

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

**March 8, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 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.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Larry Ancelot, Jr.	Director, Precinct No. 2
James Scales	Director, Precinct No. 3
Hal LaPray	Director, Precinct No. 4

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

None

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

Brent Peveto	Director At-Large
Russell Covington	Director, Precinct No. 1

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Don Carona	General Manager
Cindy Pent	Recording Secretary
Martin Dies	Attorney
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. Ancelot made a motion to dispense with the reading of, and to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022 regular meeting. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT'S SABINE RIVER RELIEF DITCH EXTENSION AND EXPANSION PROJECT (TWDB PROJECT NO. 40019)**

The Public Hearing regarding the Orange County Drainage District's Sabine River Relief Ditch Extension and Expansion Project (TWDB Project No. 40019) was opened for presentation and discussion. Mr. Carona stated that the notice of the Public Hearing was posted on February 2, 2022 at the District's Administration Office and on the District's website. Dawn Pilcher of LJA Engineering, Inc. gave a presentation concerning the project. There were no visitors or members of the public who attended or participated in the Public Hearing.

**VISITORS**

None

**RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL FEBRUARY 2022 REPORT**

No action required.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2022 BILLS**

After review and discussion, Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the bills for February, 2022. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE RENEWAL OF THE EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE INSURANCE POLICY WITH TML MULTISTATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL, AND DESIGNATION AND SELECTION OF THE TERMS OF SAID POLICY**

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the renewal of the employee healthcare insurance policy with TML Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool, and designation and selection of the terms of said policy. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL T.K. INSURANCE AS THE DISTRICT'S AGENT FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE EMPLOYEES' HEALTHCARE INSURANCE BENEFITS WITH TML MULTISTATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL**

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve T.K. Insurance as the District's agent for the renewal of the employees' healthcare insurance benefits with TML MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE BLUE LAKE RV PARK PROJECT, TO BE LOCATED ON THE FEEDER ROAD OF IH-10 JUST WEST OF OLD HIGHWAY 90 IN VIDOR, TEXAS, PREPARED BY DON R. KING, P.E., DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2022**

Mr. Scales made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Blue Lake RV Park Project, to be located on the feeder road of IH-10 just west of Old Highway 90 in Vidor, Texas, prepared by Don R. King, P.E., dated February 11, 2022. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE MLK DONUT SHOP PROJECT, TO BE LOCATED AT 3640 MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY SAMUEL PAUL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED JANUARY 19, 2022**

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the MLK Donut Shop project, to be located at 3640 Martin Luther King Drive, Orange Texas, prepared by Samuel Paul Fountain, P.E., dated January 19, 2022. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**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. JMAR Construction, LLC and Mark Nelson (560 Needles)
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3. Lagniappe Builders LLC and Travis White (580 Needles)
4. Keith Kilbourn (630 Slaughter St.)
5. Steven W. LeBeouf (175 Regal)
6. Sandra K. Gordon (215 Moreland St.)
7. Orange County Builders, LLC (335 Lakewood Dr.)
8. Katie Fox (425 Elgie)
9. McPayne Real Estate, LLC (450 Pine Burr)
10. Orange County Builders, LLC (485 Lakewood Dr.)
11. Jeffrey Scott Porter (1090 Bowie St.)
12. Deborah Fults (1625 Chinkapin)
13. Wright Builders LLC (907 Maplewood)
14. Marsh Waterproofing, INC. (980 Elton)
15. Michael Garris and Katherine Garris (1030 Pine St.)
16. Rock Builders, LLC (1040 Pine St.)
17. Rock Builders, LLC (1050 Pine St.)
18. JN Custom Homes, LLC (675 Maplewood Dr.)

Mr. Ancelot 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. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ACCEPTANCE OF PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES (BRENT PEVETO, RUSSELL COVINGTON, AND HAL LAPRAY) FOR ELECTION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to accept the presentation of Certification of Unopposed Candidates (Brent Peveto, Russell Covington, and Hal LaPray) for Election to the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND ACTION CONCERNING THE CANCELLATION OF THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 7, 2022, AND CERTIFICATION OF THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE BRENT PEVETO ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR AT-LARGE, THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE RUSSELL COVINGTON ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, DRAINAGE PRECINCT NO. 1, AND THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE HAL LAPRAY ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, DRAINAGE PRECINCT NO. 4**

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the cancellation of the election to be held on May 7, 2022, and certification of the unopposed candidate Brent Peveto elected to the office of Director At-Large, unopposed candidate Russell Covington elected to the office of Director, Drainage Precinct No. 1, and the unopposed candidate Hal LaPray elected to the office of Director, Drainage Precinct No. 4. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Time: 10:52 a.m. Mr. Ancelot made a motion to go into Executive Session to consult with the District's attorney concerning personnel-related matters (as set forth Texas Government Code Section 551.074). Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.


**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in open session at 11:25 a.m.

Mr. Carona noted that he has appointed Neal Ford as Assistant General Manager of the Orange County Drainage District.

**BOARD ADJOURNS**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ancelot made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

  
Hal LaPray  
Vice-President

  
Cindy Pent  
Recording Secretary