

GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO.EIGHT

OF WARD ONE, CALCASIEU PARISH

2841 Goos Road

MINUTES

Lake Charles, LA 70611

REGULAR BOARO MEETING

6:00 P M, Monday, September 11, 2017

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, September 11, 2017. President Martin Thomas Benoit called the meeting to order, spoke the Invocation, and 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 , Board Member David Bryan Guidry and Secretary-Treasurer Darby Quinn. Vice President Terry Barrett was absent.

Employees present at the meeting were Superintendent Eddie Hebert, Crew Supervisor Mike Naquin, and recording secretary Lesley Impastato. There were two visitors present: Mr. Franklin Lopez, resident of 277 North Presidential Circle, and Mr. Don Bertrand, resident of 291 South Presidential Circle, both situated in Jamestown Subdivision. There were no other visitors.

The August 7, 2017 Regular Session Minutes were approved by all members present after motions by Mr. Darby Quinn and Mr. William Lavergne. No discussion was entered into.

The only request to appear before the Board of Commissioners was submitted by Mr. Franklin Lopez in the previous work-week, so the culverts under

Executive Drive (the only entrance to Jamestown Subdivision) could be discussed. He and Mr. Don Bertrand asked questions about the process of getting the culvert changed and work done on the drainage lateral that drained their subdivision and others north and west of them. They expressed fear that one of the culverts under Hwy 378 was pinched down and would one day flood the homes there. The commissioners, superintendent and supervisor showed maps of the Moss Gulley watershed area and explained the history of the plans to clear out the MG - 1 ditch and change the culvert with the cooperation of the Calcasieu Parish Public Works. The culverts were to be changed first so it would not slow or stop the flow once the rest of the ditch was free and clear. All of it was dependent upon a Corps of Engineer Permit that was halted with a cease and desist order and a penalty against the District. All of this also would be very costly, and prioritized according to the list of need for homes flooding. The project had been in the plans for several years, and the visitors were assured it was not forgotten nor given up on. Mr. Lopez offered to help in any way he could, to enlist the help of other entities that were involved. He also asked who placed the drainage pipe along Vickie Lane, and did anyone notice how it caused water to flow over the road to the other side of the street, flooding those low-lying properties during heavy rains. It was explained that the District does not handle road-side drainage, but would look into it.

The Board Members unanimously approved a Resolution to authorize the force account disaster pay for Declared Emergency Tropical Storm Harvey, on days 28,29, and 30 of August, 2017 , and authorized the President of the Board of Commissioners, Martin Thomas Benoit, to execute all documents related thereto.

The Roll was called as follows, after motions by Mr. Lavergne and Mr. Darby Quinn :

Martin T. Benoit: YEA

Terry Barrett: Absent

William D. Lavergne: YEA

Darby Quinn: YEA

David B. Guidry: YEA

The Board was shown pictures of flooding in Ward 1 during the heavy rains of Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey on Clint, Kenneth Cole, Crawford, Hickory

Branch, Indian Bayou and Calcasieu River into Beauregard Parish. Some areas that usually flood did not this time. A boat was in the Belfield Ditch and had to be removed. No other discussion.

The Road and Drainage Trust Fund judgment by points was complete for the L-15 Phase 3 Project, and leaves the project out of the competition for funding. Mr. Quinn expounded on his frustration with the system that lumps road and drainage together in the competition against each other.

Mr. Mattingly, who represents Meyers and Associates on the L -15 Phase 3 Project proposal from the Recreation Board (August 7, 2017 Minutes) reported that the District's portion of the suggested work they were doing this year would be \$126,936.00 if they agreed to the change. The Board agreed this was not an option. End of discussion.

Mr. Darby Quinn motioned to accept the request for payment # 39 in the amount of \$140.00 for Engineering Services by Lee Lancon Engineering on the Belfield Ditch Improvement Project #1786-019-0006, LEI Project 12-036. Mr. William Lavergne seconded the motion and all members present voted Yea in approval of the payment. No discussion.

