

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, October 8, 2024, at the Ascension Parish Court house. The meeting started at approximately 6:02p.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 and Commissioners Hillensbeck, Cullen, Varnado, Alonso, Arceneaux, Joseph.

Members Absent: Commissioner Robert, Melancon and Turner.

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. He also recognized City official Mr. Tim Riley for being in attendance.

Acceptance of August 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 thanked Honeywell representatives for their willingness to donate drainage servitudes to the Drainage District for the Hwy 74 and Bluff Swamp drainage areas.

General Business

Approval of the Professional Selection Committee's recommendation to select the highest scoring respondent, GIS Engineering, LLC, for the RFQ – Ascension Parish Government Isolated Pumping Stations project and to enter into a service contract for the project (James Buras, Purchasing Director).

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

Approval of Proposal for Miscellaneous Culvert Sizing and Drainage Engineering Consulting Services by Hartman Engineering not to exceed \$85,000.00 (Jared Monceaux, P.E.)

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

Approval of Resolution to approve allocated ADAPT funds in the amount of \$6,000,000.00 for the New River Stormwater Management Pump Station Project (Clint Cointment, Parish President).

Mr. Tim Riley spoke in favor of the project. President Cointment and Public Works Director Ron Savoy provided a presentation on the New River Storm Water Pump Station. There was a discussion. There was a motion by Vice-Chairman Mason and a second by Commissioner Cullen. No Objections. Motion Passes.

Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between The Ascension Parish Government, East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1, East Baton Rouge Parish and Iberville Parish Government for the Amite River Basin Commission to prioritize \$30,000,000.00 of the \$100,000,000.00 awarded by the Louisiana Watershed Initiative to be obligated to the Bayou Manchac Restoration and Wards Creek Realignment project (Clint Cointment, Parish President).

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

Amendment No.1 of the Master Task Order Contract for Professional Services for Wetlands Delineation & Permitting Services with Elos Environmental, LLC to extend the current term to March 31, 2025, and to add an additional \$50,000.00 for a new NTE amount of \$350,000.00 (Ron Savoy, Public Works Director).

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

Approval to purchase a 15-acre tract of the Causey property off Causey Rd in the amount of \$865,000.00 (Ron Savoy, Public Works Director).

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

Approval to purchase Tract 12-A, 80-acre, Section 22 tract of property off Louis White Rd. along New River for regional detention Parcel# 20046384 at \$20,000 an acre for an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.00 (Ron Savoy, Public Works Director).

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

Approval of Amendment No. 1 with Hartman Engineering, Inc. for the Marvin Braud Levee Improvements Project, to extend the contract term through November 8, 2025. This amendment only extends the term and does not affect the original contract price (Ron Savoy, Public Works Director).

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

Chairman Petite introduced Mrs. Monica Gorman Executive Director with Pontchartrain Levee District who was recognized for several ongoing projects in the parish.

Drainage Report

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

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

Adjourn @ 6:40 PM.