

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, April 9, 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, Louisiana, 70611, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2018. President Martin Thomas Benoit called the meeting to order, Vice President Terry Barrett spoke the Invocation 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. All of the Board of Commissioners Members were present.

Employees present at the meeting were Superintendent Eddie Hebert, Assistant and Crew Supervisor Michael Naquin, Jonathan Peloquin and recording secretary Lesley Impastato.

The only **Visitors** to the meeting were Mr. Lee Lancon, Jr. and Mr. Allen Cross.

The March 5, 2018 Regular Session Minutes were unanimously approved by all members, after motions by Mr. William Lavergne and Mr. Darby Quinn.

There were no Requests to Appear.

President Martin Thomas Benoit read the law, Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1705(A), which requires all tax recipient agencies of ad valorem taxes of every parish, excluding Orleans, to adopt an ordinance or resolution each year with the millage rate to be applied to the assessed value. This meeting was announced as the session in which that tax millage would be adopted for the year 2018 for drainage maintenance by GDD8W1. The following Resolution was approved by roll call vote, after motions by Mr. William Lavergne and Mr. Darby Quinn.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage is hereby levied on the 2018 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. EIGHT, WARD ONE:

MILLAGE

Tax for :Gravity Drainage Lateral Maintenance 11.040 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2018, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 5 BENOIT, BARRETT, LAVERGNE, QUINN, GUIDRY

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINED:0

ABSENT:0

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on April 9, 2018, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Lake Charles, Louisiana, this 9th day of April 2018.

Martin Thomas Benoit, President

President Benoit signed the Resolution and Affidavit :

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CALCASIEU

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, duly commissioned and qualified within and for the aforesaid parish and state, personally came and appeared:

Martin Thomas Benoit, Board President

Who, after first being duly sworn, did depose and say that:

He is the duly authorized Board of Commissioners President of the Gravity Drainage District No. Eight of Ward One, Calcasieu Parish.

A public meeting was held in accordance with the **Open Meetings Law** at R.S. 42:11, et seq., including allowing a public comment period before taking a vote, R.S. 42:14(D), to adopt the millage rates for the **2018** tax year. Public written notice of the **agenda**, date, time, and place of the meeting **(X) was posted** on the building where the meetings of this taxing authority are usually held no less than 24 hours before the meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays and () **was published** in the official journal no less than 24 hours before the meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

If applicable and as required by R.S. 42:19.1 a notice giving date , time, place and subject matter of public meeting to adopt the annual millage rate of this district was published in the official journal **and** announced during the course of a regularly scheduled meeting no more than 60 days nor less than 30 days before such meeting. **In addition** and as required by R.S. 42:19.1 notice of such meeting was sent to each voting member of the governing authority and to each state senator and representative in whose district this political subdivision is located.

A quorum or simple majority of the total membership of the taxing authority was physically present and voting at the public meeting, which was held on the 9th day of April , 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at 2841 Goos Road , Lake

Charles, Louisiana 70611. The meeting was conducted in accord with the prior noticed agenda. Matters not included on the agenda were not discussed without the unanimous approval of the members present after complying with all provisions of R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(ii)(cc).

If applicable and as required by R.S. 42:23(A) and R.S. 44:36(F) as a **non-elected board** we have video or **audio recorded**, filmed or broadcast live all proceedings of our public meeting and ensure the recording will be maintained for at least 2 years.

The taxing district did **not** roll forward. Copies of all required notices and agenda are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Martin Thomas Benoit

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED Before Me, this 9th day of April, 2018, at 2841 Goos Road, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Mr. Allen Cross was present in the meeting to request a letter of no objection to his development , Dream View Estates Subdivision, Phase Four, Preliminary Plat. After discussion of the map showing Phase three and four, and the direction of the drainage flow, Mr. Darby Quinn motioned to authorize the letter of no objection, according to Parish Ordinance regulations, with final review and comment by the GDD8 Board of Commissioners. Mr. Terry Barrett seconded the motion. All members voted YEA in agreement.

The board members unanimously approved the payment of the Lancon Engineering Recommendation for Payment # 49 Invoice #46, in the amount of \$6,545.95 for Professional Engineering Services for February 16 through March 15, 2018 for Phase 2 Engineering Services (#11), Supplemental Agreement #10, and RPR Observation on LEI Project #12-036/ HMGP# 1786-019-0006. Motions were made by Mr. Barrett and Mr. Guidry.

For the Belfield Ditch Improvement Project (HMGP # 1786-019-0006) LEI Project 12-036, Lee Lancon Engineering Recommendation for **Payment # 50** in the amount of \$60,467.50, representing Contractor's Application for Payment No. One (1) for work completed and/or stored materials for the period March 1-20, 2018 was discussed and unanimously approved for payment. Motions were made by Mr. Terry Barrett and Mr. Darby Quinn. The members were able to see an overhead view of the work done. Mr. Quinn suggested that the driveway on North Perkins Ferry Road may need to be wider to allow the equipment to access.

Superintendent Hebert showed the board members the proposed 1st amended Cooperative Endeavor Agreement from Louisiana Facility Planning and Control, with the current level of funding as shown in Exhibit "B" and the proposed allocation of those funds as shown in Exhibit "A" reflecting current state funding and match. The members asked to be informed as to what had changed.

In the previous board meeting, March 5, the board approved the request for quotes for Quality Assurance Construction Testing for the Belfield Ditch Improvement Project. The Calcasieu Parish Grant department handled the quotes

