

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

January 10, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 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:

Russell Covington	Director, Precinct No. 1
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:

Brent Peveto	Director At-Large
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Don Carona	General Manager
Neal Ford	Assistant General Manager
Douglas Manning	Assistant Manager of Special Projects
Cindy Pent	Recording Secretary
Martin Dies	Attorney
Keri Michutka	Accountant

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. Manning 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 December 13, 2022, regular meeting. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

VISITORS

None

RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL DECEMBER 2022 REPORT

No action required.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2022 BILLS

After review and discussion, Mr. Scales made a motion to approve the bills for December 2022. Mr. Peveto seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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 December 31, 2022. No action required.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL MANAGER TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT OR REVISION TO 1) THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE LAND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE CHEVRON PHILLIPS CHEMICAL COMPANY, PROJECT NO. 128965, DATED JUNE 10, 2021, PREPARED BY BURNS MCDONNELL, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CLARENCE JONES, P.E, AS APPROVED IN THE EMAIL FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT DATED JUNE 23, 2021, AND 2) THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE CHEVRON PHILLIPS CHEMICAL COMPANY LP, USGC II PETROCHEMICALS OSBL – FEED, GULF COAST AREA PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 116056, LOCATED ADJACENT TO FOREMAN ROAD BETWEEN WESTERN AVENUE AND FM 1006 IN ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY RONALD REETZ, PE, DATED DECEMBER 3, 2021, AND APPROVED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT VIA EMAIL DATED DECEMBER 20, 2021

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to authorize the District's General Manager to approve, at such time that he determines to be appropriate, an amendment or revision to 1) the drainage plan for the land improvement project for the Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, Project No. 128965, dated June 10, 2021, prepared by Burns McDonnell, under the authority of Clarence Jones, P.E., as approved in the email from the Orange County Drainage District dated June 23, 2021, and 2) the Drainage Plan for the Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP, USGC II PETROCHEMICALS OSBL – FEED, GULF COAST AREA PROJECT, Project No. 116056, located adjacent to Foreman Road between Western Avenue and FM 1006 in Orange, Texas, prepared by Ronald Reetz, P.E., dated December 3, 2021, and approved by the Orange County Drainage District via email dated December 20, 2021. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time: 10:30 a.m. Mr. Scales made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel-related 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 551.074). Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 12:54 p.m.

CONSIDERATION AND ENACTMENT OF A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF NEAL FORD AS GENERAL MANAGER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Mr. Peveto made a motion to enact a Resolution concerning the appointment of Neal Ford as General Manager of the Orange County Drainage District. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DOUGLAS E. MANNING AS ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the appointment of Douglas E. Manning as Assistant General Manager of the Orange County Drainage District. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTION OF A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A NEW MANAGEMENT POSITION, AND APPOINTMENT OF DON CARONA AS EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF SPECIAL PROJECTS

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve a Resolution concerning the creation of a new management position, and appointment of Don Carona as Executive Manager of Special Projects. Mr. Peveto seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTION OF AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND DON CARONA

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the employment contract between the District and Don Carona.

Voted Aye: Brent Peveto, Hal LaPray, Russell Covington, Larry Ancelot

Voted Nay: James Scales

Motion carried 4-1.


Mr. Covington made a motion to amend the foregoing motion to approve the execution of the employment contract between the District and Don Carona, to authorize Mr. LaPray to execute the contract on behalf of the District. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL A RESOLUTION AND ANY OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO ADD DOUGLAS E. MANNING AS AN AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY FOR THE DISTRICT AT FIRST FINANCIAL BANK, N.A.

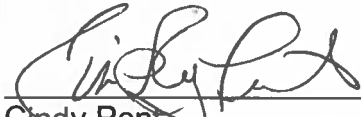
Mr. Peveto made a motion to approve a Resolution and any other required documentation to add Douglas E. Manning as an authorized signatory for the District at First Financial Bank, N.A. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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 12:58 p.m.



Hal LaPray
Vice President



Cindy Pent
Recording Secretary