

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

**DECEMBER 10, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Brent Peveto	Director At-Large
Russell Covington	Director, Precinct No. 1
J.B. Arrington	Director, Precinct No. 2
Randy Fuselier	Director, Precinct No. 3
Hal LaPray	Director, Precinct No. 4

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Don Carona	General Manager
Cindy Pent	Recording Secretary
Keri Michutka	Accountant
Martin Dies	Attorney

**MEETING OPENED:**

Mr. Peveto called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. LaPray led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to dispense with the reading of, and to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 regular meeting and November 19, 2019 special meeting. Mr. Fuselier seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Covington arrived at the meeting at 10:05am.

**RECOGNIZE VISITORS**

Mr. Larry Ancelot addressed the Board regarding drainage issues relating to Cole Creek.  
Ms. Andrea Beck addressed the Board regarding the flooding of Whisperwood Estates.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REAUTHORIZATION, AMENDMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR USE IN THE DISTRICT'S RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM, WITHIN THE CITY OF VIDOR, TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT / REDEVELOPMENT IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE DISTRICT**

A Public Hearing on the Reauthorization, Amendment and Establishment of the Guidelines and Criteria for Tax Abatement Agreements for use in the District's Residential Tax Abatement Program, within the city of Vidor, to promote development / redevelopment in certain areas of the District was held at this time. Mr. Carona noted that the District properly posted the Notice of Public Hearing. There were no visitors at the Public Hearing.

#### **RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL NOVEMBER 2019 REPORT**

No action required.

#### **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2019 BILLS**

After review and discussion, Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the bills for November, 2019. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT REAUTHORIZING, AMENDING AND ESTABLISHING THE GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR USE IN THE DISTRICT'S RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT / REDEVELOPMENT IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE DISTRICT; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to adopt a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District Reauthorizing, Amending and Establishing the Guidelines and Criteria for Tax Abatement Agreements for Use in the District's Residential Tax Abatement Program to Promote Development / Redevelopment in Certain Areas of the District; Finding that the Meeting Complies with the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Fuselier seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S FY 2018-2019 INDEPENDENT AUDIT AND SINGLE AUDIT REPORT BY WATHEN, DESHONG & JUNCKER, LLP, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the District's FY 2018-2019 Independent Audit and Single Audit report by Wathen, DeShong & Juncker, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **RECEIPT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE EVALUATION OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD, AND SELECTION OF, AND AWARD OF CONTRACT TO A FIRM(S) TO PROVIDE GRANT APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE DISTRICT'S REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANT APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (RFP 2019-01-CDBG-MIT), AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A CONTRACT WITH SUCH FIRM(S), SUBJECT TO THE REQUIRED SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Covington made a motion to table consideration of this matter. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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Mr. Covington made a motion to table consideration of this matter. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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Mr. Covington made a motion to table consideration of this matter. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**RECEIPT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE EVALUATION OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD, AND SELECTION OF THE MOST HIGHLY QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FIRM(S) THAT TIMELY SUBMITTED A RESPONSE TO THE DISTRICT'S REVISED REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR GENERAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (RFQ-2019-01-GEN-ENG), AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL MANAGER TO ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH SUCH FIRM(S), SUBJECT TO SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE SET FORTH IN SECTION 2254.004 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.**

Mr. Covington made a motion to table consideration of this matter. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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Mr. Covington made a motion to table consideration of this matter. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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Mr. Covington made a motion to table consideration of this matter. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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Mr. Covington made a motion to table consideration of this matter. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND DESIGNATION OF DON CARONA AS THE DISTRICT'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, INC.**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the designation of Don Carona as the District's representative on the Board of Directors of the Southeast Texas Flood Control District, Inc. Mr. Fuselier seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY NO. 330 (TRAVEL) OF THE EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL.**

Mr. Fuselier made a motion to approve the adoption of revised Policy No. 330 (Travel) of the Employee Personnel Policy Manual. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECTORS AND STAFF TO ATTEND THE TWCA ANNUAL CONFERENCES ON MARCH 4-6, 2020 IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS, ON JUNE 17-19, 2020 IN THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS, AND ON OCTOBER 21-23, 2020 IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the Directors and staff to attend the TWCA Annual Conferences on March 4-6, 2020 in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 17-19, 2020 in The Woodlands, Texas, and on October 21-23, 2020 in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR STAFF TO ATTEND THE TCDRS CONFERENCE ON JULY 22-24, 2020 IN AUSTIN, TEXAS.**

Mr. Arrington made a motion to approve the staff to attend the TCDRS Conference on July 22-24, 2020 in Austin, Texas. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINOR PLAT OF MOTTE – 1.040 ACRES OUT OF CALLED 3.552 ACRES RECORDED IN VOLUME 869, PAGE 715, OPROCT.**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the Minor Plat of Motte – 1.040 Acres out of Called 3.552 Acres recorded in Volume 869, Page 715, OPROCT. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE STUDY FOR DELATTE TOWN HOMES, TO BE LOCATED ON FM 1442, APPROXIMATELY 510' WEST OF FM 408, PREPARED BY SAMUEL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED NOVEMBER 6, 2019.**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Study for Delatte Town Homes, to be located on FM 1442, approximately 510' west of FM 408, prepared by Samuel Fountain, P.E., dated November 6, 2019. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR DOLLAR GENERAL #21166, TO BE LOCATED AT 2726 WESTERN AVENUE, WEST ORANGE.**

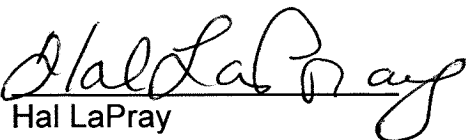
Mr. LaPray made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for Dollar General #21166, to be located at 2726 Western Avenue, West Orange. Mr. Fuselier seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

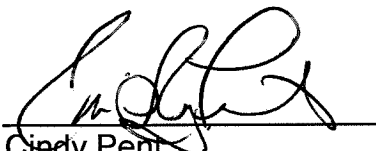
**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR OCDD EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN A GROUP HEALTH ONSITE EVENT WITH CATAPULT HEALTH, LLC, SPONSORED BY TML HEALTH BENEFITS POOL.**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the OCDD employees to participate in a Group Health Onsite Event with Catapult Health, LLC, sponsored by TML Health Benefits Pool. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**BOARD ADJOURNS**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Arrington made the motion to adjourn. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

  
Hal LaPray  
Vice-President

  
Cindy Pent  
Recording Secretary