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Vice-Chairman



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Member

**JOHN ZEMANEK**  
Alternate Member

## **MINUTES OF DRAINAGE AND FLOODING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MAY 13, 2019**

The Drainage and Flooding Committee of the City of La Porte met on **Monday, May 13, 2019**, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at **5:00 p.m.** to consider the following items of business:

**Committee Members present:** Jay Martin, Danny Earp, Chuck Engelken (*arrived at 5:32 p.m.*)

**Committee Members absent:** John Zemanek

**Council-appointed officers present:** Corby Alexander, City Manager; Lee Woodward, City Secretary

1. **Call to Order** - Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. **Authorizations**

(a) Approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 8, 2019. [Lee Woodward, City Secretary]

Vice Chairman Earp moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 8, 2019; the motion was unanimously adopted, 2-0.

3. **Staff Reports**

(a) **Receive report from Harris County Flood Control District regarding current and future plans relating to flooding in the City of La Porte.** [Lorenzo Wingate, City Engineer, and Don Pennell, Public Works Director]

Jeremy Ratcliff of Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) said he hoped he could attend the first meeting of the month every other month. He said that on Brookglen, three alternatives were proposed in draft and needed some additional modeling and move to a PER stage this summer and added that Russ Poppe was including a benefits matrix for all their projects. Committee member Earp asked to also note timing of the entire project life cycle.

Mr. Ratcliff said that F-10106 (Lomax/Pipeline Corridor) would begin this summer. Vice Chairman Earp said two projects in that area needed a greatly increased timetable, especially at the dam at the pipeline. Mr. Wingate reminded all that City spending was holding for state grant funding, but Mr. Ratcliff said it would not hold up the HCFCD work. Mr. Ratcliff said the desilt would probably happen early this summer (as part of the Choctaw Package) but there were utility and other conflicts for the portion across the top and that HDR would review it. Mr. Pennell said the City had done the flow work and were waiting on HCFCD for design.

Vice Chairman Earp said the work at Sens Road to the railroad tracks was coming along. Mr. Ratcliff said it was possible HCFCD would need some assistance with the railroad. Mr. Wingate noted Flood Control did not have easements or legal access to but the City did and could clear and clean there. Mr. Pennell said his department would propose to buy new equipment and take care of it in house.

Chairman Martin asked about the Brookglen buyout situation and Mr. Ratcliff said there were two-three homes with offers and six waiting on appraisals. Mr. Ratcliff said the summer mowing agreement would be reviewed for lots and channel work cycles and were expected to begin in June (HCFCD, HC Precinct 2, and the City were all participating).

- (b) Discussion regarding Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) Hurricane Harvey DR-4332 Section 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding. [Lorenzo Wingate, City Engineer and Don Pennell, Public Works Director]**

Mr. Wingate said the City has submitted eight projects and had been told selection was expected in July and those chosen could begin in January 2020. Chair Martin asked what would occur then and Mr. Wingate said procuring engineering services and beginning design.

- (c) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the status of current drainage projects. [Lorenzo Wingate, City Engineer, and Don Pennell, Public Works Director]**

Mr. Wingate referred to information included on the project list.

- (d) Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding additional drainage concerns and provide staff with direction. [Lorenzo Wingate, City Engineer, and Don Pennell, Public Works Director]**

Mr. Wingate referred to information included on the project list.

**4. Set date for next Drainage and Flooding Committee Meeting**

The next meeting date was set for June 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

**5. Committee Comments**

No comments were offered.

**6. ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:40 p.m.**

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Lee Woodward, City Secretary