

The Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District One met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 6:30pm at the Administration Office at 8114 Highway 190 in Denham Springs, La.

Meeting called to order by Chairman David Provost.

Present: D. Provost, C. Whitmire, R. Borne, C. Juneau, J. Spence

Absent: none

Guests: Employees of the District

Legal Counsel, Hannah Callandro

Engineer, Jamie Seal, Jacob Murry, Mason Bonano

Public: Cynthia Landry 10119 Carter Hills Avenue

Deana Sepulvacia 10128 Carter Hills Avenue

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

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Motion to approve the minutes for the 3-14-23 and 3-28-23 regular meetings as mailed with no public comment by C. Whitmire seconded by C. Juneau Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

There were no public comments.

Quality Engineering presented a proposal on the Sweetwater Development delineation services for the Allen Bayou channel.

Chairman requested an explanation on the Allen Bayou Channel and if this work is different than the Allen Bayou project already on the priority list.

Engineer explained the proposal covers the wetlands for all of Allen Bayou.

Chairman requested that this project (Allen Bayou) be placed on the priority listing in conjunction with ditch for Harris Road. Board discussed and requested that Elos Inc. should send the proposal directly to the District rather than thru the Engineer regarding wetlands services for Allen Bayou. It was noted that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

Legal Counsel noted that bid packets are prepared for any firms wishing to bid on grass cutting services for the District. Board made a discussion on potential ethics issues involving firms providing this service.

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Motion to direct Legal Counsel to secure a Louisiana Board of Ethics advisory opinion regarding clarification of a potential action whereby a District commissioner's part time status with firm who would potentially bid on providing monitoring or grass cutting services with no public comment by C. Whitmire seconded by C. Juneau Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

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Legal Counsel noted that four owners of one property along the Wildwood project are being researched in order for ROW securement before the project is undertaken.

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

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

Jacob Murray gave the Engineer report noting that 6 submittals were reviewed for the District with 3 letters of no objection and 3 comment letters sent to the developers.

\*He presented research for an area at Glenwood Estates outfall regarding ROW identification. The ditch has shifted out of the old ROW at spots. Manager recommended to straighten the canal within the original ROW. Engineer stated that a flow analysis should be made to protect such action's effects on surrounding property owners. Board requested Engineer to estimate design costs for placing the current canal condition into the ROW. Board also discussed options and the Engineer agreed to gather information.

\*Jamie Seale reported on the bid tabulations for grass cutting maintenance services as per published specifications from two bidders. He gave an update on interviews with the vendors and noted that the committee (members- Carl Juneau and Chris Whitmire) recommended to use Green Seasons per the tabulation evaluation. Board discussed at length and recommended Legal Counsel to compile a contract for execution.

Motion to award the grass cutting services for 2023 to Green Seasons as recommended by committee and Engineer with no public comment by R. Borne seconded by C. Juneau Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

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Cynthia Landry and Deana Sepulvacia arrived at the meeting (public).

Manager reported on computer upgrade needs for security improvements on District devices. The upgrade proposed by Brad Thompson, current District Tech, is recommended by Manager at \$1189. Board consensus agreed with Manger's recommendation to proceed in purchasing improved security.

\*He noted that the pontoon trackhoe final parts should be received soon and then staff will put the unit to work.

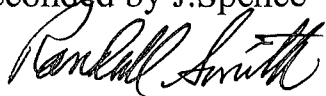
Chairman allowed two guests to speak on drainage concerns at Carter Hills. Cynthia Landry expressed her opinion with concerns of how Gray's Creek is affecting her yard and home relating to erosion.

Manager shared the history and provided photo shots of this location. He noted that the District needed legal feedback before providing sink hole assistance on her private property. Manager noted that testing revealed that some holes are in the ROW but many are in her yard. Legal Counsel explained that natural erosion is not being addressed within servitudes, but that an Attorney General opinion could shed light on the District's responsibility inside of ROW. Rober Borne asked if the District could hire a soil expert to make bore samples inside ROW? Board discussed and agreed to secure an Attorney General Opinion on responsibility within ROW.

Motion to direct Legal Counsel to secure an Attorney General's opinion regarding clarification of District erosion repair responsibility inside servitudes and adjacent to servitudes with no public comment by C.Whitmire seconded by C.Juneau Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

Mrs. Landry and Sepulvacia continued to share frustrations at their property sites on erosion issues and the need for assistance. Board explained limitations currently and the need for legal clarification to perform any work.

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



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Randall Smith Administrative Secretary  
Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District 1

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The Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District One met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 6:30pm at the Administration Office at 8114 Highway 190 in Denham Springs, La.

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Robert Borne

Present: C.Whitmire, R.Borne, C.Juneau, J.Spence

Absent: David Provost

Guests: Employees of the District

Legal Counsel, Hannah Callandro

Engineer, Jacob Murry, Jamie Seale, Mason Bonano

Elos Inc. Ariel Ebanks

Public- Cynthia Landry, Carter Hills Avenue

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

Under public input, Mrs. Cynthia Landry asked about the Attorney General Opinion. Legal Counsel stated that this opinions generally takes up to 2 months in securing from the Attorney General.

Legal Counsel presented a contract for execution by the District with Green Season for the 2023 contract of grass cutting services. Vice Chairman, Robert Borne signed the contract as per previous approved resolution.

Jacob Murray reported on the 3 submittal reviews performed by Quality Enineering. He noted that 1 letter of no objection was issued and 2 comment letters were sent to the developers.

Elos Inc. presented a proposal for wetlands delineation services and jurisdictional determination for Allen Bayou for board consideration. Board discussed the need for this action.

Motion to approve Elos Inc. Wetlands Delineation and jurisdictional determination services proposal dated 4-12-23 with fees not to exceed \$15,000 with no public comment by C.Whitmire seconded by C.Juneau Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-D.Provost

Engineer, Jamie Seale, reported on erosion site near Glenwood Subdivsion and will have more information at next meeting.

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Manager requested to purchase a new smart whiteboard TV for the meeting room and to replace the computer. He provided four quotes. Board consensus agreed on the low quote for these purchases.

Manager and Engineer explained FEMA phone conference regarding FEMA drainage reimbursement items being questioned related to Hurricane Ida. An explanation on the 1<sup>st</sup> appeal process with FEMA was made and the board questioned if the appeal would be cost effective. Quality Engineering recommended to attempting at least the 1<sup>st</sup> appeal of disallowed items. The cost estimate will be provided at the next meeting.

Manager noted that Green Season contract will begin in the first week of May, 2023, and he will be watching progress with evaluation as the work is performed.

Manager also outlined new equipment purchase needs later in 2023, for board information.

No further commissioner comments were made.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by J.Spence seconded by C.Whitmire Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-David Provost



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**Next Meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 6:30 PM**

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