

**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, April 9, 2024, at the Ascension Parish Court house. The meeting started at approximately 6:01p.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, Hillensbeck, Cullen, Alonso, Varnado, Turner, Robert, and Joseph.

Members Absent: Commissioners Melancon and Arceneaux.

The invocation was led by Commissioner Joseph 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.

Acceptance of March 11, 2024, meeting minutes-

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

Chairman's Report/Announcements-

There were none.

General Business

Approval of proposals for culvert sizing and consulting services by Hartman Engineering not to exceed \$150,000.00 (Jared Monceaux, P.E.)

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

Approval of proposal for construction plans and specifications for bidding purposes for a new steel sheet pile bulkhead along Holy Rosary Cemetary to include bidding, construction

administration and resident inspection services with Hartman Engineering, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$161,000.00 (Jared Monceaux, P.E.).

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

Approval of Amendment No. 2 between HNTB Corporation ADAPT (Ascension Drainage Assistance Program Team) and East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 amended to add West Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1, Ascension Parish Government, and Parish of Ascension as parties to the contract for an increase in the amount not to exceed \$983,626.00 bringing the new contract total amount to \$2,790,865.00 as per Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof. (John Monzon, P.E.)

Mr. John Monzon with HNTB provided a brief update on the Adapt program. There was a motion by Vice-Chairman Mason and a second by Commissioner Hillensbeck.

Approval of Change Order No. 3 for the New River Tilting Weir Structure with Shavers-Whittle Construction to add to the contract amount of \$23,109.09 for a new not to exceed total amount of \$2,284,599.18 and to add to the contract time 51 calendar days for a new date of completion of May 31, 2024(H. Davis Cole, P.E.) (H. Davis Cole, P.E.)

There was a discussion. There was a motion by Commissioner Robert and a second by Commissioner Cullen. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Approval of the lowest responsive quote submitted by RLJ Construction, LLC and to authorize the Parish President to enter into an applicable agreement or contract for this project to replace a failed 36" drainage outfall pipe within the 12 Oaks Subdivision near the intersection of Minor Ave and Manning Dr. Work includes pipe removal and/or grout, new pipe installation with bedding material, new inlet, removing and replacing existing fence, new sodding, rip rap. All work adjacent to residential structures for a total not to exceed \$149,500.00 (Jade Robin, Project Manager).

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

Discussion on Moran Park Subdivision (District 1) Drainage and Right of Way Maintenance (Commissioner Oliver Joseph).

Moran Park Subdivision was established in 1967 therefore the development does not have dedicated drainage servitudes on the interior drainage ditches. Each lot has individual sewer treatment systems, causing ditches to fill with silt. Over time, this has caused plumbing issues within the subdivision. For the parish to perform drainage maintenance each homeowner will need to dedicate 15' top-of-bank drainage servitude including the ditch width in addition to the 15' top bank servitude. There was a discussion. It was stated that there will be efforts made to contact residents to gain more information to acquire these servitudes needed. Residents that

refuse to relinquish will be delayed. Approval will be necessary to execute the acquisition of servitudes. A Moran Park subdivision resident spoke in support of item 6f.

Executive Session: Authority to engage law firm to assist in site selection or the New River Pump Station Site (Jean Paul Robert, Legal Counsel).

Vice-Chairman Mason made a motion to enter executive session a second made by Commissioner Varnado. A roll call vote is as follows:

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2

Vice-Chairman Mason made a motion to reconvene a second by Commissioner Hillensbeck. Commissioner Alonso made a motion to give authority to engage a law firm to assist in site selection for New River Pump Station site. Vice-Chairman Mason seconded the motion. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Drainage Report

John Monzon with HNTB ADAPT Program presented in item 6c.

Parish President Cointment notified everyone to be careful and aware of the upcoming weather. The parish will be monitoring conditions. Release will be sent out via social media.

Commissioner Alonso made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Hillensbeck made a second to the motion.

Adjourn @ 6:54PM.