

The Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District One met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 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: D. Provost, C. Whitmire, J. Spence, C. Juneau

Absent: Robert Borne

Guests: Employees of the District

Legal Counsel, Hannah Callandro

Trey Sanders, CPA

Jeff Diamond engineer for Sweetwater Development

Jacob Murray, Quality Engineers

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

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Motion to approve the minutes for the 12-13-22 regular meeting as mailed with no public comment by C. Whitmire seconded by J. Spence Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-Robert Borne

No public comments made from those in attendance so Chairman moved to the next agenda item.

Chairman noted that board elections are delayed until next meeting.

Trey Sanders, CPA presented the 2022 financial audit and 2022 AUP audit engagement letters. He explained the La. Legislative Auditor's guidelines on procedure testing for the AUP audit.

Motion to approve the presented 2022 financial and AUP audit engagement with Hannis T. Bourgeois CPA's with no public comment by C. Juneau seconded by C. Whitmire Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-Robert Borne

Legal Counsel reported that there have been no new items to legally discuss and that a follow up action will be made on the Yucan Ditch issue.

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

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Motion to approve the financial report for the December period as presented with no public comment by C. Whitmire seconded by C. Juneau Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-Robert Borne

Engineer reported on 7 reviews since last meeting with three recommended letters of no objection. He covered inspections performed for the District and that he recommended a change order for the District's share of \$618.75 on the Parish project with All South Engineering. Board discussed and consensus agreed with the payment.

Engineer recommended to approve a cooperative endeavor agreement with the City of Denham Springs for the Long Slash Branch drainage project. Legal Counsel commented on the agreement.

Motion to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Denham Springs for the Long Slash Branch drainage project as reviewed by District Legal Counsel with no public comment by C. Whitmire seconded by J. Spence Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-Robert Borne

Jeff Diamond addressed the board regarding Sweetwater Development at Allen Bayou. He recommended that the District approve a wetlands delineation study in order to assemble a joint improvement action. Board discussed and consensus directed Elos Inc. to propose a cost estimate for a wetlands study for a 4500 foot section northeast to the Mitchell King ditch.

Manager gave a monthly report.

\*He stated that an Entergy letter was received noting a change of billing method. He noted that Robert Borne has assisted on behalf of the District and will have him report to the board.

\*He noted that a Rolling Meadows sewer line at a residence apparently collapsed due to the District's tractor crossing it in wet conditions. The repair bill is being assembled by property owner, Eugen Sonnier. Board consensus agreed with the reimbursement to the citizen not to exceed \$2300.

\*He stated that the ice machine needs repair and gave pricing options. Board agreed on replacing the unit for \$4150. Manager noted that in the interim period ice bags will be purchased until replacement is made.

\*He explained that a public hearing with the HOA of the Lakes at Summerfield will be held at the Library on 2-7-23 at 6pm.

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\*He reported on the status of the Sawgrass project and gave an update on the Scivicque Road project which Parish funding has been withdrawn. Board discussed.

\*He noted that the Pontoon equipment may be ready in mid February and the Grappler truck ready by the end of May.

Under commissioner comments, Carl Juneau requested information to be presented on the RFP for grass cutting services specifications from the Engineers.

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



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Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

**Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023**

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The Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District One met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 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

Absent: Jessie Spence

Guests: Employees of the District

Legal Counsel, Blayne Honeycutt

Engineer, Jamie Seal, Jacob Murry

Mr. and Mrs. Authement (Mercer Road)

Daniel Sibley, Ken Stringer, Mark Guillory of Stonebridge Subdivision

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

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Motion to approve the minutes for the 1-10-23 regular meeting as mailed with no public comment by C.Whitmire seconded by C.Juneau Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-Jessie Spence

Chairman opened nominations for officers for 2023 for the District.

Motion by R.Borne seconded by C.Juneau to elect David Provost as

Chairman with no public comment Vote passed Yeas-3 Nays-none Absent – Jessie Spence, Not voting David Provost.

