. Motion to enter into executive session to discuss course of action on monitoring service bids with no public comment by R.Borne seconded by C.Juneau Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to return to regular session noting that no decisions were made during executive session with no public comment by R.Borne seconded by C.Juneau Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to award the emergency debris removal monitoring services to Quality Engineering as recommended by tabulation committee with no public comment by R.Borne seconded by C.Whitmire Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to award the emergency debris removal services to the low bidder, Ceres Inc. for the contract amount of \$652,575 with no public comment by R.Borne seconded by C.Whitmire Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

Legal Counsel stated that she secured a hold harmless agreement from Ward Two Water regarding the tanks on the yard.

She reported that the state office of procurement has vendors on the state bid listing regarding janitorial and regular supplies (Cintas providing currently). Carl Juneau stated that he had compared and researched Cintas' pricing per item last month. Board consensus agreed to wait until the revision of the new state bid listing is made early 2022 before taking action.

Legal Counsel stated that bid specifications on the grapple truck purchase are being advertised for bid award after December 28, 2021.

Administrative Secretary presented financial statements for the November period with a review of the monthly bills.

Motion to approve the financial report for the November period as presented with no public comment by C.Whitmire seconded by C.Juneau Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

Engineer Robert Leslie thanked the board for past years' support work.

Deric Murphy introduced Phil Afan and Edward Anthony as Quality Engineering's project support staff for the future.

Jacob Murray noted that 20 plan submittals for the District were reviewed. (no objections on the majority and a few with info comments needed)

Robert Leslie presented proposal #1583 pre-development study regarding lower Joe May Road/Felder's Bayou to research the new growth drainage impact from improvements planned in the amount of \$30,480. Engineer explained the purpose of this work for the benefit of the District.

He presented proposal #1603 for culvert replacement and design plan at the La 16 at Felder's ditch site (Gray's Creek tributary) in the amount of \$22,940. He explained the history of the work so far and the need for improvement to reduce this drainage choke point in the system. Manager commented on the DOTD philosophy on this type of project and recommended to table until further research can be made.

Motion to approve Quality Engineering proposal #1583 as presented with no public comment by R.Borne seconded by C.Whitmire Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

Manager reported on staff vacation time being used in December.

He noted that cleaning action has been performed on upper Long Slash Branch.

He reported on the boom mower use to remove blockages to date.

He updated the board on equipment repair status. He stated that the excavator and skid steer equipment need track repairs/replacement. First quote estimates repairs at \$10,949 and is researching for other quotes.

He noted that the estimated repairs to the large pontoon due to the past 12 year use is estimated at \$50,000 by Wetland Equipment. Board discussed the action for this item in 2022, noting that tracks can be replaced inhouse.

Motion to direct Manager due to emergency timing to be authorized to order needed repairs to the 130 Pontoon with the Wetland Equipment Co. Inc. for approximately \$50,000 in early 2022 with no public comment by C.Juneau seconded by C.Whitmire Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

There were no additional board comments.

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss legal matter as recommended by Legal Counsel with no public comment by R.Borne seconded by C.Whitmire Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to return to regular session noting that no decisions were made during executive session with no public comment by C.Whitmire seconded by C.Juneau Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by R.Borne seconded by C.Juneau Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none



Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

Next meeting Tuesday January 11, 2022 6:30 pm
