

The Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District One met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 6:30 pm 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

Absent: Robert Borne, Carl Juneau

Guests: Employees of the District

Legal Counsel, Hannah Callandro

Engineer: Mason Bonano

Public: Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Arnold Acres

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

Motion to approve the minutes for the 4-11-23 and 4-25-23 regular meetings as mailed with no public comment by J. Spence seconded by C. Whitmire. Vote passed Yeas-3 Nays-none Absent-Robert Borne, Carl Juneau

Under public comments, Mrs. Walker of Arnold Acres addressed the board regarding activity on Mercer near Wildwood. She requested information on a plan for this area to relieve drainage. Manager summarized plans for a canal route that is pending ROW securement. He also noted that recent markings are for grass cutting service contractor boundaries and not the route of the proposed canal. Mrs. Walker thanked the board.

Legal Counsel noted that the Attorney General has not rendered an opinion on the requested responsibility of erosion in ROW, but is working on research for making a decision.

*She noted that the Ethics Commission attorney has registered the request on a vendor's ability to bid on jobs (clarification on vendor bidding if a Board Member has part time employment with the vendor).

*She noted that Attorney Eric Pittman is searching the title on one lot on the Wildwood route and she gave an update on searching for legal heirs on another section of property on the same route.

*She reminded that committee meetings are under the same rules as public meetings (agenda postings, etc.).

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

He also provided a presentation on the LAMP (La Asset Management Program) investment program that renders excellent interest rates for governmental units. Current rates of interest are tied to the US Treasury Bills rates and are an all time high presently.

Motion to approve the financial report for the April period as presented with no public comment by J.Spence seconded by C.Whitmire Vote passed Yeas-3 Nays-none Absent-Robert Borne, Carl Juneau

Motion to transfer \$3,000,000 to the LAMP program effective immediately and authorize the Chairman and Administrative Secretary to execute the program enrollment documents with no public comment by J.Spence seconded by C.Whitmire Vote passed Yeas-3 Nays-none Absent-Robert Borne, Carl Juneau

Mason Bonano gave the Engineer report noting that 1 submittal was reviewed for the District with 1 letter of no objection issued (last filing of Belmont). Legal Counsel noted that the first filing of this subdivision was not built to design so it was originally rejected and continues unapproved. This request for the last filing does not include the original filing.

*He reported on a proposal 1925 totaling \$13,600 wich includes a hydraulic analysis for the Glenwood Estates outfall. Chairman noted that terminology in the proposal should read "not to exceed". Board discussed and tabled the proposal for Manager's review.

*He noted that a culvert project (Belle Helene) is ready to be addressed. Board discussed and recommended that the Manager contact Parish DPW for confirmation of assistance with costs.

Manager reported that the Carter Hills culvert was replaced except on the north side. This is awaiting action if the Attorney General opinion states that it shall be the District's responsibility.

*He requested that Legal Counsel compose a Hold Harmless Agreement Form for use with property owners involving the pool owners inside or near our ROW near the Lakes at Summerfield. Board discussed and consensus agreed to direct Legal Counsel to compile the agreement form.

*He stated that he recommended for the District to join the APWO (American Public Works Organization – La. Chapter) at cost of \$115 Board consensus agreed for District to join.

*Manager reported that the contractor for grass cutting (Green Seasons) has performed excellently so far.

*He is analyzing the need for future equipment and will work with the Board Committee on Equipment.

*He stated that both pontoon units will begin work next week.

Under board comments, Chris Whitmire asked if the Manager had spoken with a Mr. Delahouyse regarding a leaning tree's status. Manager noted that this tree is not in the actual ROW.

Jessie Spence questioned if the noncompliance issues noted by FEMA has been addressed. It was noted that the first appeal is in progress, but the engineer desires more details from FEMA.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by J.Spence seconded by C.Whitmire Vote passed Yeas-3 Nays-none Absent-Robert Borne, Carl Juneau



Randall Smith Administrative Secretary
Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District 1

The Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District One met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 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.Juneau
Absent: Jessie Spence, Chirs Whitmire
Guests: Employees of the District
Legal Counsel, Hannah Callandro
Engineer, Jacob Murry, Jamie Seale, Mason Bonano
Public-none

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

There was no public in attendance, Chairman proceeded to next agenda item.

