



MEETING SUMMARY OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF TEXAS FLOODING TASK FORCE MEETING HELD ON JULY 11, 2022

Via Zoom

A meeting of the Charter Township of Texas Flooding Task Force was held on July 11, 2022, commencing electronically via Zoom at approximately 10:30 a.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Nick Loeks opened the meeting, thanking everyone for taking the time to attend. The following members of the Task Force were present

- Engineer Tom Smith, Prein & Newhof
- Engineer Tom Wheat, Prein & Newhof
- Derek Haroldson, EGLE
- Kyle Alexander, EGLE
- Amy Coon, Eagle Lake Association
- Travis Bartholomew, RCKC
- Jerry Robbins, N Eagle Lake Road
- Zena Vos, Kal County D/Drain Commissioner
- Jason Wiersma, Kal County Drain Commissioner
- Russ Walters, Crooked Lake Association
- Acacia Costales, Representative Christine Morse's Office
- Texas Township Supervisor Nick Loeks
- Texas Township Superintendent Julie VanderWiere
- Stacy Hissong, (FSBR) Drain Office Attorney
- Kyle O'Meara, (FSBR) Drain Office Attorney
- Dave Rachowicz, Kal County Parks Director
- Dale Shugars, Kal County Commissioner

2. STATUS OF FLOODING

Amy Coon (Eagle Lake) reported Eagle Lake measured 900.30, this is 12.48" above the NLL (Normal Lake Level). We have had a lot of rain lately and the level keeps increasing.

Russ Walters (Crooked Lake) reported that Crooked Lake is doing well, but they are still concerned about the possibility of future flooding.

Jerry Robbins (N Eagle Lake Drive) reported that RCKC is finishing up the road project. The ditches filled with water during the last few rainfalls.

3. DRAIN COMMISSION UPDATE ON LONG-TERM PROJECT

- Status of EGLE Permit/ FEMA Grant: Tom Smith reported that the EGLE permit was submitted on Friday June 24th. The FEMA grant was submitted with the increased project costs, which included request for additional funds. Tom Smith reported that Derek Haroldson conducted an initial review of the EGLE permit advised that all of the previous questions had been answered but there were approx. 10 new comments on addressed. He felt that we have made good progress since the last Task Force meeting.

Derek Haroldson commented that the permit just needs a little more detail in some of the areas. There were 4 corrections from the last submission and 10 new open items. Some of these are simple and just need to be detailed for consistency. Some require more detail about how the system will work. He



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indicated that as soon as the permit is considered Administratively Complete, they will submit the Public Notice at the same time they submit for Public Hearing.

Tom Wheat advised that they are finalizing the design details. They are also working on the exhibits for the remaining easements. He expects those to be ready by Friday.

Jerry Robbins commented that it seems like everyone is saying this project is a “go” and that we are just crossing all the “t’s” and dotting all the “i’s”. The question is when will construction start and when will it be completed. What is the timetable?

Stacy Hissong responded that next step is getting the permit administratively complete, then scheduling the public hearing. Once the permit is issued, we will need all the easements in hand to bid out the project. Then we can put together a timetable for construction. There are a lot of working parts, we also need to ensure that we are meeting the requirements of the FEMA grant. We also have to have a public hearing on the special assessment, and we will need to get approval from the County Board of Commissioners to approve the financing and bonding of the project. She advised that construction could start in late fall if everything goes as planned. We will be able to continue construction throughout the winter.

Tom Wheat advised that with the construction contract, they will be talking to the contractors to determine what the market looks like so that we do not unreasonably increase the cost of the project. As a result, we may need to give 18 months for completion date of the project to get a reasonable cost.

Stacy Hissong also advised that they have experienced higher bid costs. They have only seen 1 bid come back within a typical project time and cost.

Nick Loeks inquired when Prein & Newhof anticipated answering the 10 questions on the permit application.

Tom Smith responded that they hoped to have them answered this week but at the latest next week.

Stacy Hissong asked Derek Haroldson when the public hearing would be scheduled.

Derek Haroldson responded that the public notice and the public hearing notice will be issued at the same time, and they usually need to be posted for 30 days.



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4. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Jerry Robbins commented that Eagle Lake is up 1' and people are getting jittery about flooding and crazy weather. What happened if there is flooding? What is the plan?

Nick Loeks answered that we don't have an answer for that right now. We are doing all we can to move this project forward.

Tom Wheat stated that if flooding did occur there could possibly be a temporary work around to get pumping started early but that would all have to be approved by EGLE.

The next Task Force Meeting has been scheduled via Zoom for Monday August 29th, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by Superintendent Julie VanderWiere
July 15th, 2022