

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

February 9, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 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 (joined meeting at 10:15 a.m.)
Larry Ancelot, Jr.	Director, Precinct No. 2
James Scales	Director, Precinct No. 3
Hal LaPray	Director, Precinct No. 4

DIRECTORS PRESENT BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL:

Brent Peveto	Director at Large (joined meeting at 11:20 a.m.)
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DIRECTORS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Don Carona	General Manager
Austin Barrow	Assistant General Manager
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. Ancelot made a motion to dispense with the reading of, and to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 regular meeting. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

VISITORS

None.

RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL JANUARY 2021 REPORT

No action required.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2021 BILLS

After review and discussion, Mr. Scales made a motion to approve the bills for January, 2021. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TWCA RISK MANAGEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE TO DIRECTORS WHILE ACTING WITHIN THE COURSE AND SCOPE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES

Mr. Covington made a motion to supplement the Interlocal Agreement with the TWCA Risk Management Fund to provide worker's compensation insurance coverage to Directors while acting within the course and scope of their official duties. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINOR PLAT OF DONNA HAGAR FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2895 HIGHWAY 1131, VIDOR, TEXAS, SUBJECT TO, AND CONTINGENT ON, REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY DISTRICT STAFF, AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE OFFICE MANAGER TO SIGN SAID PLAT, BY PERMISSION, FOR EACH DIRECTOR

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the Minor Plat of Donna Hagar for property located at 2895 Highway 1131, Vidor, Texas, and to authorize the Office Manager to sign said Plat, for each Director. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE STUDY FOR 1950 PENCE ROAD PROJECT, TO BE LOCATED AT 1950 PENCE ROAD, VIDOR, TEXAS, PREPARED BY SAMUEL PAUL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED JANUARY 8, 2021, WITH DRAINAGE PLAN REVISIONS LAST UPDATED JANUARY 20, 2021

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Study for 1950 Pence Road Project, to be located at 1950 Pence Road, Vidor, Texas, prepared by Samuel Paul Fountain, P.E., dated January 8, 2021, with drainage plan revisions last updated January 20, 2021. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE STUDY FOR SWINT RV PARK PROJECT, TO BE LOCATED AT OLD HIGHWAY 90, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY SAMUEL PAUL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED JANUARY 21, 2021, WITH DRAINAGE PLAN REVISIONS LAST UPDATED JANUARY 28, 2021

Mr. Scales made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Study for Swint RV Park Project, to be located at Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas, prepared by Samuel Paul Fountain, P.E., dated January 21, 2021, with drainage plan revisions last updated January 28, 2021. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE STUDY FOR CLOEREN 62 PLANT BUILDING ADDITION PROJECT, TO BE LOCATED AT 3364 HIGHWAY 62, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY DONALD R. KING, P.E., DATED JANUARY 22, 2021

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Study for Cloeren 62 Plant Building Addition Project, to be located at 3364 Highway 62, Orange, Texas, prepared by Donald R. King, P.E., dated January 22, 2021. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE STUDY FOR STATE FARM PROJECT, TO BE LOCATED AT 2380 N. MAIN, VIDOR, TEXAS, PREPARED BY SAMUEL PAUL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED OCTOBER 7, 2020

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Study for State Farm Project, to be located at 2380 N. Main, Vidor, Texas, prepared by Samuel Paul Fountain, P.E., dated October 7, 2020. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RE-PLAT OF HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION, SECTION "C", A 1.091 ACRES INTO LOTS 11-A, 12-A, & 13-A, AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE OFFICE MANAGER TO SIGN SAID PLAT, BY PERMISSION, FOR EACH DIRECTOR

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the Re-Plat of Highlands Subdivision, Section "C". a 1.091 Acres into Lots 11-A, 12-A, & 13A, and authorize the Office Manager to sign said Plat for each Director. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL RESOLUTIONS AND DECLARATION OF THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS AND THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY OWNERS:

1. John Clifton Barrow (130 University St.)
2. Misty Dawn Torres (175 W. Tram)
3. Brett S. Hairgrove (340 Connell Rd.)
4. Aaron Wade Pickering (400 Pine Burr)
5. Brandon D. Looney and Tiffani Looney (410 Regal)
6. Stanley Prater, Jr. and Brittany Prater (415 Lakewood Dr.)
7. Rita Serene Gonsoulin (425 Lakewood Dr.)
8. McPayne Real Estate, LLC (500 Pine Burr)
9. Justin Fox and Katie Fox (545 Pinecrest)
10. Henry R. Stevenson, Jr. and Jane E. Stevenson (620 Evangeline Dr.)
11. Jonathan Paul Stevenson (630 Evangeline Dr.)
12. Candie L. Courmier and Shannon Locke (725 Woodland St.)
13. Jonathan Pickering (740 Pinecrest)
14. Donna Sue Reddoch Flowers (970 Harvey)
15. Derek Roy Parish and Shannon Marie Parish (990 S. Main)
16. Nathaniel Evan Smith and Alexis M. Smith (1020 Pine St.)
17. Brandon Holland and Bridgette N. Holland (1055 Pine St.)
18. Ruth E. Brewer (1065 Pine St.)
19. Nancy Marlene Locke (1745 Orange)
20. Barry L. Dronet and Cara Dronet (1951 Hickory Dr.)
21. Amy Rocha (2180 Wharton)
22. Forrest Johnson and Jessica Johnson (2500 Old Spanish Trail)
23. Darrell R. McWilliams (2680 Evangeline Dr.)
24. John Howard (3035 Zoann St.)

Mr. Scales made a motion to approve the above resolutions and declaration of the District's intent to be bound by the terms of the proposed Residential Tax Abatement Agreements between the City of Vidor, Texas and the said property owners. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time 10:54 a.m. Mr. Covington made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters (as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074) and to consult with the District's attorney regarding legal matters (as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071). Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION


The Board reconvened in open session at 1:05 p.m.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL MANAGER TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT MANAGER OF SPECIAL PROJECTS, WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHAIN OF COMMAND, AND TO SEEK QUALIFIED APPLICANTS TO FILL THE POSITION BASED UPON THE QUALIFICATIONS SET FORTH IN THE JOB DESCRIPTION WHICH IS HEREBY APPROVED, AND TO REPORT TO THE BOARD WHEN THE POSITION IS FILLED

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the District General Manager to establish the position of Assistant Manager of Special Projects, within the District's current organizational chain of command, and to seek qualified applicants to fill the position based upon the qualifications set forth in the job description which is hereby approved, and to fill the position after consultation with the Board. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

BOARD ADJOURNS

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ancelot made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.


Hal LaPray
Vice-President


Cindy Pent
Recording Secretary