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Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. Two East (Calcasieu Parish)
MINUTES REGULAR SESSION
Monday, August 7, 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, August 7, 2023, at 1015 Pithon Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana. President Darby Quinn called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Mr. Jones led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board Secretary, Vanessa Prudhomme, called the Roll of Commissioners.

Present:

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| Mr. Darby Quinn | President |
| Mr. Theodore A. Jones | Vice President |
| Mr. Donny Greene | Secretary-Treasurer |
| Mr. James Gobert | Commissioner |
| Mr. John Reon | Commissioner |

Absent:

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| Mr. Craig Schultz | Commissioner |
| Mr. Michael Wittler | Commissioner |

Also present:

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| Mr. Cade Cole | Legal Counsel |
| 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. Mike Smith | Police Juror |
| Mr. Scott Thibodeaux | Superintendent Ward Two |
| Mrs. Rachel Trahan | Administrative Support Specialist Ward 1 |
| Mr. Gary "Bubba" Viator | Citizen |
| Mrs. Nicole Viator | Citizen |

The minutes from the July 10, 2023 Regular Session Board meeting were approved without objection with a motion from Mr. Jones and a second from Mr. Greene.

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



Mr. Viator approached the Board of Commissioners for a variance request in order to build an outdoor kitchen and install a fence. He requested Gravity Drainage to amend the ordinance and allow him 13 feet of the easement leaving Gravity Drainage with 17 feet reduced from 30 feet, which is current on the subdivision plat. After much discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Jones to modify the easement to 17 feet subject to the approval of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury if required to go below the minimum 20 feet for an enclosed watercourse. Also contingent upon the proper installation of an engineered an approved pipe installation in the basin which will include the interface at the north and as far south as it needs to function properly. Mr. Greene gave the second. There was no opposition.

Mr. Cole updated the Board of Commissioners regarding the lease option of the possible new Administration Building. The lease is currently set at \$7500 monthly with mechanical improvements and will include an option to purchase in one year. Mr. Greene motioned to proceed with the agreement. Mr. Reon gave the second and the motion passed without objection.

Mr. Gobert motioned to accept the Director's authorization request as written, following some discussion. Mr. Greene motioned second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Naquin informed the Board the Connex box purchased would be used District wide following the new construction in Ward One, the container will be shipped to Ward Two for their use.

Mr. Gobert motioned to accept the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2 regarding the Louisiana Avenue Detention Pond. Mr. Reon gave the second. There was no further discussion. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Scott of Ward One gave an update on Cartegraph, due to technical issues, that are being worked out with the Police Jury IT department, Ward Eight and Ward Two training will have to be moved back.

Mr. Thibodeaux of Ward Two reported he has received his forty-foot trailer. There were no other updates.

Mr. Polk of Ward Three updated the Board of items related to:

The Kayouche Pump Station generator transfer switch was installed and working properly. Every Monday at 8 am, the switch self-test.

The Antoine Pump Station generator has been delivered and is waiting to be installed.

The final report for the Kayouche engine inspections was received and has several recommendations by Farabee Mechanical. A request was made by Mr. Polk for the Board to approve a task order under the Master Service Agreement between CSRS and Consolidated Gravity Drainage for the upgrades to be made on the pumps. Mr.



Greene made the motion to accept the request and Mr. Jones second. The Board unanimously agreed.

Mr. Polk reported he has made multiple attempts to obtain servitude from the owners on High School Park lateral or grant a permanent easement. They are receptive to temporary construction easements which will allow us to work on the channel.

The update on Brigas Acres will be to update models of the area and use studies that have already been completed to engineer how to proceed with correcting the lateral. Mr. Polk requested to have the Board approve for a task order to be submitted under the Master Service Agreement between CSRS and Consolidated Gravity Drainage. Mr. Green motioned to accept the request with a second from Mr. Jones. There were no oppositions.

Mr. Polk showed before and after pictures of the completed work on Python Coulee Concrete panel repair.

Mr. LaFleur reported on Rue des Amis subdivision. The original plans were brought to Gravity Drainage and were approved. The final design did not match the original plans due to some changes that were made and not approved by Gravity Drainage. Calcasieu Parish Police Jury agreed to take the maintenance of the outfall.

Mr. Hebert of Ward Eight updated the Board of Commissioners with regards to the completeness of the construction:

A punch list of the building is being scheduled for this week and the electrician will be there to complete the generator installation.

Administration has requested quotes for ethernet drops throughout the building that was not included in the original plans.

Per the request of the Commissioners, a time clock has been ordered through Calcasieu Parish Police Jury.

Mr. LaFleur proposed a budget amendment in the amount of \$25,000 to 758 391 57300 from the Legacy fund to purchase furniture for the Ward Eight building. Mr. Greene made the motion to accept the amendment and Mr. Reon gave the second. There were no objections.

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Greene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Darby Quinn
Board President

Donny Greene
Secretary-Treasurer