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Marvin Braud Pump #5 is back online

Ascension Parish President Clint Cointment was on hand at the Marvin Braud Pumping Station to witness the installation of Pump #5 after a 3-month refurbishment.

“Flood control is one of the most important functions of Parish Government,” said Cointment. “We conduct regular maintenance on our equipment to be sure it will work when we need it to.”

The pump is nearly 40 years old and needed upgrading and refurbishing from the wear and tear of usage through the years.

“We especially wanted the repairs completed and the pump back online as we prepare for hurricane season,” said Cointment.

The Marvin Braud Pumping Station was built in the 1980s with 5 pumps, with two more pumps added in the 2000s. Each pump can handle approximately 450,000 gallons of water per minute, so when all 7 pumps are running they can send 1,350,000 gallons through the station every minute.

Marvin Braud drains the New River/Goudine/Francois bayou basin which encompasses a majority of east Ascension Parish.

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Photo #1 – The gear box which operates Marvin Braud Pump #5 had to be trucked in on a flatbed trailer.

Photo #2 – The 15 ton gear box had to be lifted by crane into the pump house.

Photo #3 – The roof of the pump house was removed to be able to lower the gear box into place.

Photo #4 – Workers position the gear box onto its pedestal, which also was refurbished.

Photo #5 – President Clint Cointment observes as the gear box is bolted onto its pedestal.