

**WEST ASCENSION CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY
DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
ASCENSION PARISH COURTHOUSE
300 HOUMAS STREET
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA 70346**

**JANUARY 5, 2017
5:15 PM**

The **West Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District Board** met on Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 5:15 PM in the Ascension Parish Courthouse, 300 Houmas Street, Donaldsonville, Louisiana 70346. **Councilman Oliver Joseph** called the meeting to order. The Invocation was led by **Councilman Oliver Joseph** and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The following members were present:

Councilman Oliver Joseph
Councilman William Dawson

The following members were absent:

None

Others Present:

O'Neil Parenton, Legal Council
Thomas Pearce, General Manager
Ron Savoy, Supervisor DPWW
Craig Anderson, Manager DPWW
Bill Roux, DPW Director

A motion by Councilman William Dawson, seconded by Councilman Oliver to amend the agenda and add item 3A-St. Jude/Hwy 3120 Drainage Issue. No objection to the motion, motion carried.

Agenda Item #3 – Acceptance of Minutes

A motion by Councilman William Dawson, seconded by Councilman Oliver Joseph to accept the minutes of December 1, 2016 as presented. No objection to the motion, motion carried.

Agenda Item 3A – St. Jude/Hwy 3120 Drainage Issue

Anthony Grisaffe approached the podium on behalf of the St. Jude residence to discuss the drainage issue affecting the area. He explained that water is draining from across Hwy 3120 (old Riverdale Subdivision) into the ditch and going into St. Jude Subdivision. What he is requesting is a committee to visit the area when it rains to witness how the water is flowing across the highway. He also stated that he has pictures if they would like to see them. Bill Roux, DPW Director approached the podium and gave the procedures of how the situation would be handled in order to redirect the flow of water and get the problem under control. He assured Mr. Grisaffe that a work order would be done and submitted as of the following week. On another issue Councilman Dawson explained that water is running from top of levee and making a puddle on River Road causing a hazard in the sharp curves in front of CF Industries. Bill Roux stated that he would have to get in touch with DOTD, CF Industries and the Levee District before a work order can be generated and the water can be diverted into the ditches and away from the road.

Agenda Item #4 – Lemannville Cut Off Bridge

Ron Savoy, DPW Supervisor informed the board that he made an attempt to get a time line but the crew is still backed up with bridges that has been shut down by DOTD which has priority. Bill Roux gave the board a tip that DOTD will begin bridge inspections again and that he suspects more bridges in Ascension Parish will be shut down. In a related issue Councilman William Dawson asked that asphalt be placed back on Lemannville Cut Off Road where the St. Jude culvert was installed. Ron Savoy said that he had contacted the Pavement Division about this and he would get a timeline for this project.

Agenda Item #5 – Agreement with WAD and City of Donaldsonville

After a brief discussion Bill Roux said that he had plans to discuss that would be beneficial to both parties. A meeting was set up by Mr. Raymond Aucoin, City Councilman for Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 9:00 am at City Hall. Councilman Oliver Joseph requested that a memo be sent to WAD Board and others as a reminder for the meeting.

Agenda Item #6 – West Ascension Master Drainage Plan

Bill Roux explained that he received the draft of the plan and was not satisfied and sent it back to the drafters. He hopes to have the plans identifying the drainage basins etc., ready by the next meeting. After the plans are ok'd by the board a public meeting with maps will be scheduled.

Agenda Item #7 – St. James/Assumption Drainage

Thomas Pearce, General Manager informed the board that he met with Bill Roux to update him on the St. James/Assumption Drainage situation and they along with O'Neil Parenton, Legal Counsel drafted a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and it was sent to St. James Parish President for his signature. He also stated that he spoke with T. Baker Smith, they will move forward with the project as soon as they receive the signed agreement from St. James Parish, a schedule of the hydraulic study will be forthcoming.

Agenda Item #8 – Reports:

There were no additional reports from Ron Savoy or Thomas Pearce. Craig Anderson reported on the removal of the culvert on Thibaut Dr., placement of a cement bulkhead on Carol St. and normal routine maintenance done by DPW crew.

Agenda Item #9 – Date & Time of Next Board Meeting

February 2, 2017 @ 5:15 was scheduled for the next WAD Board meeting

Since there was no further business to come before the West Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District Board, a motion was made by Councilman William Dawson, seconded by Councilman Oliver Joseph to adjourn. No objection to the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.