

**WEST ASCENSION CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY
DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
ASCENSION PARISH COURTHOUSE
300 HOUMAS STREET
DONALDSONVILLE, LA 70346
MAY 4, 2017
5:15 PM**

The **West Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District Board** met on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 5:15 PM in the Ascension Parish Courthouse, 300 Houmas Street, Donaldsonville, LA 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

Other Present:

Thomas Pearce, General Manager
Craig Anderson, Manager DPWW

Agenda item #3 – Acceptance of Minutes

A motion by Councilman William Dawson, seconded by Councilman Oliver Joseph to accept the minutes of April 6, 2017 as presented. No objection to motion, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4 – Agreement with WAD and City of Donaldsonville

Thomas Pearce addressed the board and informed them that Ron Savoy have a list of materials for jobs within the city limits and that additional manpower will be needed on this agreement. Councilman Joseph said that they will be meeting with Bill Roux to review the agreement and update city officials.

Agenda Item #5 – 11th Street & Hwy 1 Drainage Issue

Craig Anderson reported on the clean up along the railroad and that he spoke to a representative from the railroad about servitude and about going out to check on the area of concern.

Agenda Item #6 – Hwy 18 and Hwy 3120 Drainage Issue

Thomas Pearce reported on the meeting with DOTD & CF Industries. The parish provided a survey showing the specific problems. An agreement was reached and DOTD & CF Industries provided information on the work they would be responsible for. Councilman Dawson and Councilman Joseph requested a schedule for the work to be done.

Agenda Item #7 – West Ascension Master Drainage Plan

Councilman Oliver Joseph spoke in the absence of Bill Roux. He reported that he and Bill Roux will be meeting with landowners, city officials and the public to review the drainage plan.

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

Thomas Pearce updated the board on model that will be submitted to the CORP of Engineers. He also indicated that the permit application was withdrawn because of insufficient information. There is four items that need to be addressed. After a lengthy discussion on this application withdrawal, and comments by Mayor Leroy Sullivan, Councilman Delaney, Councilman Frances and others a motion by Councilman William Dawson, seconded by Councilman Oliver Joseph to file an Injunction on St. James Parish after a meeting with the CORP to verify some details concerning the withdrawal of the permit application. No objection to the motion, motion carried. Councilman Joseph requested from Mayor Sullivan a Resolution from the city council in support of the legal action that would be filed. He also requested Thomas Pearce to set up the meeting with the CORP that would also include representatives from the city of Donaldsonville.

Agenda Item #9 – Drainage Issue along Hwy 1 North

Craig Anderson was asked to get an update on this item

Agenda Item #10 – Drainage Issue between Fernandez Dr. & Cotton Dr.

Ron Savoy met with landowners and was unable to get cooperation for servitude. Will use hand labor to clean what can be done at that location

Agenda Item #11 – Catalpa St. Drainage Update

Mr. Demby of Demby Funeral Home addressed the board concerning the flooding on Catalpa Street. He urged the board to look into changing some culverts in the area and that would alleviate the water flowing from the old Lowery campus. Craig Anderson informed them that a survey report and cost for project will be done for the next board meeting.

Agenda Item #12 – Bonnie Lane (digging/culvert issues)

A motion was made by Councilman William Dawson, seconded by Councilman Oliver Joseph to have the area of Bonnie Lane surveyed by Parish Gov., no objection to the motion, motion carried.

Agenda Item #13 – St. Jude Subdivision Drainage Issue Update

Mr. Anthony Grisaffe addressed the board and thanked them for the work that was done in the St. Jude Subdivision to divert the flooding that has invaded residence. Councilman Dawson added that the sewer issue at St. Jude needs to be addressed.

Agenda Item #14 Reports

Thomas Pearce reported that the parking lot at DPWW was done. Also, the Acosta family is requesting that the canal in Modest need to be cleaned and they are willing to sign for servitude for this project. They are also requesting to attend the meeting for the Master Drainage Plan.

Craig Anderson reported that his crew has finished their 1st grass cutting rotation and the 2nd will begin in two weeks, also, in response to Mr. Delaney's complaint on culvert at 11th St & Hwy 1, there is a collapsed culvert and they need to get with the railroad before digging.

Agenda Item #15 – Date & Time of next board meeting

June 1, 2017 was scheduled for the next WAD 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 5:55 PM.