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Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. Two East (Calcasieu Parish)
MINUTES REGULAR SESSION
Monday, July 10, 2023

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 Regular Session Meeting on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 1015 Pithon Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana. President Darby Quinn called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Mr. Quinn led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board Secretary, Vanessa Prudhomme, called the Roll of Commissioners.

Present:

Mr. Darby Quinn	President
Mr. Theodore A. Jones	Vice President
Mr. Donny Greene	Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. John Reon	Commissioner
Mr. Michael Wittler	Commissioner

Absent:

Mr. James Gobert	Commissioner
Mr. Craig Schultz	Commissioner

Also present:

Mr. Donald Brinkman	CSRS Consultant
Mr. Duane Chestnut	Citizen
Mr. Pat Harden	Citizen
Mr. Eddie Hebert	Assistant Director
Mr. Jude Hebert	Superintendent Ward Eight
Mr. Gregory LaFleur	Director of Gravity Drainage
Mr. Michael Naquin	Superintendent Ward One
Mr. Michael Polk	Superintendent Ward Three
Ms. Vanessa Prudhomme	Board Secretary/Administrative Support Specialist
Mr. Bryan Scott	Assistant Superintendent Ward One
Mr. Scott Thibodeaux	Superintendent Ward Two
Mrs. Rachel Trahan	Administrative Support Specialist Ward 1

The minutes from the June 5, 2023 Regular Session Board meeting were approved without objection with a motion from Mr. Jones and a second from Mr. Reon.



The June 2023 Budget report and all payments for all of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2 East were approved unanimously following a motion from Mr. Jones and a second from Mr. Wittler.

Mr. Duane Chestnut approached the Board and staff regarding what could be done to correct the flooding in the Brigas Acres Subdivision. The area has been surveyed and title searches have been performed. The staff discussed multiple solutions to include: concrete lining the ditch, or buying properties to have the easement and access to the ditch. Mr. Quinn requested we get an Engineer out to the site to determine what possibilities the District has to help the subdivision. No definite solution was decided upon.

Mr. LaFleur addressed the Board regrading preliminary project DR-2023-336 Michael LoFaso Driveway located on L-1 of W-39. The project is a possible cost share between Gravity Drainage, Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and the City of Lake Charles. The estimate is around \$160,000.00 for the driveway and right of way acquisition. Staff will be meeting later to answer. No decision was needed.

Point of Personal Privilege taken by President Quinn to honor Eddie Hebert retiring.

Mr. Brinkman discussed the change order regarding the Woodring Pump Station engines. Six flex joints will have to be fabricated with stainless steel due to the joints no longer being carried on the shelf. The total cost is not to exceed \$15,000.00. Mr. Greene motioned to approve the change order with authority given to the Director to sign the change order once it is received. Mr. Wittler gave the second. There were no objections. The vote passed.

The Board adopted a resolution, approving the ratification of the District's recognition of Monday, July 3, 2023 as a District Holiday. The motion made by Mr. Wittler with Mr. Greene giving the second passed without objections.

**RESOLUTION
FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY 2023**

BE IT RESOLVED, that on July 10, 2023, the Board of Commissioners for CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. TWO EAST OF CALCASIEU PARISH approved the following action:

Adopt a resolution approving and ratifying the recognition of July 3, 2023 as a Parish Holiday coinciding with July 4, 2023 as a Federal Holiday also known as Independence Day. And recognizing the District office will be closed on Monday, July 3, 2023 in observance of this day.



Darby Quinn, Board of Commissioners President

ATTEST


Donny Greene, Secretary-Treasurer



Mr. Quinn confirmed for Gravity Drainage District No. 2, the Personnel Committee for 2023 are: Darby Quinn, President, T. A. Jones, Vice President and Donny Greene, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. LaFleur reported on his meeting with Chennault Airport regarding their preliminary plans for an expansion project. The Airport would like to shift L-10 South and would like to concrete line the channel. This would be the first step in fourteen the Airport is planning. There is a proposed cost share that would include the City of Lake Charles, Gravity Drainage and Chennault Airport.

Mr. LaFleur provided the Board of Commissioners a memo and itemized list for their review of detailed duties of the Director. The Board was asked to review the list for future discussion until the next meeting to be held, Monday, August 7, 2023. Item tabled with no action taken nor any objections.

Mr. Scott of Ward One presented the Board with a summary of activities completed in the Cartegraph system. The Board was shown pictures, before during and after work along with a demonstration of how the program is reviewed. The remaining month of July to August, Ward Eight will receive training on Cartegraph. September - November, Ward Two will receive training. Ward 3 will receive training beginning in December.

President Quinn requested to have a time clock ordered for Ward Eight at the earliest convenience.

Mr. Naquin reported eight out of nine employees completed the CDL training provided by Coastal Trucking School.

Mr. Greene motioned to accept the recommendation by Kudla Architecture for K & J Development to be awarded the bid for Ward One shop and warehouse construction. Mr. Wittler made the second and the vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Naquin requested a budget amendment increase in the amount of \$150,000 from 750 Legacy Fund to be moved to 751 383 53100 Legacy Project Fund for Project DRG-13 (Construction of Ward One Shop and Warehouse). Mr. Jones motioned to amend the budget. Mr. Greene made the second. There was no opposition.

Mr. Wittler asked Mr. Thibodeaux if there was an update on the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Jeff Davis Parish and Consolidated Gravity Drainage. Mr. Thibodeaux has not heard. Mr. Thibodeaux mentioned he had a conversation with Sweet Lake Land and Oil company regarding land donation and a decision has not been made by Sweet Lake, the parties included will get back to Mr. Thibodeaux. A request from the Board was made to Mr. Scott to make specific task trackable in Cartegraph on the Miller ditch for the Jeff Davis Parish Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

Mr. Quinn asked if the trailer previously ordered had been received. Mr. Thibodeaux reported he is still waiting for the delivery.



Mr. Polk requested the Board's stance on piping in 300 feet of a ditch, already maintained by Gravity Drainage, on Weaver Road next to the Barbe High School Baseball field. Mr. Polk explained he was approached by Police Juror, Guy Brame who brought the concern forth. The Juror stated gaming funds could pay for the piping if the work could be done by Gravity Drainage. The Board raised several questions and tabled the decision until further information is gathered.


Mr. Wittler motioned to accept the cost share between Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, Gravity Drainage and the City of Lake Charles to repair Pithon Coulee at Coulee Street. The cost share cannot exceed \$18,500.00. Mr. Greene second the motion. There was no objection.

Mr. Quinn requested an update on the High School Park Lateral project. Mr. Polk replied we are still waiting on the completion of servitudes of some property owners.

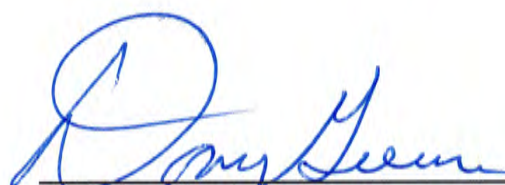
Mr. Jude Hebert, showed updated pictures of the new building. Construction is expected to be completed in August. The Board suggested to have the generator delivered as soon as possible.

Mr. Wittler requested results on the electrical status at Pithon Pump Station. Mr. LaFleur stated he was awaiting on the final report from Fides to hire an Electrical Engineer to proceed with correcting the electrical problems.

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Greene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM.



Darby Quinn
Board President



Donny Greene
Secretary-Treasurer