

The Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District One met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 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, R.Borne, J.Spence, C.Whitmire

Absent: Carl Juneau

Guests: Employees of the District

Legal Counsel, Hannah Callandro

Jacob Murray, Derik Murphy, Jamie Seale, Mason Banano of Quality Engineering
Jace Morrison, citizen

Prayer was given by Chris Whitmire and pledge of allegiance made.

No public comments were made so Chairman moved to the next agenda item.

Legal Counsel noted that there was no new legal activity to report.

Manager noted that unit 18 is being serviced for an engine light/ fuel issues (estimated \$20000). Board consensus agreed on action.

*He stated that a culvert at Green Acres will be either repaired or replaced to improve the general area's drainage flow (ROW access given by citizen).

*He is assembling the standard bid specification form for culvert purchasing for future approval.

*He reported that Mr. Price is planning for a Cook Road crossing with a bridge and is wanting board's intention to allow the crossing before he actually pays for the engineering design. Board agreed on preliminary basis with design plans to be approved once approved without issues.

*He noted that NRCS is currently performing work within the District.

Engineer reported on 5 reviews with 2 letters of no objection issued and 3 comment letters issued. He also covered communication with engineer on previous questions on drainage impact study with Open Door Church.

*Engineer noted that the Sawgrass at Greystone project continues with culverts delivered and another culvert is being designed for installation.

*He mentioned that no contact from property owner west of the Lakes at Summerfield pond has been received.

*Engineer gave the modeling results on the Lakes at Summerfield area drainage after findings of work was analyzed. He summarized that the pond

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Per Board

does not have the full capacity to properly handle the flow and that 5 separate options are being considered. Various factors reveal that most piping is too small at outfall and downstream as well as lowering the piping outflow west. The need for ROW verification is a priority as well.

Discussion of the 5 option that could be a workable solution was made. Board discussed the pond options and the engineer explained the model's definition of terms for solutions to better drainage. He noted that the small piping at certain locations would be required to be replaced. Engineer and Legal Counsel noted that the District can make improvements within the ROW or in areas with ROW secured on private laterals due to impact on the District's lateral. Engineer estimated that in this area the expense would be near \$250,000 for materials and installation.

Engineer noted that other options are being explored within the combination of the 5 options. Board discussed the full project and the adjacent lateral problems as well as ROW issues. Board requested Engineer to estimate each of the 5 options with an expense summary.

Legal Counsel will follow up with communication with the new pond owner (Mrs. Smith) after the 5 options are estimated and direction is set by the board. Manager discussed communication with property owners who have shown past concerns after board decides upon options.

*Engineer recommended to begin holding general outreach information and education summit series on drainage plans again as were held before Covid periods. This would include the general public and political positions over the District. Board discussed and agreed that Quality Engineering could assist in facilitating these series of meetings.

*Engineer noted that Parish Council member has recommended that the Parish write a master plan on drainage. Jamie Seale explained that Region 7's information and the past history on funding from Louisiana grants. He recommended that the Gray's Creek Watershed Study can be presented along with Region 7 information to the Parish. He also gave recent developments involving legislative action to date for funding, but noted that the Parish will be submitting an application for funding in the future for the master plan to the La Watershed Initiative (Governor has 1.2 billion on hand but plan of allocation needs to be accomplished first).

Robert Borne requested that Engineer provide a history of the water shed studies in the District with notations of those minor areas that remain unfinished.

*Engineer noted that a new potential program is being initiated which may assist the District called the National Culvert Repair and Replacement Fund.

*Engineer presented a revised form stating standard specifications for bidding debris removal services for emergency events of the District. Board consensus agreed to distribute this revised standards to Legal Counsel for review and advertising for bid.

*Engineer presented a proposal for Quality Engineering to write a debris management response plan with procedures for the District. Board made comments on the proposal.

*Quality Engineering introduced Mason Bonano who will assist the District on project control. Mr.Bonano explained the project status control functions and how the District staff performs duties and tasks.

Mr. Bonano will begin the process of meeting with the established committee and Manager on all projects for the purpose of prioritizing as per various criteria (to be established). This will include both staff projects and large full scale improvements identified in the water shed studies, etc.

Under board comments, Manager was directed to buy 2 loads of limestone for the parking lot.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by C.Whitmire
seconded by R.Borne Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none
Absent- Carl Juneau



Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

Next meeting Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6:30 pm
(Discussion of Ad Valorem Tax Resolution and Adoption)
