

GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO.EIGHT

OF WARD ONE, CALCASIEU PARISH

2841 Goos Road

MINUTES

Lake Charles, LA 70611

SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING

5:30 P M, Monday, July 20, 2017

The Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. Eight of Ward One, Calcasieu Parish, met in a Special Called Board Meeting session at 2841 Goos Road, Moss Bluff, at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2017. President Martin Thomas Benoit called the meeting to order, Vice President Terry Barrett spoke the Invocation, and President Benoit led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Employees present at the meeting were Superintendent Eddie Hebert and recording secretary Lesley Impastato.

The purpose of the special called session was to consider and adopt a resolution to apply for the 2018 Calcasieu Parish Road and Drainage Trust Fund, and to commit funds out of the Fund Balance for the District's portion of the cost to complete the L - 15 Phase 3 Drainage improvement Project in cooperation with the Calcasieu Parish School Board and the Calcasieu Parish Community Center and Playground District #4. Also to be considered was the revised plans of the Moss Bluff Recreation Baseball Field Drainage Improvements.

Superintendent Hebert explained that Mr. Walt Jessen had given a probable cost estimate to complete the L-15 Phase 3 Drainage Improvement including the cost of the access road installment. The Community Center and Playground District #4, Calcasieu Parish School Board, and Drainage District No. Eight came to an agreement on committing funds toward the project. The estimated project cost is \$725,000, the access road cost is \$43,000, therefore making the total \$768,000. The Recreation Center and Drainage District agreed to share the access road cost and all three entities have to commit at least ten percent each to match the grant funding. However, the grant only pays up to \$500,000, leaving \$225,000 to be shared by all three, and \$43,000 to be split in half between the Drainage District and CPCCPD#4. The deadline for the Grant Application is July 31, 2017.

President Benoit read the proposed Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Gravity Drainage District No. Eight of Ward One of Calcasieu Parish, state of Louisiana, has participated in the completion of the L-15 Drainage Improvement Projects Phase 1 and Phase 2, through the Calcasieu Parish Road and Drainage Trust Fund Grant Program and shared matching funds with the Calcasieu Parish School Board and the Community Center and Playground District # 4 Ward One, and

WHEREAS, the third and final Phase of the L-15 Drainage Improvement Project will complete the work designed to increase the efficiency of the drainage system along the property of the Community Center and Playground District No. 4 of Ward One and the Calcasieu Parish School Board Ward One Middle School, as well as increase safety to the youth and visitors to both properties, and

WHEREAS, the Calcasieu Parish Road and Drainage Trust Fund will only provide up to \$500,000 for the seventy per cent (70%) funding of the project, leaving \$268,000 now not funded of the \$768,000 estimated cost of the project,

THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. Eight of Ward One met in a Special Called Board Session on July 20, 2017 and passed a Resolution to approve financial participation in an application to the Calcasieu Parish Road and Drainage Trust Fund Grant Program for 2018 for the L-15 Drainage Improvement Project Phase 3, and to commit an amount not to exceed \$96,500.00 of the 2017 Fund Balance as the District's portion of the matching funds and 50 percent portion of the temporary access road, and to further designate President Martin Thomas Benoit as signatory to all related documents.

Mr. Lavergne motioned to adopt the Resolution as read, Mr. Guidry seconded the motion, and President Benoit called for a Roll Call vote:

Martin T. Benoit : Yea Terry Barrett : Yea Darby Quinn : Yea

William Lavergne : Yea David Guidry : Yea

Motion carried.

The members looked at the proposed plans for the Moss Bluff Recreation Baseball field 150 feet pipe drainage project. It was questioned at first because of no planned inlets/risers/catch-basins. After consideration it was decided that since it was the responsibility of the Recreation Center, and was mostly to help until the L-15 Drainage Project could be finished, it did not have to meet the GDD8 Culvert/Pipe Policy. The District already has a catch basin at the fence line. Mr. Darby Quinn motioned to send a letter of No Objection to the revised plans and Mr. Lavergne seconded the motion. All members voted Yea in agreement, carrying the motion.

There being no further items to discuss, Mr. Quinn and Mr. Lavergne motioned to adjourn. A Unanimous vote adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Martin Thomas Benoit, President

Darby Quinn, Secretary-Treasurer

Terry Barrett, Vice President

William Lavergne, Member

David B. Guidry, Member