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

# **December 14, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas. A quorum of the Board of Directors was present for this meeting of the Board of Directors at the location set forth above. However, pursuant to Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code, one or more Board members or District employees attended this meeting remotely by means of a video-conference call.

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Russell Covington

Director, Precinct No. 1

Larry Ancelot, Jr.

Director, Precinct No. 2

James Scales Hal LaPray Director, Precinct No. 3 Director, Precinct No. 4

# **DIRECTORS PRESENT BY VIDEO-CONFERENCE CALL:**

**Brent Peveto** 

**Director At-Large** 

### **DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

None

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Don Carona

General Manager

Austin Barrow

Assistant General Manager (By video-conference call)

Cindy Pent

Recording Secretary

Martin Dies

Attorney (By video-conference call)

Keri Michutka

Accountant

Mickey Moshier

Insurance Consultant

# **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. LaPray led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Covington made a motion to dispense with the reading of, and to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 regular meeting. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

# **VISITORS**

None

## RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL NOVEMBER 2021 REPORT

No action required.

# **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2021 BILLS**

After review and discussion, Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the bills for November, 2021. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S REAUTHORIZING, AMENDING, AND ESTABLISHING THE GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR USE IN THE DISTRICT'S RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM

A Public Hearing was held regarding the District's reauthorizing, amending, and establishing the guidelines and criteria for tax abatement agreements for use in the District's Residential Tax Abatement Program. No action was taken.

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

Mr. Peveto 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. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE CHEVRON PHILLIPS CHEMICAL COMPANY LP, USGC II PETROCHEMICALS OSBL — FEED, GULF COAST AREA, PROJECT NO. 116056, TO BE LOCATED ADJACENT TO FOREMAN ROAD BETWEEN WESTERN AVENUE AND FM 1006 IN ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY RONALD REETZ, P.E., DATED DECEMBER 3, 2021

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP, USGC II Petrochemicals OSBL – Feed, Gulf Coast Area, Project No. 116056, to be located adjacent to Foreman Road between Western Avenue and FM 1006 in Orange, Texas, subject to and contingent on Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP providing the District with a Drainage Easement for all drainage ditches maintained, or to be maintained, by the District. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE GISELA HOUSEMAN MEDICAL CENTER PROJECT, TO BE LOCATED ON THE PROPOSED EAGLE POINT PARKWAY IN ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY SAMUEL PAUL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED DECEMBER 10, 2021

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Gisela Houseman Medical Center Project, to be located on the proposed Eagle Point Parkway in Orange, Texas, prepared by Samuel Paul Fountain, P.E., dated December 10, 2021. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

# CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL AUTHORIZING THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR AND OTHER LOCAL ENTITIES

Mr. Peveto made a motion to authorize the Orange County Drainage District to enter into a Joint Election Agreement Services Contract with the Orange County Election Administrator and other local entities. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

# **BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Time: 10:45 a.m. Mr. Ancelot made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consult with the District's attorney regarding legal matters (as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071). Mr. Peveto seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

#### RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 11:40 a.m.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GULF COAST PROTECTION DISTRICT, ORANGE COUNTY AND THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT REGARDING THE ORANGE COUNTY COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Mr. Scales made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Gulf Coast Protection District, Orange County and the Orange County Drainage District regarding the Orange County Coastal Storm Risk Management Project, and to authorize the District's General Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the Orange County Drainage District. Mr. Covington 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 11:43 a.m.

Hal LaPray

Vice-President

Cindy Pent

Recording Secretary