Motion by C.Juneau seconded by C.Whitmire to elect Robert Borne as Vice Chairman with no public comment Vote passed Yeas-3 Nays-none Absent – Jessie Spence, Not voting Robert Borne.

Motion by C.Whitmire seconded by D.Provost to elect Carl Juneau as Secretary with no public comment Vote passed Yeas-3 Nays-none Absent – Jessie Spence, Not voting Carl Juneau.

Chairman appointed committees for 2023 Budget Carl Juneau, D.Provost  
Equipment R.Borne, D.Provost Personell C.Whitmire J.Spence  
Insurance C.Juneau J.Spence Policy Procedures R.Borne C.Whitmire

Under public input, Daniel Sibley addressed the board and presented maps of Stonebridge Subdivision.

He noted history of past actions by the Parish DPW and requested any help to assist in improving drainage for the subdivision. Board agreed to pursue assistance but did note that the area does not currently pay any ad valorem taxes according to the assessor's tax roll.

Mr. Andrew Authement addressed the board on a 30 foot servitude on the rear of his property (Mercer Road near Arnold) which is on the northern boundary with District 2. He covered the history of past attempts by district crews and trash problems noted. He wishes for the Manager to make an appointment on his site for his overview as the crew cleans the servitude. Manager explained past attempts for a new diversion with surrounding land owners to give some relief to the property discussed. He pledged to visit the site with crew on 2-15-23 and will be meeting with District 2 about this exact location. Manager showed the location on media and noted attempts by Legal Counsel for assistance by adjacent property owners.

Motion to adopt the 2022 La Compliance Audit Questionnaire as presented for the upcoming financial audit with no public comment by C. Whitmire seconded by R. Borne Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-Jessie Spence

Legal Counsel, Hannah Callandro, stated that continued work is being made on the engineering engagement agreement for board approval. She noted that the Parish Council passed a resolution recently to develop a plan for the three established Districts to define the responsibilities of the major canals and to assist in adjacent areas.

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

Motion to approve the financial report for the January period as presented with no public comment by R. Borne seconded by C. Whitmire Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent- Jessie Spence

Jacob Murry reported on 14 reviews performed since the last report noting that 8 had no objections and 6 with comments to developers. Manager noted that one citizen in Bellemont continues to call on his specific ditch drainage, but it is an area not in the District's jurisdiction. Board directed Engineer to verify if the ditch was correctly constructed (Bellemont).

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Engineer presented the study of Carter Hills and explained the report. The field survey was performed and a hydro model compiled. He summarized the flow south and the natural flow in the area. He recommended to (a) clear 15 foot servitude (b) widen eastern outfall ditch decreasing the headwater flow and (c) replace a subsurface pipe sections on Natchez Avenue along roadside ditch (DPW's responsibility). Board directed Manager to proceed with the Drainage District's portion of action points per this study.

Engineer recommended approval of the advertising for bids on the RFP maintenance cutting services with the bids deadline by 3-23-23 and approval by board on 3-29-23.

Motion to approve the advertising for RFP cutting services bids as recommended by Engineer with no public comment by C. Juneau seconded by C. Whitmire Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-Jessie Spence.

Engineer covered the Dunn Park Road Study engineering proposal #1838 with a cost estimate of \$19,165 to complete the field data.

Motion to approve the proposal #1838 by Quality Engineering as presented with no public comment by C. Juneau seconded by C. Whitmire Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-Jessie Spence.

Engineer reported that he has arranged a Public Hearing meeting at the Library for property owners and HOA members of the Lakes at Summerfield with District representatives. He summarized the three proposed options to be publicly discussed and requested board members to provide guidance for ultimately compiling a final proposal. Board agreed.

