

The Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District One met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 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, J. Spence

Absent: none

Guests: Employees of the District

Legal Counsel, Blayne Honeycutt

Engineer, Jamie Seal, Jacob Murry, Mason Bonano

Jeff Diamon, developer engineer

Six citizens of Lakes at Summerfield and one citizen of Arnold Acres

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

Motion to approve the minutes for the 2-14-23 and 2-28-23 regular meetings as mailed with no public comment by C. Whitmire seconded by J. Spence Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

There were no public comments.

Chairman discussed the Sweet Water Development (Allen Bayou) agreement regarding widening improvements. Jamie Seal, Engineer, explained the improvements to be designed for and the board expressed the need for a detail explanation of the developer's work along with specific District responsibility. Mr. Seal noted that McLin Engineering should assist with oversight before the next meeting for future board consideration.

Legal Counsel, Blayne Honeycutt stated that there were no new legal issues.

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

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

Jacob Murry reported on 9 reviews performed since the last report noting that 4 had no objections and 1 with comments to developers.

Chairman noted that his observation on area near Stonebridge that needs oversight of what the developer is doing. Engineer explained his comments made to the developer and how the District controls this issue legally.

Jamie Seal discussed the Wildwood project and reported that the property owners are willing to participate as well as Demco with ROW needs. He commented that a study is needed and he presented proposal #1885 for a proper design correction at this site (5 tasks totaling \$66,800). He noted that mitigation and wetland determination will also be needed from the US Corps.

Motion to approve proposal #1885 from Quality Engineering in the amount of \$66,800 for the study on the Wildwood area as recommended by Engineer with no public comment by C.Juneau seconded by C.Whitmire Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

Engineer presented four quotes on soil determination for the pond at Lakes at Summerfield. He noted that the low quote is for \$6000 from ECS. It was noted that the firms all stated that they were not too optimistic that the soils are suitable for the routing of the flow close to the pond. Board made full discussion regarding all 3 options for the Lakes at Summerfield solution that has been given attention. Manager gave practical comments on performing minor clean out in a specific area of the legal ROW. Board agreed that the staff should perform preliminary cleaning to improve flow now before a final decision is made from the three options.

Motion to authorize Manager to perform limited tasks to improve and clean the ditch at the worst area along a ditch in the Lakes at Summerfield area with Engineering comments with no public comment by J.Spence seconded by C.Juneau Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-none

Engineer updated on a study of Dixon Creek. He noted that identification of improvements needed previously will be solved by recent DOTD plan announcements regarding this area at Hwy 190. A close watch on this action at this site will be made to keep the board informed.

*He stated that the RFP (cutting services) pre bid meeting is set for 3-16-23.

*He presented a capital outlay listing with project line item details.

He summarized the District's listing of projects and noted that the largest project is the Gray's Creek widening which will bring this canal in compliance to a 25 year storm event.

Board discussed actions to be taken on design plans for major projects. Board directed Legal Counsel to proceed with reviewing the professional engineering contract terms in order to begin work on the major listed projects.

Manager gave a monthly report.

*He presented camera footage of poor construction for The Preserve at Gray's Creek and noted that this will not be accepted by the District.

*He noted that a billing for \$412.50 from the Parish was received on the Allen Bayou Project.

*He covered erosion review in Carter Hills and proposed that ROW corners be established for determining potential work. Board stated that this was private land sink holes and are not the District's responsibility, but agreed to direct Manager to determine property corners at this site. Legal Counsel noted factors concerning erosion comments from a past AG opinion and a need for clearer view from the AG. Board agreed for Legal Counsel to pursue a clearer Ag opinion.

*Manager reported on Linda Lee area that needs major attention from erosion. He recommended to correct and Engineer will provide a proposal for servitude boundary along this canal.

*He noted that he received three quotes for tree removal at Sheri Place canal. He stated that the low quote was for \$800 and board consensus agreed to use the low quote.

*He noted that a hurricane training conference in New Orleans is available. He will register 3 of staff and requested a hotel room at \$452. Board agreed to reimburse the staff for the hotel room at this rate.

*He shared a conversation with Councilman McMorris on setting a meeting to discuss adjacent District boundary drainage needs.

Under commissioner comments, Carl Juneau requested if any cleaning action on trash removal at Debbie Lane has been accomplished. Discussion on the confusion of which Debbie Lane site was noted. Manager stated that the proper area was addressed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by J.Spence seconded by R.Borne 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, March 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, C. Whitmire, R. Borne, C. Juneau

Absent: J. Spence

Guests: Employees of the District

Legal Counsel, Hannah Callandro

Engineer, Jacob Murry

Public- none

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

Legal Counsel stated that she is working on the Gray's Creek RFQ and recommended for the appointment of a working committee with some board members. Chairman appointed Robert Borne and Carl Juneau. She stated that the property owners have been identified on the Wildwood project canal proposal. She noted that a title search needs to be performed. Board consensus agreed to perform this search and secure ROW for this relief canal.

Jacob Murry reported on 6 reviews performed since the last report noting that 3 had no objections and 3 comment letters sent to developers (one resubdivision and 2 construction plan items). He noted that he is working on the Glenwood Estates survey for ROW location in order that the staff can address the erosion issues.

Chairman requested if the Bellemont Subdivision contractor is planning any action on the berm he created. Engineer noted that they were in communication with the developer and when he finishes all the work this item will be addressed if needed.

Manager reported that Crawler Supply is buying the lower equipment (from pontoon excavator equipment) back from the District for \$6000. He mentioned the potential to purchase further warranty on the new equipment for three extra years for \$2,950 through 6-19-27 or 5000 hours. Board consensus agreed with this action.

*He noted that track issues for the 36 case equipment needs replacement and he recommends to replace rubber tracks for \$1500 and new spikes for additional \$1200. Board consensus agreed on this purchase.

*He reported that the RFQ quotes will be opened on 4-11-23.

*He reminded that the hurricane training conference is next week and that Good Friday holiday will be recognized on Monday 4-10-23.

* He noted that weedeating is in progress

*He stated that Demco has sent a damage billing for \$2213.38 alleged by the District at a site, but that his research revealed that the District staff did not make this mistake.

Chairman appointed the RFP committee as Carl Juneau and Chris Whitmire

Under board comments, Robert Borne stated that the committee is working on the review of the Engineering Service Contract with Legal Counsel (Quality Engineering contract).

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



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Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023