Superintendent Hebert reported that Lee Lancon has been communicating with Mr. Mark Moses at the Louisiana State Capital Outlay Office concerning the #50-NJZ-14-01 BFD Improvement Project funding request. They had asked if the project could be deferred, and Mr. Lancon wrote a letter to express the immediate need for this project to be done now. The land acquisition has finally all been completed, and some data on the matching funds is being gathered to send in to the State Capital Outlay FP&C. Mr. Hebert will continue to forward all correspondence to the board members.

The Parish Planning department had requested that the crossing on IB - 4 across Clifford Road be upgraded, to make development possible. The Board was concerned that it would push too much water on property further down the

lateral, which already has problems. The District, CPPJ Engineering and a contractor will be meeting Tuesday morning concerning this.

The District has been working on the LIB - 3 (Little Indian Bayou - 3) ditch at Coffey Pines Subdivision. This ditch was originally planned to assist the drainage off Miller and Ribbeck streets as well as the subdivision, with a thirty foot maintenance easement and a forty foot drainage easement, according to Minutes in 2003.

Northern Ridge Estates Phase 2 had requested a letter of no objection in accordance with the CPPJ Drainage Ordinance, which was not approved in the last meeting. The developer and engineer looked at the plan and said they will redesign to grant access for drainage. After motions by Mr. Guidry and Mr. Lavergne, the Board unanimously agreed to submit a Letter of No Objection based on them designing on the basis of the Boards input to apply a crossing for District equipment ,maintaining the Parish Ordinances, sized to accommodate any future development in phase three, and agreeing that the District gets final approval.

The Bills and Invoices for August 2017 were unanimously approved by all members present after motions by Mr. Darby Quinn and Mr. William Lavergne. No further discussion.

Announcements under General Business :

The appraisals and acquisition of right of way for the Belfield Ditch Improvement Project have now been completed and recorded.

Kade Adams will go to Pineville, Louisiana on October 3-5, 2017 for VMCI Herbicide Applicator's training and certification.

Gulf South Pipeline has been working on applications for permits to cross seven various laterals in the GDD8 W1 District. These will need to be approved before the next meeting, so Mr. Quinn motioned to address the new crossing permits to

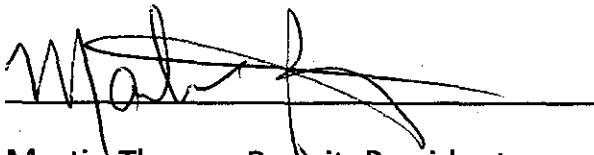
be added to the agenda as item # 15. Mr. Guidry seconded the motion, and all voted "Yea" in agreement.

The buckets and the coupler for the RDM Mulcher have arrived and been checked by Mr. Duplichan for Head & Enquist for compatibility. The RDM Mulcher will be ordered now.

The L - 15 Project at Don Manuel Boulevard has not been worked on because of wet conditions, but has been monitored regularly.

The Gulf South Pipeline is enlarging and lowering the existing pipe from Green Oaks to Highway 378, which will cross seven laterals of Ward One. The boring depth of the pipeline will be recorded with the state DOTD. The board approved the Gulf South Pipeline Permits based on them meeting our requests and receipt of the Boring Log/As Built record, after motions by Mr. William Lavergne and Mr. Darby Quinn.

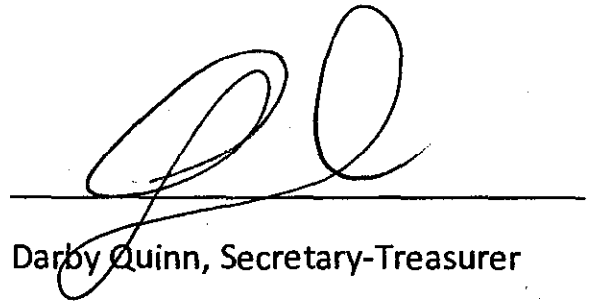
There being no further matters to discuss, Mr. Guidry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lavergne seconded the motion, and all present members voted Yea in agreement. Meeting ended at 7:45 pm.



Martin Thomas Benoit, President

Terry Barrett, Vice President

William D. Lavergne, Member



Darby Quinn, Secretary-Treasurer

David Guidry, Member