Engineer presented a priority capital outlay project listing of District projects. He noted that 10 projects are estimated to cost greater than \$250,000 each and 9 projects will be less than \$250,000 (for bid procedures). He summarized time lines and gave an update on each line item.

Manager gave a monthly report.

Robert Borne reported on his knowledge of the Entergy rate letter and recommended to opt for a new rate. Board consensus agreed to opt for a new electrical rate for the facility as discussed.

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Manager reported on the Plantation Estates recent rain flooding. Manager commented on the areas which flooded roadways, however the water did recede after a few hours. Engineer explained that a new ordinance will govern all new developments on the storm flood measurement as compared to the existing areas that were developed over the decades.

\*He requested board approval to work with the Engineer and the City along with the Livingston Parish School Board in giving attention to a hot spot adjacent to the Stem Center on South Range. Board agreed to proceed with this work jointly with the other parties.

\*He presented a report on erosion at Gray's Creek in Carter Hills on private land and conveyed communications with the property owner.

\*He reported on siltation of a canal due to a developers non approved adjustment to the land (7<sup>th</sup> filing of Juban Parc). He covered the details of his discovery of what is wrong with the drainage flow at this site.

Board consensus directed Legal Counsel to secure a cease and desist order once final verification by the Engineer is made. The board wishes for the developer to be informed that the canal must be returned to the original condition prior to when his private development work began.

Under commissioner comments, Robert Borne commented on the good meeting with the HOA of the Lakes at Summerfield.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

**Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

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The Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District One met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 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, R. Borne, C. Whitmire, J. Spence

Absent: Carl Juneau

Guests: Employees of the District

Legal Counsel, Hannah Callandro

Engineers, Jamie Seal, Jacob Murry, Mason Bonano

Citizens, Frank & Lisa Walter (Arnold Acres)

Meagan Lofton of Lakes at Summerfield

Prayer was lead by C. Whitmire and the pledge of allegiance was made.

Under public input, Frank and Lisa Walter expressed their concern on drainage flow in Arnold Acres and how the Pipe and Steel property is impacting their drainage. After discussion, Quality Engineering was assigned the duty of reviewing the new construction being performed and if proper engineering plans are being followed by developer.

Legal Counsel, Hannah Callandro, reported that all signatures for the Satcher project has been received and executed by the board.

Engineer gave a report about the Wildwood project meeting with the land owner. The plan was discussed with the property owner about using the servitude as a diversion canal to relieve other citizens in the area.

Mason Bonano summarized the three options at the Lakes at Summerfield for the board. Board discussed and the consensus was to get soil samples adjacent to the pond levee first.

Jacob Murry reported on three reviews performed with 1 letter of no objection and two comment letters were sent to the two developers (Wildwood Estates and Nickens Lake 3<sup>rd</sup> filing)

Jamie Seal reported on his review of the Bellemont development. He stated that the existing pond does not match original drawings and he is pursuing obtaining the paperwork design in order to review the overflow structure. It appears to be 1.5 feet too low at the present time and one culvert is too high at this site also.

There was no report on Capital Outlay at this time.

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An engineering update was given on the actions in Plantation Estates whereby culverts are to be removed on the north and south side of Hermitage. He is continuing to research servitude at this location.

Engineer presented a proposal #1872 for tasks to be performed regarding Carter Hills design scope totaling \$3450.

Motion to approve Quality Engineering proposal #1872 in the amount of \$3,450 as presented by Engineer with no public comment by C. Whitmire seconded by J. Spence Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-Carl Juneau

Engineer recommended actions on Allen Bayou whereby a culvert upstream is removed and resized for installation under Belle Helene Drive. Manager will check with Parish DPW on supplies available for the District to install.

Manager reported that the pontoon equipment is at Wetland Company and the repair work is complete. It will be picked up next week.

He noted that he and two employees will attend the National Hurricane Convention in New Orleans for information.

He also noted that he will set up a meeting with Councilman Gerald McMorris on drainage outside the District as requested.

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



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