

GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO.EIGHT

OF WARD ONE, CALCASIEU PARISH

2841 Goos Road

MINUTES

Lake Charles, LA 70611

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6:00 P M, Monday, February 5, 2018

The *Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. Eight of Ward One, Calcasieu Parish*, met in a Regular Board Meeting session at 2841 Goos Road, Moss Bluff, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2018. President Martin Thomas Benoit called the meeting to order, Vice President Terry Barrett spoke the Invocation, mentioning Mr. Tim Connor, and the President then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Benoit then called the **Roll** of the **Board of Commissioners**, acknowledging all of the following members as being present: President Martin Thomas Benoit, Board Member William Lavergne, Secretary-Treasurer Darby Quinn, Vice President Terry Barrett and Board Member David Bryan Guidry .

Employees present at the meeting were Superintendent Eddie Hebert, Crew Supervisor/Assistant Superintendent Mike Naquin, Lead Operator Johnny Peloquin and recording secretary Lesley Impastato. There were no visitors present in the meeting.

As the meeting began, Mr. Darby Quinn motioned to add an item to the Agenda(3.1) to consider the "Notice to Proceed". Mr. Terry Barrett seconded the motion and all members voted "Yea" in agreement.

The Minutes of the January 8, 2018 Regular Board Meeting were unanimously approved after motions by Mr. William Lavergne and Mr. David Guidry. No discussion was entered into.

There were no "Requests to Appear" because there were no visitors.

Motions were made by Mr. Darby Quinn and Mr. William Lavergne to approve for payment the Lancon Engineers Recommendation for Payment # 45 in the amount of \$305.00, to be paid to the Clerk of Court for recordation of the contract between Gravity Drainage District No. Eight of Ward One and H. D. Truck & Tractor L.L.C.. All members of the Board of Commissioners voted "Yea" in agreement.

Mr. Darby Quinn motioned to approve the Notice to Proceed for the Belfield Ditch Project LEI 12-036 (HMGP #1786-019-0006), which President Martin T. Benoit has already been given the authority to sign, and will be given to Mr. Durousseau at or after the preconstruction meeting. The Proceed date to begin will be March 1, 2018. Mr. Terry Barrett seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea" in approval. Questions were answered.

A Recommendation for Payment #46 for \$2,704.99 from Lancon Engineering for the LEI Belfield Ditch Project 12-036 (HMGP # 1786-019-0006) for engineering services through January 15, 2018 was approved unanimously after motions by Mr. Terry Barrett and Mr. Darby Quinn.

Superintendent Hebert informed the members that he had sent the letter to CPPJ Planning regarding the drainage structure across Lateral IB-3 at 4052 Paul White Road, as discussed in the January 8th regular board meeting. There has been no response yet. Mr. David Guidry and Mr. Darby Quinn motioned to table the item until there is a response to the letter. All members voted "Yea" in agreement.

The next item considered and discussed was a request to replace a large culvert in a DOTD right of way connected to L-6 at Highway 171 north of Walgreens. The crushed pipe was removed as an emergency procedure by the District in May of 2017 during a very heavy rainfall event because it was causing flooding to surrounding property and danger along the road. Since it did not belong to the Drainage District, and there is no public purpose for the crossing

