

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

**FEBRUARY 2, 2017  
5:15 PM**

The **West Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District Board** met on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 5:15 PM in the Ascension Parish Courthouse, 300 Houmas Street, Donaldsonville, Louisiana 70346. The meeting was called to order by **Councilman Oliver Joseph**, and the Invocation was also led by **Councilman Oliver Joseph**. 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:**

Kenny Matassa, Parish President  
O'Neil Parenton, Legal Counsel  
Ron Savoy, DPW Supervisor  
Craig Anderson, DPWW Manager  
Bill Roux, DPW Director

**Agenda Item #3 – Acceptance of Minutes**

A motion by Councilman William Dawson, seconded by Councilman Oliver Joseph to accept the minutes of January 5, 2017 as presented. No objection to the motion, motion carried.

**Agenda Item #4 – Lemannville Cut Off Bridge – Update**

Ron Savoy updated the board on the bridge project, he stated that the state shut down the bridge and everything is set to mobilize on Tuesday (Feb. 7, 2017). The project is projected to last two months. Councilman Oliver Joseph requested that signs be placed at Lemannville Cut Off Road informing the public that the bridge is closed.

**Agenda Item #5 – Agreement with WAD & City of Donaldsonville – Update**

Bill Roux reported on the meeting with City of Donaldsonville representatives on January 12, 2017. From the meeting a better understanding of what WAD is responsible for as far as work in the city is concerned. Also Mayor Leroy Sullivan requested that an agreement be implemented giving WAD the right of entry on city servitudes. After a brief discussion Bill Roux said that he can have that agreement done within a week. Councilman Oliver Joseph asked O’Neil Parenton, parish Legal Counsel to explain the 5.33 and 4.67 mileages which states the dollar figure and what this money can be used for since the city attorney had a different opinion on this matter.

**Agenda Item #6 – Drainage Issue from Hwy 18 to Hwy 3120**

Ron Savoy reported that he, Craig Anderson and the engineers met with representatives of CF Industries to view the area of concern, he then had the drainage engineers to view the area and they will do a survey which will then go to DOTD and back to the drainage board for directions on how to proceed.

**Agenda Item#7 – West Ascension Drainage Master Plan**

Bill Roux presented the board members with copies of the Master Drainage Plan and explained in detail each segment of each basin within West Ascension. He indicated that they would need an Ordinance from the drainage board for Right of Way and the best way is a written agreement from land owners for servitude to get the work done. Bill Roux also stated that a master project schedule with start dates and completion dates will be generated and he should have a copy at the next meeting. Councilman Dawson asked O’Neil, Legal Counsel to draft the Master Plan Ordinance to move this project forward.

**Agenda Item #8 – Hwy 3120-Hydraulic Study**

Thomas Pearce reported that he spoke to DOTD about stopping up the culvert to divert the water into the ditch and into Verett Canal away from St. Jude Subdivision. DOTD will need a Hydraulic Study and from the study if approved the parish president would sign off and they would proceed with project. Mr. Anthony Grisaffe representative from St. Jude Subdivision approached and gave a brief statement concerning the water flow from St. Jude to Bayou Napoleon. Bill Roux explained that the clean-up will be a part of the Mater Drainage Plan.

**Agenda Item #9 – St. James/Assumption Drainage**

Thomas Pearce reported that he spoke with T. Baker Smith and they are waiting on St. James Parish to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement sent to them by Ascension Parish.

**Agenda Item #10 – Drainage Issue along HWY 1 North**

Councilman Joseph made a request that DPW contact the state concerning drainage issues/culvert issues in the Smoke Bend area from Barcelona Dr. going North on Hwy 1. Ron Savoy said that he would make the contact.

**Agenda Item #11 – Drainage between Fernandez Dr. & Cotton Dr.**

Councilman Oliver Joseph spoke concerning drainage and sewer issues between Fernandez Dr. and Cotton Dr. and requested that this be a part of the Master Drainage Plan.

**Agenda Item #12 – Grass Cutting along State Highways**

Bill Roux addressed this issue, he explained that this is on the Transportation Committee's agenda for the next meeting, he have a draft that needs to be approved. He also explained that a Litter Control Program has been implemented where litter will be picked up prior to grass cutting.

**Agenda Item #13 Reports**

Craig Anderson reported that his crew has done maintenance work in the Modest, Lemannville and Crescent Place areas. There was no report from Ron Savoy. Moose Pearce reported that he and Ron Savoy along with Craig Anderson looked at the area near the rail road and Hwy 1 and try and get it cleaned. Councilman Oliver Joseph requested a few other areas that need to be added to the list for clean-up.

**Agenda Item #14 – Date & Time of next meeting**

March 2, 2017 @ 5:15 PM 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 5:50 PM.

