### MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT

### October 06, 2020

A special called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, October 06, 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 special 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:**

**Brent Peveto** 

Director At-Large

Russell Covington

Director, Precinct No. 1

J.B. Arrington

Director, Precinct No. 2

### **DIRECTORS PRESENT BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL:**

Randy Fuselier

Director, Precinct No. 3

Hal LaPray

Director, Precinct No. 4

#### **DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

None

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Don Carona

General Manager

Austin Barrow

Assistant General Manager

Cindy Pent

Recording Secretary

Martin Dies

Attorney (By telephone conference call)

#### **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.

#### **VISITORS**

Members of the public attended the meeting by telephone conference call. There were no requests to address the Board of Directors or to make comments.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINOR PLAT OF 7.678 (CALLED 7.66) ACRES OF AND PART OF THE CALEB LINSCOMB SURVEY ABSTRACT NO. 130, ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS INTO LOTS 1 & 2 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. Covington made a motion to approve the Minor Plat of 7.678 (Called 7.66) Acres of and Part of the Caleb Linscomb Survey Abstract No. 130, Orange County, Texas into Lots 1 & 2 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. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINOR PLAT OF EXPEDITION ONE 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. LaPray made a motion to approve the Minor Plat of Expedition One 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. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINOR PLAT OF CALLED 0.4584 ACRE OUT OF & PART OF LOT 32 HOUSEMAN ACRES VOL. 5, PG. 74, MAP RECORDS INTO C.A.B.Z. SUBDIVISION NO. 1 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. LaPray made a motion to approve the Minor Plat of Called 0.4584 Acre out of & part of Lot 32 Houseman Acres Vol. 5, PG. 74, Map Records into C.A.B.Z. Subdivision No. 1 and authorization of the Office Manager to sign said Plat for each Director participating in the Board Meeting via phone. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

### CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL AMENDED ORDER DESIGNATING POLLING LOCATIONS AND EXHIBIT "A" FOR THE NOVEMBER 03, 2020 ELECTION

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the amended Order Designating Polling Locations and Exhibit "A" for the November 03, 2020 election. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

### CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL AMENDED NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE NOVEMBER 03, 2020 ELECTION

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the amended Notice of General Election for the November 03, 2020 election. Mr. Fuselier seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

# CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE CHANGE IN JOB TITLE OF AUSTIN BARROW FROM "ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER - OPERATIONS" TO "ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER"

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the change in job title of Austin Barrow from "Assistant General Manager – Operations" to "Assistant General Manager". Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

# CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE SUBMISSION OF A COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD'S INAUGURAL ROUND OF THE FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE FUND FOR THE SABINE RIVER RELIEF DITCH EXTENSION AND EXPANSION ABRIDGED APPLICATION NUMBER 13597

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the submission of a complete application for funding to the Texas Water Development Board's Inaugural Round of the Flood Infrastructure Fund for the Sabine River Relief Ditch Extension and Expansion Abridged Application Number 13597. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

# CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT'S POLICY REGARDING CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF BRIDGES AND CROSSINGS

Mr. LaPray made a motion to table an amendment to the District's Policy Regarding Construction and Maintenance of Bridges and Crossings. Mr. Fuselier seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

### CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A DISTRICT POLICY REGARDING ADVANCE PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Mr. Covington made a motion to adopt a District Policy regarding Advance Payment Requirements and Procedures. Mr. Fuselier seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

# CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FINANCIAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES OF THE DISTRICT REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS, INVOICES AND EXPENSES

Mr. LaPray made a motion to adopt an amendment to the Financial Policy and Procedures of the District regarding the payment of bills, invoices and expenses. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

### CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT DRAINAGE CRITERIA MANUAL AND REGULATIONS

Mr. LaPray made a motion to adopt the Orange County Drainage District Drainage Criteria Manual and Regulations. 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. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**Brent Peveto** 

President

Cindy Pent

**Recording Secretary**