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Parish Measures in Place to Anticipate Weather, Prefilled Sandbags Available

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GONZALES –Ascension Parish President Kenny Matassa said Monday parish drainage, public works, and emergency management departments are ready and monitoring weather forecasts for the immediate area in anticipation of predicted stormy weather later this week.

“Our departments are poised and ready should the need arise,” President Matassa said. “We will also be providing pre-filled sand bags at various locations throughout the parish.”

“We are checking our pumping systems and making sure everything is at optimal performance,” said Bill Roux, director of East Ascension Gravity Drainage District #1. “We are fueling up and getting all our portable pumps in place for problem areas. This is a standard operating procedure before any storm.”

Parish Public Works Director Joey Tureau said his staff is also prepared should storms pass through the area.

“We’ll have staff on standby and we’ll monitor areas of concern,” Tureau said. “We’ll be operating as we always do in emergency scenarios.”

Emergency Management Director Rick Webre said prefilled sandbags are still available for the public. Below are the locations.

- Prairieville Fire Department

14517 LA-73, Prairieville, LA 70769

- 5th Ward Fire Department
39110 LA-22, Darrow, LA 70725
- 7th District Fire Department Station 71
13432 Roddy Rd, Gonzales, LA 70737
- St. Amant Fire Department
44465 Stringer Bridge Rd, St. Amant, LA 70774
- Ascension Parish DPW West
725 Church Street, Donaldsonville, LA 70346
- Geismar Fire Department
12171 La. 73, Geismar, LA 70734

Webre said the locations are not locked and the public may help themselves to the sandbags if needed.