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Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. Two East Calcasieu Parish
MINUTES SPECIAL SESSION
Wednesday, January 24, 2024

A Public Meeting was held for the purpose of considering the following business of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2 East Calcasieu Board of Commissioners, as the governing authority of Gravity Drainage Ward One, Ward Two, Ward Three, and Ward Eight.

The Board of Commissioners of the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2 East Calcasieu of Calcasieu Parish met in a duly advertised Special Session Meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 641 West Prien Lake Road, Lake Charles, Louisiana. President T.A. Jones called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Mr. Greene led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Reon. The Board Secretary, Ms. Prudhomme, called the Roll of Commissioners.

Present:

Mr. Theodore A. Jones	President
Mr. John Reon	Vice-President
Mr. Donny Greene	Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. Todd Blanchard	Commissioner
Mr. James Gobert	Commissioner
Mr. Craig Schultz	Commissioner
Mr. Michael Wittler	Commissioner

Absent:

Also present:

Mr. Gregory LaFleur	Director of Gravity Drainage
Mr. Michael Naquin	Assistant Director, Gravity Drainage
Mr. Michael Polk	Superintendent Ward Three
Ms. Vanessa Prudhomme	Board Secretary/Administrative Support Specialist

President Jones requested to suspend the rules and add one agenda item to the existing agenda. Item 8, is to consider and take appropriate action on truck purchase. There was a motion from Mr. Reon to suspend the rules and add the item with a second from Mr. Greene. A roll call vote was given with all commissioners replied, "Yes". There were no opposing votes.

Mr. Wittler motioned to authorize Associated Pumps to purchase and install a heating element on pump #2 at Antoine Pump Station in the anticipated amount of \$3,618.00. The motion also included approval for the remaining pumps at Antoine and Woodring Pump stations (totaling 6 pumps) to be inspected and repaired as needed at the Director's discretion, pending a quote. Mr. Gobert gave the second to the motion. There were no opposing votes.



After discussion, Mr. Wittler motioned to approve the repair and or replace the Kayouche Pump Station raw water pump located on pump #1 at the anticipated amount of \$14,995.00 Also authorizing all remaining raw water pumps to be inspected and repaired if needed not to exceed \$75,000.00. The motion was given a second by Mr. Schultz. The vote passed without opposition.

Mr. Reon made a motion with a second from Mr. Wittler authorizing the repair or replacement of Woodring Pump #3 not to exceed \$250,000 contingent upon the Director verifying cost comparing an upgrade to the pumps to Antoine Pump design based on efficiencies. The Director has authorization to proceed to upgrade or replace at his discretion. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was received by the Board made by Mr. Wittler to amend Ward Three budget line code 759 398 54312 (Repairs and Maintenance Pump Station) with funds from Ward Three Legacy Fund to increase from the to \$2,564,093.00. The increase of \$325,000.00 will cover the repair and or replacement of the pumps. A second was made by Mr. Gobert. All commissioners approved the amendment with the vote of "Aye".

Mr. Reon motioned to accept the ratification of the Emergency Declaration during the cold weather event that took place on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 and into the early morning hours of January 17, 2024. In addition, the Declaration will invoke the pay provisions as outlined in 3.17, Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2 East employee handbook. Mr. Greene gave the second the vote passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Wittler motioned to approve Ward 3 entering into a 5-year lease with CAT Financial on a long stick trackhoe being charged at a monthly rate of \$5984.84 (totaling \$359,090.40). Mr. Greene second the motion. During discussion, the question was posed to ask if at the end of the lease could Gravity Drainage purchase the long stick at a depreciated price? Mr. Schultz also requested for Mr. Polk to ask what the procedure and time line would be if the equipment went down and the part would take months to be received.

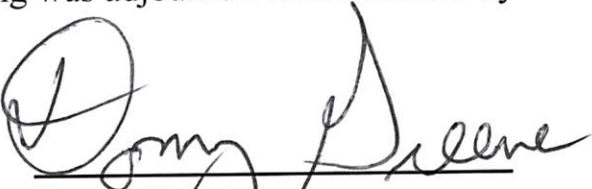
Consideration was given and the Board authorized the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2 East to purchase two new F-150 pickup trucks for \$85,075.50; one new F-250 pickup truck \$51,209.75; and one F-550 pickup truck \$65,937.12 with a motion received by Mr. Gobert. Mr. Wittler second the motion. All commissioners were in favor. There were no oppositions.

Mr. Wittler asked for the status of a leaking discharge pipe. Mr. Polk informed the Board we have diver engineers on contract that are coming soon to inspect the pumps.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Mr. Greene at 2:43 PM.



T. A. Jones
Board President



Donny Greene
Secretary-Treasurer