

**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 Monday, March 11, 2024, at the Ascension Parish Court house. The meeting started at approximately 6:49 p.m.

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

Members Present: Chairman Petite, Vice Chairman Mason, Commissioners Melancon, Hillensbeck, Cullen, Alonso, Varnado, Arceneaux, Turner, Robert, and Joseph.

Members Absent: Commissioner Melancon departed at 6:53pm and Commissioner Robert departed at 7:03pm.

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

Public Comments Period/ Additions to Agenda-

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

Approval to correct a typographical error to Change Order No. 2 for New River Tilting Weir Structure with H. Davis Cole to reduce the contract by \$16,385.08 for a new contract amount of \$2,261,490.09 and to add contract time of 30 days for a new contract date for completion of April 10, 2024. This item was approved at the 2-6-24 meeting. It was discovered after the fact that Change Order No. 2 for New River Tilting Weir Structure is with Shavers-Whittle Construction. There are no other changes to the change order. (Jean Paul Robert, Legal Counsel).

There was a motion by Vice Chairman Mason and a second by Commissioner Varnado. No objections. Motion Passes.

Approval to correct a typographical error to Change Order No. 3 for New River Channel Improvements project by H. Davis Cole to increase the contract amount to the amount of \$726,000.10 for a new contract total of \$5,594,610.10 and to add to the contract time of 208 days for a new date of completion of February 6, 2024. Only the contract time was approved at the 2-6-24 drainage board meeting. It was discovered after the fact that the New River Channel Improvements project is with Boone Services, LLC. There are no other changes.

There was a motion by Vice Chairman Mason and a second by Commissioner Arceneaux. No objections. Motion Passes.

Acceptance of February 6, 2024, meeting minutes-

There was a motion made by Vice Chairman Mason and a second by Commissioner Varnado. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Chairman's Report/Announcements-

Chairman Petite reported that item 7a. will be removed from the agenda, in addition to moving forward drainage and vegetation reports will only need to be presented on a quarterly basis to reduce meeting times.

General Business

Approval of Resolution of the EACGDD #1 to request change in state law to define membership of the board of commissioners. (Clint Cointment, Parish President)

There was a motion by Commissioner Turner and a second by Vice Chairman Mason. There was a discussion. Commissioner Robert made an objection. Chairman Petite announced a roll call vote.

YEAS: 8

NEAS: 2

ABSENT: 1

Motion Passes.

Approval of payment of legal fees to Ellison Law Firm, LLC in the amount of \$3,534.33 in association with the acquisition of Parcel# 20039818, Lot 11-2-A, 8.09 acres, Section 12, T10S, R3E SED located at La Hwy 941, Gonzales, La. 70737 (Jean-Paul Robert, Parish Counsel).

There was a motion by Vice Chairman Mason and a second by Commissioner Alonso. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Approval for East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with homeowner for the elevation of Site #1 – 1137 in the amount of \$178,416.50 for 100% 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 Dawn Caballero, CFO for financial documents. (Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director).

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

Request approval for East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with homeowner for the elevation of **Site #2 – 12249** in the amount of **\$303,151.50 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 Dawn Caballero, CFO for financial documents. (Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director).

There was a motion by Vice Chairman Mason and a second by Commissioner Arceneaux. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Request approval for East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with homeowner for the elevation of **Site #3– 38040** in the amount of **\$170,740.50 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 Dawn Caballero, CFO for financial documents.(Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director).

There was a motion by Vice Chairman Mason and a second by Commissioner Hillensbeck. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Request approval for East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with homeowner for the elevation of **Site #4 – 18506** in the amount of **\$130,441.50 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 Dawn caballero, CFO for financial documents. (Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director).

There was a motion by Commissioner Arceneaux and a second by Commissioner Hillensbeck. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Request approval for East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with homeowner for the elevation of **Site #5 – 14452** in the amount of **\$120,846.50 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 Dawn caballero, CFO for financial documents. (Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director).

There was a motion by Vice Chairman Mason and a second by Commissioner Varnado. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Request approval for East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with homeowner for the elevation of **Site #6 – 41542** in the amount of **\$255,176.50 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 Dawn caballero, CFO for financial documents. (Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director).

There was a motion by Commissioner Hillensbeck and a second by Vice Chairman Mason. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Request approval for East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with homeowner for the elevation of **Site #7 – 331** in the amount of **\$207,201.50 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 Dawn caballero, CFO for financial documents. (Hermina Edward-Irwin, Grants Director).

There was a motion by Commissioner Hillensbeck and a second by Commissioner Varnado. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Request approval for East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with homeowner for the elevation of **Site #8 – 315** in the amount of **\$148,576.05 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 Dawn caballero, CFO for financial documents.(Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director).

There was a motion by Commissioner Arceneaux and a second by Commissioner Hillensbeck. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Request approval for East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with homeowner for the elevation of **Site #9 – 903** in the amount of **\$279,164.00 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 Dawn caballero, CFO for financial documents. (Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director).

There was a motion by Commissioner Turner and a second by Commissioner Joseph. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Request approval for East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with homeowner for the elevation of **Site #10 – 8365** in the amount of **\$187,435.80 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 Dawn caballero, CFO for financial documents.(Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director).

There was a motion by Vice Chairman Mason and a second by Commissioner Varnado. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Request approval for East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with homeowner for the elevation of **Site #11 – 222** in the amount of **\$282,522.25 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 Dawn caballero, CFO for financial documents.(Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director).

There was a motion by Vice Chairman Mason and a second by Commissioner Varnado. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Request approval for East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with homeowner for the elevation of Site #12 – 9294 in the amount of \$235,986.50 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 Dawn caballero, CFO for financial documents. (Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director).

There was a motion by Commissioner Joseph and a second by Commissioner Hillensbeck. No Objections. Motion Passes.
There was a discussion.

Request approval for East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with homeowner for the elevation of Site #13 – 1112 in the amount of \$140,036.50 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 Dawn caballero, CFO for financial documents. (Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director).

There was a motion by Vice Chairman Mason and a second by Commissioner Alonso. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Drainage Report

HNTB ADAPT/Grant Application Report: Item 7a. was removed from the agenda.

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

Drainage Monthly Report: Jade Robin, Project Manager provided an update on the day-to-day drainage operations. There was a discussion.
Chairman Petite announced that reports will rotate every third month to present.

Vice Chairman Mason made a motion to adjourn.
Commissioner Varnado made a second to the motion.

Adjourn @ 7:35 PM.