

**WEST ASCENSION CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY
DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
ASCENSION PARISH COURTHOUSE
300 HOUMAS STREET
DONALDSONVILLE, LA 70346
APRIL 6, 2017
5:15 PM**

The **West Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District Board** met on Thursday, April 6, 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:

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

Agenda Item #3-Acceptance of Minutes

A motion by Councilman William Dawson, seconded by Councilman Oliver Joseph to accept the Minutes of March 2, 2017 as presented. No objection to the motion, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4-Lower Delta Soil & Water Conservation District Financial Assistance Request (\$2000).

A motion by Councilman William Dawson, seconded by Councilman Oliver Joseph to approve the request for financial assistance in the amount of \$2000 to Lower Delta Soil & Water Conservation District for technical assistance to West Ascension. No objection to the motion, motion carried.

Agenda Item #5-11th Street and Hwy 1 Drainage Issue

Craig Anderson, DPWW Manager reported that because of inclement weather the crew was unable to continue work on the drainage issue, will continue when the weather is more favorable as their machine cannot get into the ditch when the rain begin.

Agenda Item #6-State Drainage

Aaron Ealisan addressed the board concerning projects on State highways. He indicated what the state will take care of on Hwy 1 North and Hwy 1 South on both side firm Acosta Rd. to Emmanuel Baptist Church. He stated that he is the contact person @ 225-473-2022 or the Napoleonville Unit that covers West Ascension. Councilman Bill Dawson asked about the stripping of highway (yellow lines) on 3120. Aaron indicated that he would contact the traffic engineers to take care of that issue.

Ron Savoy and Aaron addressed the issue in Item #9- Hwy 18/Hwy 3120 drainage. Ron reported that he received the survey and would give the board copies. Ron indicated that the shoulders on Hwy 18 is higher than the road, to alleviate this problem he suggested picking up material on road or short term to cut the shoulders to drain the water. As for removing old culverts Aaron said that the state is not responsible for this it would be the land owners responsibility. There is a follow-up meeting with CF Industries to go over the problem areas and what their responsibilities are.

Councilman Bill Dawson asked about the culverts update in St. Jude Subdivision. Ron Savoy reported the culverts had been sealed and the job is finished.

Agenda Item #7 – Lemannville Cut Off Bridge

Ron Savoy reported that the bridge has been installed, the road is open, there are a few small items to address, but the job is completed. Councilman Oliver Joseph requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

Agenda Item #8 – Agreement with WAD and City of Donaldsonville

Councilman Oliver Joseph reported that they have reviewed the agreement and will make any changes and will forward it to the City of Donaldsonville for feedback.

Agenda Item #9 – Hwy 18 to Hwy 3120 Drainage Issue Update

This item was discussed in Item #6

Agenda Item #10 – West Ascension Master Drainage Plan

Councilman Oliver Joseph reported that they have received the Master Plan from Bill Roux, requested that a Public Meeting be scheduled for the end of the month on a Wednesday @ 6:00 PM to discuss the plans.

Agenda Item #11 – St. James/ Assumption Drainage Update

Thomas Pearce reported that the project engineer (T. Baker Smith) is building a model, will be complete within 60 days. The model will be sent to the Corp of Engineers for permit approval. They are also 20% into the Hydraulic Study.

Agenda Item #12 – Drainage Issue along Hwy 1 North

This item was discussed in Item #6

Agenda Item #13 – Drainage between Fernandez Dr. & Cotton Dr.

Ron Savoy gave a cost analysis for the project on Fernandez Dr. which is \$100,000. Christy Dr. /Cotton Dr. have several land owners to grant servitude. More information needs to be obtained before a cost estimate can be determined. A motion was made by Councilman William Dawson, seconded by Councilman Oliver Joseph to proceed with acquiring Right of Way. No objection to the motion, motion carried.

Agenda Item #14 – St. Jude Subdivision Drainage Issue Update

This item was discussed in Item #6

Agenda Item #15 – Catalpa St. Drainage Issue

Ron Savoy gave a cost estimate to begin the Catalpa St. Project which would be \$55,000- \$60,000 to complete the job. Because it is within the city limits, cost sharing would need to be done. A motion was made by Councilman William Dawson, seconded by Councilman Oliver Joseph authorizing Ron Savoy to have a study done on Catalpa St. by the Engineering Dept.

Agenda Item #16 – Bonnie Lane Update (digging/culvert issue) –

Councilman Oliver Joseph established that this is a Right of Way issue. Ron Savoy explained that this project falls under the WAD/City of Donaldsonville Agreement that until the agreement is established this project will be on hold.

At this time Councilman Oliver Joseph asked Mr. Warren Harang to speak. Mr. Harang offered his assistance with the drainage problems in West Ascension to the WAD Board and requested to be a part of the Master Drainage Plan meeting.

Agenda Item #17 – Reports

Ron Savoy reported on the parking lot at DPW West. He stated that the parking lot to the left of the building for employees will be done within the week.

Craig Anderson reported that they have been working on Jules Dr., Modest and cutting grass on Hwy 405, 943 an LA 1, only parish roads and state highways, will be in other areas soon.

Thomas Pearce had no additional comments

In other business; Mr. Anthony Grisaffe spoke on behalf of the St. Jude Subdivision and thanked the board for their assistance in working to solve the problem with drainage in the St. Jude area.

Agenda Item #18 – Date & Time of next meeting

May 4, 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.