

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, November 6, 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, November 6, 2017. President Martin Thomas Benoit called the meeting to order, Vice President Terry Barrett spoke the Invocation, and the President 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 Crew Supervisor, Assistant Superintendent Mike Naquin, Johnny Peloquin and recording secretary Lesley Impastato. These were the Visitors present, requested for information concerning the Belfield Ditch Improvement Project: Mr. Matt Morris, representing Lancon Engineers and Ms. Jennifer Cobian, CPA from Calcasieu Parish Police Jury Finance Department.

President Benoit asked the board members to consider moving discussion of agenda items number 5 and 9 up to right after number 1. Mr. Terry Barrett and Mr. William Lavergne motioned to move those items because they were concerning the Belfield Ditch Improvement Project information being addressed by Mr. Morris and Mrs. Cobian. All members voted in agreement to the motion.

The October 2, 2017 Regular Session Minutes were approved by all members present after motions by Mr. William Lavergne and Mr. Terry Barrett. No discussion was entered into.

Michael Naquin explained that Mr. Matt Morris was present to discuss and answer questions on the Belfield Ditch Project No. LEI 12-036 proposed Supplemental Agreement # 11 for Engineering Services for Phase 2 which includes the Bidding Phase, Construction Phase and Post Construction Phase of work, now authorized by FEMA. The original estimated project cost has changed because the project has grown, verification surveys will be done and other costs have increased due to the increased time duration of the project. The original phase 2 cost for engineering services was \$77,000 but now is \$139,880. A part-time resident project representative will be required and that estimated cost is \$71,890, which is an increase now, also, due to the lengthened project. President Benoit addressed the changes, explaining why they were necessary. The tree seeding project has not been bid out, and there was discussion on who was responsible for that process. Mr. Barrett asked how the project had increased, and Mr. Morris explained there were required changes from FEMA for "No Rise" in water, and CPPJ Planning for aluminum culverts, and wetlands increased costs from the Army Corps. Mrs. Cobian informed the members of how the funding is planned and divided. President Benoit then read aloud the "Supplemental Agreement No. 11" Resolution proposed between Gravity Drainage District No. Eight and Lancon Engineers, Inc.. Secretary-Treasurer Darby Quinn motioned to adopt the Supplemental Agreement No. 11 and Vice-President Barrett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was spoken as follows, passing the motion:

Martin Benoit : Yea Terry Barrett : Yea William Lavergne : Yea

Darby Quinn: Yea David Guidry : Yea

