

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TANGIPAHOA PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016, AT 5:00 P. M., AT THE DOMICILE OF THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT LOCATED AT 48571 HIGHWAY 51 NORTH, TICKFAW, LOUISIANA

The Board of Commissioners of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish, State of Louisiana, met on the above date in Regular Session and was called to order by the Vice-President, Mr. Louis Joseph, with the following members present:

JAMES BAILEY, CARLO S. BRUNO, BOBBY CORTEZ, LOUIS JOSEPH, HARRY LAVINE, JOEY MAYEAUX, H.G. "BUDDY" RIDGEL, DAVID VIAL, LIONELL WELLS

ABSENT: NONE

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Mr. Parker Layrisson administered the Oath of Office for Mr. James Bailey, Mr. Joey Mayeaux and Mr. H.G. "Buddy" Ridgel. The Board welcomed the new commissioners.

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A motion was made by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Cortez to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated December 16, 2015, and that they be dispensed and published in the Official Journal of the District as record. Roll call vote was as follows:

- YEAS:** 9 (Bailey, Bruno, Cortez, Joseph, Lavine, Mayeaux, Ridgel, Vial, Wells)
- NAYS:** None
- NOT VOTING:** None
- ABSENT:** None

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A motion was made by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Bruno to accept the Finance Committee Report and pay all presented expenditures for the month of December, 2015. With no opposition, motion carried. Roll call vote was as follows:

- YEAS:** 9 (Bailey, Bruno, Cortez, Joseph, Lavine, Mayeaux, Ridgel, Vial, Wells)
- NAYS:** None
- NOT VOTING:** None
- ABSENT:** None

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A motion was made by Mr. Lavine and seconded by Mr. Wells to engage the services of Lee Gray & Associates to audit the District's 2015 financial records. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Bailey, Bruno, Cortez, Joseph, Lavine, Mayeaux, Ridgel, Vial, Wells)

NAYS: None

NOT VOTING: None

ABSENT: None

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The floor was opened for nomination for CGDD1 Officers for 2016. Mr. Bruno nominated Mr. Vial for President and was seconded by Mr. Lavine. Mr. Vial was elected by acclamation. With no opposition, motion carried.

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Mr. Bruno nominated Mr. Joseph for Vice-President and was seconded by Mr. Wells. Mr. Joseph was elected by acclamation. With no opposition, motion carried.

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Mr. Bruno nominated Ms. Galofaro for Secretary-Treasurer and was seconded by Mr. Wells. Ms. Galofaro was elected by acclamation. With no opposition, motion carried.

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A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Bailey to table item number 7 on the agenda. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Bailey, Bruno, Cortez, Joseph, Lavine, Mayeaux, Ridgel, Vial, Wells)

NAYS: None

NOT VOTING: None

ABSENT: None

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A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Bailey to accept the changes to the 2016 Drainage Board Meeting Schedule. Roll-call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Bailey, Bruno, Cortez, Joseph, Lavine, Mayeaux, Ridgel, Vial, Wells)

NAYS: None

NOT VOTING: None

ABSENT: None

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In his report, the Administrator discussed the Permit and Progress Reports and the Master To Do List. A motion was made by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Bruno to accept the Administrator's Report. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Bailey, Bruno, Cortez, Joseph, Lavine, Mayeaux, Ridgel, Vial, Wells)

NAYS: None

NOT VOTING: None

ABSENT: None

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The Administrator advised the Board that a full-time Right-Of-Way Agent was needed to efficiently handle the increase in work orders. The current part-time Right-Of-Way Agent was not interested in an increase of hours to maintain a full-time position. The Board suggested that the position be advertised and a full time Right-Of Way Agent be hired. A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Bailey to advertise for the full-time position of Right-of-Way Agent. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Bailey, Bruno, Cortez, Joseph, Lavine, Mayeaux, Ridgel, Vial, Wells)

NAYS: None

NOT VOTING: None

ABSENT: None

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The Administrator and the Board engaged in a discussion on re-siding and re-roofing the West Bank District building. After the discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Cortez to authorize the Administrator to solicit quotes for re-siding and re-roofing the West Bank District building. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Bailey, Bruno, Cortez, Joseph, Lavine, Mayeaux, Ridgel, Vial, Wells)

NAYS: None

NOT VOTING: None

ABSENT: None

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A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Vial to place on the Agenda by unanimous vote, a request to assist Tangipahoa Sewer District #1 with a tree removal at the Bankston Road Waste Water Treatment Plant. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Bailey, Bruno, Cortez, Joseph, Lavine, Mayeaux, Ridgel, Vial, Wells)

NAYS: None

NOT VOTING: None

ABSENT: None


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Mr. Chuck Spangler, of Spangler Engineering, requested that the Board consider entering into an intergovernmental agreement to assist the Tangipahoa Parish Sewer District with the removal of a fallen tree in the Natalbany River adjacent to the Bankston Road Wastewater Treatment Plant. After a lengthy discussion on the cost associated with the removal of the tree and stabilizing the slope after the tree removal, a motion was made by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Vial to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to assist the Tangipahoa Parish Sewer District by absorbing the cost of the tree removal along with the Sewer District absorbing the cost of the slope stabilization. An Intergovernmental Agreement will need to be executed by the Drainage District’s Legal Counsel including language to hold the District harmless from any damages resulting from the granting of same. Roll call vote was as follows:

- YEAS: 9 (Bailey, Bruno, Cortez, Joseph, Lavine, Mayeaux, Ridgel, Vial, Wells)
- NAYS: None
- NOT VOTING: None
- ABSENT: None

In Legal Matters, Mr. Layrisson updated the Board on the status of a suit filed against a resident obstructing a natural drain.

With no further business appearing, on motion by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Vial, the Commissioners of CGDD1 adjourned.


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