

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

September 8, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas. Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic, and the suspension of certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings statutes by Governor Greg Abbott, this regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held by telephone conference call. Also, due to the social distancing orders and recommendations issued by federal, state and local authorities, and for the safety and welfare of the public and Drainage District staff, members of the public were allowed to attend and fully participate in the meeting by telephone conference call only, by calling the toll free number and entering the access code provided, as set forth in the Notice of Meeting.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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:

Brent Peveto	Director At-Large
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Don Carona	General Manager
Austin Barrow	Assistant General Manager- Operations
Cindy Pent	Recording Secretary
Keri Michutka	Accountant (By telephone conference call)
Martin Dies	Attorney (By telephone conference call)
Mickey Moshier	Insurance Consultant (By telephone conference call)

MEETING OPENED

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fuselier made a motion to dispense with the reading of, and to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020 special meeting and August 11, 2020 regular meeting. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. (Mr. Arrington arrived at 10:11 a.m.)

VISITORS

None.

RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL AUGUST 2020 REPORT

No action required.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2020 BILLS

After review and discussion, Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the bills for August, 2020. Mr. Fuselier seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

RECEIVE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND/OR ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Carona presented to the Board the District's quarterly investment report for the quarter ending on June 30, 2020.

DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

After review and discussion, Mr. Fuselier made a motion to adopt the tax rate of \$0.13670/\$100 for fiscal year 2020-2021. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF JOE ESCOBEDO, THE DISTRICT PURCHASER, TO OPEN THE SEALED PROPOSALS TIMELY SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THE DISTRICT'S REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANT APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, (RFP-2020-02-HMGP), AT 1:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2020, AND TO PROVIDE COPIES OF SUCH PROPOSALS TO THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO REVIEW, SCORE, AND RANK SAID PROPOSALS AND PROVIDE SUCH EVALUATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION IN SELECTING THE SERVICE PROVIDER(S) TO BE RETAINED TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES

Mr. Fuselier made a motion to authorize Joe Escobedo, the District Purchaser, to open the sealed proposals timely submitted in response to the District's request for proposals for Grant Application and Administrative Services, (RFP-2020-02-HMGP), at 1:00 P.M. on September 17, 2020, and provide copies of such proposals to the evaluation committee members designated by the Board of Directors to review, score, and rank said proposals and provide such evaluations to the Board for the Board's consideration in selecting the service provider(s) to be retained to provide such services. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND DESIGNATION OF AN EVALUATION COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF THE DISTRICT PURCHASER, GENERAL MANAGER AND ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER TO REVIEW, SCORE AND RANK ALL OF THE SUBMITTALS TIMELY RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE DISTRICT'S REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANT APPLICATION/ADMINISTRATION SERVICES, (RFP-2020-02-HMGP), WHICH COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE SUCH EVALUATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CONSIDERATION, IN THE BOARD'S SOLE DISCRETION, IN SELECTING THE SERVICE PROVIDER(S) TO BE RETAINED TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES, CONSIDERING ALL OF THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN SAID REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Mr. Covington made a motion to designate an evaluation committee, consisting of the District Purchaser, General Manager and Assistant General Manager to review, score and rank all of the submittals timely received in response to the District's request for proposals for Grant Application/Administration services, (RFP-2020-02-HMGP), which committee will provide such evaluations to the Board of Directors for consideration, in the Board's sole discretion, in selecting the service provider(s) to be retained to provide such services, considering all of the criteria set forth in said request for proposals. Mr. Fuselier seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A DR-4466 HMGP APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER TO ACT AS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION

Mr. Fuselier made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the submittal of a DR-4466 HMGP Application to the Texas Department of Emergency Management and authorizing the Board President and General Manager to act as authorized representatives in all matters pertaining to the application. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINOR PLAT OF BROOKSHIRE PLACE AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE OFFICE MANAGER TO SIGN SAID PLAT, BY PERMISSION FOR EACH DIRECTOR PARTICIPATING IN THE BOARD MEETING VIA PHONE DURING WHICH THE APPROVAL OF SAID PLAT IS GRANTED

Mr. Fuselier made a motion to table the Minor Plat of Brookshire Place. Mr. Arrington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLANS FOR BOOGIES EXPRESS WASH #4, TO BE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF N. MAIN STREET (HIGHWAY 105) AND YUPON STREET IN VIDOR, TX 77662, PREPARED BY DAVID L. BEAIRD, P.E., DATED JUNE 30, 2020

Mr. Fuselier made a motion to authorize the Drainage District staff to approve the drainage plans for Boogies Express Wash #4, to be located at the intersection of N. Main Street (Highway 105) and Yupon Street in Vidor, TX 77662, prepared by David L. Beard, P.E., dated June 30, 2020. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ORDER DESIGNATING POLLING LOCATIONS, AND APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE NOVEMBER 03, 2020 ELECTION

Mr. Fuselier made a motion to approve the Order Designating Polling Locations, and Appointment of Election Judges for the November 03, 2020 Election. Mr. Arrington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SETTING THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE TO THE TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TCDRS) AT 13.83% (13.50% FOR RETIREMENT PLAN RATE, AND 0.33% FOR GROUP TERM LIFE RATE), OR ALTERNATIVELY AT SUCH OTHER PERCENTAGE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Arrington made a motion to approve setting the District's annual employer contribution rate to the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS) at 13.83% (13.50% for Retirement Plan Rate, and 0.33% for Group Term Life Rate), or alternatively at such other percentage determined by the Board of Directors. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF ORANGE, COUNTY OF JASPER AND COUNTY OF NEWTON REGARDING THE SABINE RIVER RELIEF DITCH EXTENSION AND EXPANSION PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT

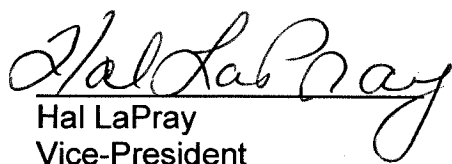
Mr. Covington made a motion for the Orange County Drainage District to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Sabine River Authority of Texas, County of Orange, County of Jasper and County of Newton regarding the Sabine River Relief Ditch Extension and Expansion Project, and authorization for the General Manager to execute such agreement on behalf of the Drainage District. Mr. Fuselier seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S CDBG-MIT APPLICATIONS FOR POSTING FOR THE REQUIRED 14 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Fuselier made a motion to approve the District's CDBG-MIT applications for posting for the required 14-day public comment period. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

BOARD ADJOURNS

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Arrington made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Fuselier seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.


Hal LaPray
Vice-President


Cindy Pent
Recording Secretary