

The Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District One met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 6:30pm at the Administration Office at 8114 Highway 190 in Denham Springs, La.

Meeting called to order by Chiarman 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, Jamie Seale, Phil Fan of Quality Engineering

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kinchen of Covington Sales and Service

Prayer was made by the Administrative Secretary and pledge of allegiance made.

Motion to approve the minutes for the 12-14-21 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 compliance to the previously advertised specifications regarding the purchase of grappler truck equipment. She noted that one of the bids was very low, however it appears not to meet all the specifications. She stated that the board had two options. Throw out the bid or secure even more detail explanation on the bid line items before proceeding. Board discussed and agreed to not accept the bid due to non-compliance to published specifications. Legal Counsel will review the next two bids for validation and presentation to the board.

She also stated that the coordination for debris removal meeting is being set in the near future.

She reported that The Oaks Office Parc lawsuit was settled out of court resulting in all of the District's demands being agreed upon successfully. Actions will be proceeding with plans for April 6, 2022. Mr. Watson is now bound by the judgement.

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

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

Engineer Jacob Murry reported on last month's review activity, noting that 9 submittals were received and that 6 letters of no objection were issued.

Three reviews needed further information.

Jamie Seale noted that the Oaks Office Parc type of issue is being followed up on now by Parish officials's review of developments since this is a precedent issue from a drainage matter.

*He stated that the Sawgrass improvement planning is in progress and that it will be advertised for bids soon.

*He reported that the Satcher progress was noticed since a contract for the design work was signed by the Satchers with an established firm.

*He reported that Elos Inc. representative informed of activity by the US Corps involving questions regarding the revisions on the Willow Point Subdivision.

*He presented an updated project listing with site and actions to date listed as of 1-10-22. Administrative Secretary requested Engineer to provide a new updated project listing with approximate obligation cost estimates to the District detailed out for audit purposes. He agreed.

Manager reported on the web site modifications now in progress for items like public meetings, special information, photos, etc.

*He reported on his review of the areas around the Montrose Subdivision. He recapped the choke point areas identified and is exploring options and recommendations after meeting with Quality Engineers as well as Elos Inc. He stressed the need is great for knowing new growth drainage impact in this specific area that has poor drainage currently. He explained the need to open multiple drains for relief.

*He summarized small in house actions that were identified but remain to be adjusted for small canals for citizens. He stated it was his desire to return attention toward these smaller projects this spring.

Chairman noted that an election of officers would be made at next meeting.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

The Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District One met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 6:30pm at the Administration Office at 8114 Highway 190 in Denham Springs, La.

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

Jacob Murray, John Simmons, Jamie Seale of Quality Engineering

Jace Morrison, Denham Drive resident

Maurice Keen, Livingston Parish Council

Rudy Ciatro, McLin Taylor Engineers Herb Cornelius Fariburn & Assoc

Prayer was made by the Administrative Secretary and pledge of allegiance made.

Chairman opened nominations for officers for 2022.

Motion to elect David Provost as Chairman by R. Borne seconded by C. Juneau with no public comment Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-none Abstaining- D. Provost

Motion to elect Robert Borne as Vice Chairman by D. Provost seconded by C. Whitmire with no public comment Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-none Abstaining- R. Borne

Motion to elect Chris Whitmire as Secretary by D. Provost seconded by C. Juneau with no public comment Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-none Abstaining- C. Whitmire

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

Manager reported on new Parish Council ordinance regarding a 17 foot servitude for all new development after July 8, 2021. He noted that some developments have only a 15 foot servitude due to the timing of Parish approval at the start of the project. Councilman Keen explained the intention for a grandfather clause for those projects that were underway as of July 8th.

Engineer recommended that if the preliminary plat was presented to engineers with a 15 foot servitude in past months, they should be allowed the grandfather rule.

Board discussed and agreed to allow a 15 foot if the preliminary plat was reviewed by District Engineer during these months.

Legal Counsel reported that the deadline has passed for the Satcher family's action for ditch improvements. The Satcher family have now agreed to allow the District to clean the existing ditch as needed and will provide a written ROW in near future. Board consensus agreed with the action to proceed cleaning. Legal Counsel also noted that the Satchers questioned how the north ditch from Denham Drive ties into the Satcher canal. Manager explained that the Denham Drive ditch will remain the same with no changes.

*She also noted research on the Grappler Vehicle bids stating that the low bid should be disqualified due to non compliance of bid specification line items. An informal hearing will be provided for the low bidder and then the District can proceed.

*She noted that the citizen is scheduled to close on the Lakes at Summerfield retention pond property (Welch property) this week and is favorable to working out issues with the District once purchased.

Engineer, Jacob Murray noted that 5 plan submittals for the District were reviewed with 3 no objection letters being issued and 2 comment letters issued (Juban Parc 4th filing and Belmont Subdivision 1st filing)

Jamie Seale stated that the field work on Felders Canal drainage study is almost complete with only the Ruth property needing a ROW to enter for that section of the canal evaluation.

Jamie Seale also noted that a serious discrepancy on the debris removal services contract was examined. He shared that Ceres Inc. is defining the cubic yards requirement as per the FEMA standard in a different manner which will cause serious problems in the future from FEMA in his opinion. He recommended that since this standard is stated differently by the bidder, then it becomes a non compliance item on the original approved bid thereby making the bid by Ceres Inc. a non responsive bid due to these revealed factors. He recommended to re-advertise with clearer specification comments to all bidders.

Motion to re-advertise the debris removal service contract as per specifications recommended by Engineer within the next 45 days with no public comment by R.Borne seconded by C.Juneau Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

Manager reported that projects that were pending this past year by the US Corps permits are about to begin since feedback of issuance notes that approvals are near (Pine Bluff Road, Brown property and Willow Point).
*He stated that the pontoon hoe repairs are almost complete by the vendor.
*He recapped the ditch and canal clearing being performed.
*He proposed a long term topic for board consideration. He stated that since the District had failed in the past to secure 4 or 5 acres from the adjacent property developer (land for residences) that the District yard is being boxed in on all sides and limited on expansion space. He requested that due to this limitation of space if he could order an appraisal on the current land site of the District in order to plan for long term needs. Board discussed various ideas. A second yard plan was suggested also. Manager will also research on the Fire District's plans.
*He reported that the new entrance electronic gate should be finished soon and then this east entrance will be used for traffic.

Under board comments, Chairman noted that a detention pond at Hidden Lakes has not been approved yet and should be a dry unit versus holding water.

Robert Borne recommended for the Manager to communicate with the home owners affected at Willow Point when the Corps permits are approved and before the actual work is made.

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



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Next meeting Tuesday February 8, 2022 6:30 pm
