

Sports

BASKETBALL • SPRINGFIELD'S BILLY DREHER

DREHER TO COACH BOYS, GIRLS HOOPS AT SPRINGFIELD

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SPRINGFIELD – Springfield High didn't have to go very far to find its new boys basketball coach. He was already on campus and will be expanding his role. Billy Dreher, who guided the Springfield girls team to the regional round of the Class 2A playoffs this season, was named the school's boys coach on March 11. He will maintain his role as girls coach. "It keeps me really engaged with learning," Dreher said of taking on coaching both teams. "I don't know which coach wouldn't want to get to coach more in the sense of if you love coaching, that's what you want to do, so I think it's a great situation." "Yeah, it's not conventional, and I get that," Springfield principal Spencer Harris said of the hire. "Really the thought process came with the fact that the respect for his knowledge as a coach; his ability to be honest with the kids and get the most out of them, and I really felt that he was able to do it. "With our schedule, we're on a block where he can have the boys and the girls on separate days and times to be able to work it through the school schedule so they can have practice during the day, and it's not doing both after school. That played into it, but I really just think it came to the fact that I think that his talent and his ability and his understanding of the game of basketball can be beneficial to our kids here in both sports. "Every level of basketball he's been involved in, he's been able to have success, so that's what made this happen."

Dreher takes over for John Hii, who wasn't retained as coach after guiding the Bulldogs to a 5-27 record this season. "That's always my number one goal anywhere I go, just have a winning record," said Dreher, who just finished his second season coaching the Lady Bulldogs. "I think it's something that's possible if the kids are willing to buy in and work. It doesn't matter what knowledge you have. When you've done this long enough, you have to have the kids buying in. They have to want to do it, and then you have to have some talent too. You can't just do it without some talent also, and I think it's there and it's going to take a little bit of time, but I think we can get this turned around. "I'd like to see both teams where they're top-10 teams every year. I'm far from satisfied where we are in the girls level even," Dreher continued. "I think we've had a lot of success, but to continue, they have to continue to put in that time like we've talked about with scoring the basketball." Dreher, who coached the boys team at Pope John Paul II before coming to Springfield, informed both teams of the coaching move on Wednesday and said both will work to develop their scoring, but the turnaround for the boys program will start with defense. "There's a lot of younger kids that will be back," he said of the boys program. "Defensively and that, they've got to buy in. You're not going to automatically just turn around and have amazing success offensively, so you've got work on defense. You've got work on defense. You've got to buy into defense first, and that's kind of been our mentality with the girls, and it's got to be the same with the boys."

Administrative Director presented pay request #62 in the amount of \$7,301.56 for the 2011 expansion DHH construction revolving loan. Motion to approve application #62 in the amount of \$7,301.56 to the DWRL fund for the 2011 expansion as recommended by Administrative Director with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by S.Westmoreland Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-none Manager, Barry LeJuene, reported on the monthly customer update, noting that a total increase of 53 customers was realized for the past month (year to date +53) resulting in a total customer count of 21,856. Manager shared that Buddy Ellis at Juban Road roundabout pre construction meeting was held and notice to proceed was issued. He noted that some lines are in ROW will be moved and he will outsource a few valve installations. A Financial report was presented by the Administrative Secretary for the month of January 2020, and a comparison of the period of operations and budget was given to the Board of Commissioners. Motion to approve the payment of the bills as presented with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Westmoreland Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-none There were no board comments. Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-none Randall Smith Administrative Secretary Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7 PM

LOCAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C 1601, et seq., has declared that the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) constitutes a national emergency; and WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards Issued Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 regarding the Public Health Emergency – COVID-19, declaring an imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by the virus, creating emergency conditions that threaten the lives and health of the citizens of the State of Louisiana, pursuant to La. R.S. 29:766; and WHEREAS, the (City/Town/Village) of SPRINGFIELD in LIVINGSTON Parish may be greatly affected or has been greatly affected by the virus "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes, Coronavirus Disease 2019(COVID-19), and the disease may pose an imminent threat to the (City/Town/Village) of SPRINGFIELD and threaten the safety and security of the citizens of the (City/Town/Village) of SPRINGFIELD; and WHEREAS, the (City/Town/Village) of SPRINGFIELD may activate any necessary emergency plans and activities in response to this event and that this may exceed the Parish's capability to respond to this possibly life threatening crisis, and as such the (City/Town/Village) of SPRINGFIELD takes this measure in order to participate in any response and recovery plan administered by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and their power to act as administrator, as per La. R.S. 29:767, and pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance Act as amended, La R. S. 29:721, et seq.; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that beginning on 3/13/2020 and continuing until 4/17/2020 pursuant to the authority granted in La. R.S. 29:737, at State of Public Health Emergency is hereby declared for the (City/Town/Village) of SPRINGFIELD. Thus done and signed on this 27 day of March, 2020. Mayor: [Signature]

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm at their Administration office on Carter Drive in Denham Springs, La.

