

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, July 11, 2023 at the Ascension Parish Court house. The meeting started at approximately 6:28 p.m.

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

Members Present: Commissioners Joel Robert, Travis Turner, Aaron Lawler, Chase Melancon, John Cagnolatti, Michael Mason Chairwoman Terri Casso, Vice-Chairman Dempsey Lambert

Members Absent: Commissioners Corey Ogeron, Dal Waguespack

The invocation was led by Vice Chairman Dempsey Lambert 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 June 6, 2023 meeting minutes-

Chairwoman Casso presented the minutes for June 6, 2023 meeting for approval.

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

Approval to correct a typographical error to Amendment No. 7 to the Master Contract with Infinity Engineering, Conway Bayou Pump Station (Sorrento Pump Station) upgrade. On May 9, 2023 Amendment No. 7 was approved by EAD. It was discovered afterward that there was in fact no Amendment No. 6 in place and that the Amendment approved should have been number 6, not number 7. There are no other changes to the amendment except for the amendment number. (Jean Paul Robert, Legal Counsel).

There was a motion by Commissioner Lawler and a second by Commissioner Melancon. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Chairman's Report/Announcements-

Chairwoman Casso reported no announcements or additions to the agenda.

General Business

Approval of Amendment #2 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with homeowners for the elevation of Site# 10-45500 to increase the total CEA amount by an additional \$15,000.00 for a total CEA amount of \$231,731.00 for 90% funding from the federal government in accordance with all FEMA regulations at no cost to the Parish and to authorize Parish President Clint Cointment to sign and execute all documents pertaining to this CEA and/or Patrick Goldsmith, CFO for financial documents (Hermina Irvin, Grants Director).

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

Approval to enter into a contract with Triton Controls & Engineering, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the Ascension Parish Government SCADA system. (William Dawson, Utilities Director).

Commissioner Robert made a motion and Vice Chairman Lambert seconded the motion. There was a discussion.
No Objections. Motion Passed.

Update of the drainage ordinance and requirements of Ascension Parish relative to those of Gonzales and Sorrento. (Ricky Compton, Director and Shawn Sherrow, CSRS).

Shawn Sherrow with CSRS provided the findings from the drainage ordinances and municipal codes. It was stated that there were differences in comparison with the Town of Sorrento. There will be a discussion to take place with Sorrento to make some changes to stay in line with each other and to bring back the results to the drainage board for review. There are differences in the flood elevations which is a requirement by the City of Gonzales. President Cointment will get back with the board on how it effects the insurance rates. In conclusion, Mr. Sherrow stated although there are a few indifferences they are very consistent and off set each other but are above average in comparison with other parishes drainage ordinances when it comes to protecting the residents.

Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Shadows at Manchac Phase I Subsurface Drainage Improvements with Industrial Enterprises, Inc. to reduce the contract total by \$11,019.18 for a new contract amount of \$347,110.66 and additional time due to exploratory work in the amount of 28 days. The new completion date will be 6/8/23. (Jared Monceaux, Hartman Engineering).

Commissioner Melancon made a motion and Commissioner Lawler seconded the motion. There was a discussion.
No Objections. Motion Passed.

Approval of Substantial Completion of Shadows at Manchac Phase I Subsurface Drainage Improvemnet with Industrial Enterprises, Inc. (Jared Monceaux, Hartman Engineering).

Commissioner Lawler made a motion and Vice Chairman Lambert seconded the motion. No Objections. Motion Passed.

Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Master Task Order Contract for Flood Control Support with Del-Con, LLC to increase total contract amount by an additional \$1,000,000.00 for a new contract total not to exceed amount of \$2,000,000.00 (Jade Robin, Project Manager).

There was a discussion.

Commissioner Lawler made a motion and Commissioner Melancon seconded the motion. No Objections. Motion Passed.

Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Master Contract for Professional Services with Elos Environmental, LLC to increase the total amount of the contract by an additional \$150,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$300,000.00 (Ron Savoy, Public Works Director).

Commissioner Lawler made a motion and Commissioner Melancon seconded the motion. No Objections. Motion Passed.

Drainage Report

HNTB ADAPT/Grant Application Report: Mr. John Monzon provided an update on various capital projects and grant applications. There was a discussion.

Drainage Monthly Report: Jade Robin, Project Manager provided an update on the day to day drainage operations. Ron Savoy, Public Works Director came in and discussed capital projects voted by the board providing a status on how work is progressing. There was a discussion.

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

Marvin Braud Pump Station Incident Update: Ron Savoy and President Cointment provided an update. There was a discussion. Teri suggested leaving Standard Operating Procedure- Defining a plan of action to ensure that employees have a written operating procedure for the pumping station and a clear chain of command for emergencies and continue with SCADA updates and beyond.

Commissioner Melancon made a motion to adjourn.
Vice Chairman Lambert made a second to the motion.

Adjourn @ 7:55 PM.