

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

**APRIL 7, 2016
5:15 PM**

The **West Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District Board** met on Thursday, April 7, 2016 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 Bill Dawson
Councilman Oliver Joseph

The following members were absent:

None

Others Present:

Thomas Moose Pearce, General Manager
O'Neil Parenton, Legal Counsel
Craig Anderson, DPWW Manager

Agenda Item #3 – Acceptance of Minutes

A motion by Councilman Bill Dawson, seconded by Councilman Oliver Joseph to accept the minutes of February 4, 2016 as presented. No objection to the motion, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4 – Lemannville Cutoff Bridge (Box Culvert)

Thomas Moose Pearce gave the board an update on the progress of the installation of the new bridge. He informed them that tools has been ordered to assemble the culvert and additional equipment for installation have been ordered and it should take approximately a week to install the culvert and there should not be any delay if weather permits. .

Agenda Item #5 – Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District –

Ben Malborough addressed the board with the Fresh Water District's plan to elevate the problem in the Port Barrow area. He informed them that he and Mr. Bradford would look at the sight on Tuesday (April 12th) and see what can be done to start the process and resolve the problem. Mr. Lauthaught Delaney was also present and commented on the issues and offered the possible assistance from the town council. Ben Malborough also informed the board about upcoming projects the Fresh Water Districts has planned for West Ascension.

Agenda Item #6 – Lower Delta Soil & Water Conservation District

(Financial Assistance \$2000)

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

Agenda Item #7 Carol Street

Moose Pearce informed the board that the survey and Right of Way was obtained and the signature from Sotile Properties was done. The work order will be issued and the work to relieve flooding in that area can begin.

Agenda Item #8 – St. James/Assumption Drainage

Thomas Pearce spoke to the board concerning a meeting that's been set up for Monday April 11th at 10:00 am with St. James Parish President Timmy Roussel to talk about cleaning up the canal. The WAD Board members ask to attend this meeting, they agreed to attend if available.

Agenda Item #9 – Reports:

Moose Pearce reported that the furniture has been delivered and the DPW crew will be moving into the new DPW Building in the near future. He also has a sign for the building for the board members to take a look at.

Craig reported that his crew is working in the Modeste area, pulling trees and trying to get rid of Beavers. He also reported that they have started grass cutting/spraying and will be making their usual rounds. He informed Councilman Dawson that the crew will be getting to cutting the grass and cleaning the ditch in St. Jude.

Since there was no further business to come before the West Ascension Consolidated Gravity District Board, a motion was made by Councilman Bill Dawson, seconded by Councilman Oliver Joseph to adjourn. No objection to the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.