Vice Chairman John Easterly opened the regular meeting Present – S.Spillman, S.Westmoreland, J.Easterly, J. McCoy Absent - none Guests - Agnes Killcrease, Office Manager Barry LeJuene, Manager Roy Waggenspack, Toby Fruge of Owen & White Several employees of the District Legal Counsel, Colt Fore Auditor, Trey Sanders, H.T.Bourgeois CPA's

Motion to accept the minutes from January 21, 2020, as mailed with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-none

Under public input, no customers were in attendance, therefore Vice Chairman moved to next agenda item.

Trey Sanders, CPA, presented an addendum to the audit engagement for 2019 relating to the AUP audit, due to recent modifications from the La. Legislative Auditor. He also presented to the board a letter noting any comments during the audit by board members.

Motion to approve the AUP Audit Addendum as presented by H.T.Bourgeois CPA's with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Spillman passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to adopt a resolution amending the resolution previously adopted on January 21, 2020, to approve the designation of Hancock Whitney Bank as Paying Agent and providing for other matters in connection therewith, with no public comment by S.Westmoreland seconded by S.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-none

Legal Counsel, Colt Fore, reported on notarizing various servitudes. He stated that an old lawsuit against many public entities(including District) appears to be dropped. He is filing formally for the District to be removed.

Engineer, Roy Waggenspack gave a project update noting that Dunn Road materials are on site and contractor planning strategies installing lines. He stated that the Juban Road job is mostly complete with some swampy areas remaining. He noted that DWRL is awaiting bonds to close to proceed on Port Vincent authorization. Toby Fruge commented that the Single Acres connection project is 40% complete and Stonebridge equipment and materials are on site with three crews available for modifications with one small change order so far.

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LAYTON RICKS LIVINGSTON PARISH PRESIDENT

BID INFO

Sealed bids will be received by the Livingston Parish Government at the Livingston Parish Government Purchasing Office, located on the 2nd floor of the Livingston Parish Health Unit, 29261 South Frost Road, Livingston, Louisiana 70754 (mailing address PO Box 427, Livingston, LA 70754) until Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. (CST). The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for the following:

NEW 2021 MACK Dump Truck Model GR64BR and Warren F-13 Dump Body, or Equivalent

Bidding Documents may be obtained at the Livingston Parish Government Purchasing Department located on the 2nd floor of the Livingston Parish Health Unit, 29261 South Frost Road, Livingston, Louisiana 70754. Bidding Documents are also available at the Central Auction House website. Electronic Bids are also accepted at Central Bidding. Central Bidding can be accessed at http://www.centralauctionhouse.com. For questions related to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Bids shall be addressed to Livingston Parish Purchasing Office, P.O. Box 427, Livingston, LA 70754 (if sending through United States Postal Service, or 29261 South Frost Road, Livingston, LA 70754 (if sending through FedEx or UPS).

Envelopes shall be marked "SEALED BID - NEW 2021 Dump Truck and Dump Body - Submitted by (BIDDER'S NAME)"

Please submit sealed bid to the Livingston Parish Government Purchasing Department at 29261 South Frost Road, Livingston, LA 70754 in the Livingston Parish Health Unit at the Parish President's Office, located on the 2nd Floor, for the above subject items and as per the attached specifications.

- 1) The provided proposal shall be signed by the proper authorized authority as specified. 2) Any submitted articles deviating from the specifications provided must have full descriptive data accompanying the bid or it will not be considered for an award. 3) The Livingston Parish Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 4) Any questions on the specifications please contact Huey Comeaux at 225-933-3739

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BID FORM

PLEASE INDICATE BID PRICES BELOW:

BID PRICE FOR DUMP TRUCK \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BID PRICE FOR DUMP BODY \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Bidder \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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