Administrative Secretary presented information to the Board regarding the need to legally research the status of renewing the 20 year sales tax election. He discussed information provided to him from the Livingston Parish School Board Collection Division on verbage registered with their office. Board discussed and assigned Legal Counsel to research this potential of not being required to hold a renewal sales tax election every 20 years.

Legal Counsel stated that there were no new items to report.

Jacob Murray reported that 4 submittal reviews were performed by Quality Eningeering. He noted that 3 requests were issued comment letters for engineer responses from the developers and one submittal was a re-sub with a letter of no objection.

Engineer, Jamie Seale, reported on the FEMA conversation held recently concerning the debris assistance previously applied for. He noted that GOHSEP representatives shared that FEMA was told to hold up on consideration of assistance application due to a native American tribe denial response to the FEMA publication process. GOHSEP recommended for the District to submit a clarification on routines/procedures followed by the District on the projects applied for. A comment was shared that another level of management within FEMA will potentially approve the application. Board consensus agreed to direct Engineer to communicate to GOHSEP.

Engineer noted that the La Watershed Initiative program has opened another round of funding submittals. He recommended to submit 5 selected projects for consideration in round 2 by LWI.

Motion to direct Engineer to submit selected projects as presented to the La Watershed Initiative Program for funding assistance and authorize Chairman to execute the documentation with no public comment by C.Juneau seconded by R.Borne Vote passed Yeas-3 Nays-none Absent-J.Spence, C.Whitmire

Mason Bonano presented quotes from three vendors regarding estimated costs of replacing a Belle Helene culvert. Manager noted that he has communicated with the Parish DPW concerning their intention of supplying the culvert with the District performing the installation. Board discussed and directed the Manager to communicate further with DPW.

Motion to authorize Manager to negotiate terms with Parish DPW on a two culvert replacement project at Belle Helene in Plantation Estates with no public comment by C.Juneau seconded by R.Borne Vote passed Yeas-3 Nays-none Absent-J.Spence, C.Whitmire

Engineer presented information on a Cullen Road (lower portion of District) property owner request. He presented proposal 1930 on the cost estimate for a study to resolve drainage issue. He noted that to correct the issue about 70% of the corrective project action is outside the boundary of the District. Manager explained the location and that the drainage above Cullen Road is adding to the drainage in the area outside the boundary. He covered a summary of actions needed downstream that will solve the drainage issue. Manager stated that ROW agreements will be required as well as Parish oversight and a CEA with the Parish for this project to be a reality. He stated strongly that the District would be assisting versus responsible for the project. This project will use approximately 4 miles of channel to Highway 447. He will be discussing with appropriate Councilmen and personnel of the Parish.

Manager reported that the web site adjustments are needed.

*He stated that he has a potential equipment purchase listing for the upcoming equipment committee meeting.

*He reported on a damaged culvert at 21375 Vincent Acres by a private trucking company. Legal Counsel will attempt to secure the purchase of a replacement culvert from the trucking company and the District will install. Board agreed for Legal Counsel to proceed.

*He noted that the Carter Hills culvert was installed but a Cox cable was discovered to be damaged (outside of the marked area). It was determined that the District is not responsible to Cox Cable and has denied the billing of \$2000.

*He stated that repairs to one pontoon unit will be completed near 5-24-23.

*He stated that recent blasting of a box culvert under Tara Drive should result in better drainage flow in Plantation Estates.

*He will be using the new Hold Harmless Agreement to the owner of the pool at the Lakes at Summerfield soon.

*He again noted that since inception of using the grass cutting services, that the vendor's crew (Green Seasons) has performed very pleasingly.

No further commissioner comments were made.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by C.Juneau seconded by R.Borne Vote passed Yeas-3 Nays-none Absent-C.Whitmire, J.Spence



Randall Smith Administrative Secretary
Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District 1

Next Meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 6:30 PM
