

**EAST ASCENSION CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

The meeting of the East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 Commission was held on Tuesday March 7, 2023, at the Ascension Parish Court house. The meeting started at approximately 6:37 p.m.

Chairwoman Casso called the meeting to order and announced all commissioners who were in attendance or absent.

Members Present: Commissioners Michael Mason, Dal Waguespack, Aaron Lawler, Joel Robert, Chairwoman Terri Casso, Vice-Chairman Dempsey Lambert

Members Absent: Commissioners Travis Turner, Corey Orgeron, John Cagnolatti, Chase Melancon

The invocation was led by Commissioner Joel Robert followed by the Pledge of Allegiance that was recited by all present.

Public Comments Period/ Additions to Agenda-

Chairwoman Casso opened the floor for public comments and instructed those wishing to speak to present a card to the secretary. There were none.

Acceptance of February 7, 2023 meeting minutes-

Chairwoman Casso presented the minutes for February 7, 2023 meeting for approval.

There was a motion made by Commissioner Robert and a second by Commissioner Mason. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Chairman's Report/Announcements-

Chairwoman Casso announced there are no reports at this time.

General Business

Approval of Amendment No. 5 for Life House to extend contract term one (1) additional year thru July 14 2024 and increase the amount by \$400,000.00 to bring the new contract total to not to exceed \$1,099,500.00 for labor purposes) Jonathon Samuel, Assistant Director).

There was a discussion. Commissioner Lawler made a motion. Commissioner Mason made a second to the motion. No Objections. Motion Passed.

Approval of Amendment No. 7 to the Master Contract between H. Davis Cole and EAD to increase the contract amount by \$52,000.00 for additional resident inspection funds for the New River Dredging Project from December 2022-March 31, 2023 for a new total contract amount of \$613,119.00. (Davis Cole, H. Davis Cole, PE).

Commissioner Lawler made a motion. Commissioner Mason made a second to the motion. No Objections. Motion Passed.

Approval of Amendment No. 8 to the Master Contract between H. Davis Cole and EAD to amend the scope of work to include Technical Services for New River Canal Project: Control Structure at New River and US 61 (Tilting Weir Concept), Construction Management and Resident Inspection Services for an additional amount of \$164,136.00 for a new total contract of \$777,255.00 (Davis Cole, H. Davis Cole, P.E).

Commissioner Robert made a motion. Commissioner Waguespack made a second to the motion. No Objections. Motion Passed.

Acceptance of lowest responsive bid with ERS, Inc. and to approve the Parish President to enter into any applicable agreement or contract in reference to the Channel Improvements at Sides Bayou, Courthouse Lateral & Bayou Francois (Devin Russ Procurement Manager).

Commissioner Lawler made a motion. Commissioner Mason made a second to the motion. No Objections. Motion Passed.

Drainage Report

Conway Bayou DPS Expansion Update: Cindy Gallo with Infinity Engineering provided an update on this project. There was a discussion.

HNTB ADAPT/Grant Application Report- John Monzon, PE provided an update on the Adapt Program/Grant applications. There was a discussion.

Drainage Monthly Report: Jade Robin, Project Manager provided an update on the day to day drainage operations. There was a discussion.

Vegetation Monthly Report: Jonathan Samuel, Assistant Director provided an update on the day to day vegetation operations. There was a discussion.

Marvin Braud Pump Station Incident Report-

1. Safety Update – What has been done to ensure that our employees have been trained to respond and are properly equipped during an emergency?
2. Equipment Safety – What has been done to ensure that all pumps and engine equipment is protected from failure? This should include an update on what's been done and defining a plan of action.

3. Standard Operating Procedures – Defining a plan of action to ensure that employees have a written operating procedure for the pumping station and a clear change of command for emergencies.

William Dawson, Utilities Director provided the status of the safety improvements and training initiatives to the pump stations, plan of action for equipment safety and standard operating procedures, including the review and results of the state fire inspection. There was a discussion.

Chairwoman Casso made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Mason made a second to the motion.

Adjourn @ 8:31 PM.