

**WEST ASCENSION CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY  
DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
300 HOUMAS STREET  
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA 70346  
MARCH 2, 2017  
5:15 PM**

The **West Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District Board** met on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 5:15 PM in the Ascension Parish Courthouse, 300 Houmas Street, Donaldsonville, Louisiana 730346. 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:**

O'Neil Parenton, Legal Counsel  
Ron Savoy, Supervisor DPW  
Craig Anderson, Manager DPWW

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

A motion was made by Councilman William Dawson, seconded by Councilman Oliver Joseph to accept the minutes of **February 2, 2017** as presented. No objection to the motion, motion carried.

**Agenda Item #4 – Lemannville Cutoff Bridge**

Ron Savoy updated the board on the progress of the Lemannville Cutoff Bridge. The culvert is installed and the project is on schedule. Plan to open the road to traffic within a week.

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

Board members were given a draft of the agreement and they will review and report at the next board meeting.

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

Ron Savoy reported that the engineers have surveyed and drawing is completed, he will set up a meeting with CF Industries to discuss the issue. Councilman Dawson asks that the board be informed when this meeting is scheduled.

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

Ron Savoy reported that Bill Roux is in the process of reviewing the models from previous studies. He is working on a master schedule and scope of priorities for each basin. Hope to have a report for the next board meeting.

### **Agenda Item #8 – St. James/Assumption Drainage**

Thomas Pearce reported that the Cooperative Agreement was received and signed by President Matassa. He contacted T. Baker Smith's Engineers and they will submit a contract to St. James Parish, St. James will then sign and submit a work order to begin the hydraulic study which will take approximately 6-7 weeks. The hydrology study will be sent to the Corp of Engineers for approval to begin dredging the canal. There was a discussion and the board requested that this item remain on the agenda.

### **Agenda Item #9 – Drainage Issue along Hwy 1 North**

Councilman Oliver Joseph addressed this item. He said that this was a state hwy issue and asked Ron Savoy to contact the state highway dept. concerning this issue.

### **Agenda Item #10 – Drainage Issues between Fernandez and Cotton Dr.**

Ron Savoy stated that they visited the site, the area is not developed and equipment is not available to handle the issue. Councilman Joseph requested a report on the cost or bid out cost and then a decision will be made on how to proceed.

### **Agenda Item #11 – St. Jude Subdivision Drainage Issue**

Mr. Anthony Grisaffe spoke on behalf of St. Jude Subdivision group, he asked Ron Savoy to give a report on the issue with the culverts and the ditch behind the subdivision. Ron stated that the permit was submitted waiting for approval. He also reported that the culverts along 3120 have been surveyed and ok'ed by our engineers. Mr. Grisaffe had concerns about overflow and Ron

suggested meeting with Mr. Grisaffe and the engineer to review video and pictures about his concerns.

### **Agenda Item #12 – Grass cutting along state highways**

Ron Savoy reported that the contract for cutting grass and spraying along state highways are the same. No change, two cuts and 2 sprays.

### **Agenda Item #13 – Catalpa St. Drainage Issue**

Ron stated that they had visited the site and suggested a short term clean out of ditches on both side of street. Councilman Oliver Joseph requested a cost estimate since this was within the city limits.

### **Agenda Item #14 – Bonnie Lane (digging/culvert issue)**

Councilman Oliver Joseph spoke with Mayor Sullivan and this issue will be on hold until the Intergovernmental Agreement is approved.

### **Agenda Item #15 – Reports**

Ron Savoy reported on projects in the city of Donaldsonville and gave details on what needed to be done. He asked about funding and Councilman Joseph said that is a problem because there is not enough funding to take care of small day to day projects occurring in the city. Until an agreement is done these projects can't get done.

Craig Anderson reported that the Bunn Hood project is 80% done. His crew is working on cleaning the canal on 11<sup>th</sup> St. and LA 1 and helping East side drainage with the Lemannville bridge project.

Thomas Pearce reported on Jules Dr. drainage issue and having signs installed letting citizens know of the detour near the jail.

### **Agenda Item #16 – Date & Time of next Meeting**

April 6, 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.