

**AMENDED NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District will meet in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, the 9th day of May, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building, 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas.

A quorum of the Board of Directors is expected to be 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 may attend this meeting remotely by means of a video conference call. Each portion of the video conference call, except for a matter to be heard or discussed in a properly called executive session, shall be visible and audible to the public at the location of the meeting set forth above.

This Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be for the following purposes:

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Reading and Approval of Minutes
5. Reports:
 - a. General Manager
 - b. Executive Manager of Special Projects
 - c. Accountant
 - d. Attorney
 - e. Insurance Consultant

Members of the public attending the meeting may address the Board regarding an item on the agenda. Persons addressing the Board regarding an item on the agenda or regarding any other matter shall be allowed three (3) minutes, or such other amount of time allowed by the Presiding Member of the Board, either before or during the Board's consideration of the agenda item. Members of the public who utilize a translator to address the Board shall be allowed six (6) minutes to address the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Recognize acceptance of TexPool April 2023 report.
2. Approval of April 2023 bills.
3. Consideration and approval of hiring Wathen, DeShong & Juncker, LLP to conduct the District's annual audit for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023.
4. Consideration and approval of setting the District's 2024 employer contribution rate to the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS) at 13.75% (13.50% for Retirement Plan Rate and 0.25% for Group Term Life Rate), or alternatively at such other percentage determined by the Board of Directors.
5. Consideration for approval of an amendment to *Appendix A – Fee Schedule, Drainage Criteria Manual and Regulations of the Orange County Drainage District* (the "Manual") to reflect new rates for fees associated with the review, submission, and approval of developments governed by the Manual.
6. Consideration for approval of *Right of Way Instrument – Entergy Texas, Inc. (WR# 35895456)* to be located on the District's property at 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas, and to authorize the District's General Manager to execute the same. The purpose of the instrument is to provide electrical service to the District's equipment shed located behind the existing District Shop.

7. Discussion and approval of Application for Utility Permit for the overhead Fiber/Power Line submitted by Golden Triangle Polymers Company LLC to be placed 30' above the South Perimeter Ditch located near the Orange County Airport.
8. Discussion and approval of Application for Utility Permit for the placement of a 13.8-kilovolt Electric Distribution Line by Golden Triangle Polymers Company LLC to be bored under the North Perimeter Ditch near Foreman Road.
9. Consideration and possible action on a requested amendment to the Tax Abatement Agreement between Optimus Steel, LLC, and the Orange County Drainage District.
10. Receipt and consideration of the recommended rankings of the Evaluation Committee previously designated by the Board, and selection of and award of contract to a firm(s) to provide Professional Engineering Services pursuant to the District's Request for Qualifications for General Professional Engineering Services (RFQ-2023-01-GEN-ENG), and authorization of the District's Executive Manager of Special Projects, upon consultation and approval of the District's attorney, to negotiate and execute a contract with such firm(s) on behalf of the Drainage District.
11. Consideration and authorization of Joe Escobedo, the District Purchaser, to open the sealed qualifications timely submitted in response to the District's Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services, RFQ-2023-02-BESSIE HEIGHTS-HMGP, at 2:00 p.m. on May 17, 2023, and to provide copies of such qualifications to the evaluation committee members designated by the Board of Directors to review score, and rank said statements of qualification and provide such evaluations to the Board for the Board's consideration in selecting the service provider(s) to be retained to provide such services.
12. Consideration and designation of an evaluation committee, consisting of the District Purchaser, General Manager, Assistant General Manager, and the Executive Manager of Special Projects to review, score, and rank all of the submittals timely received in response to the District's Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services, RFQ-2023-02-BESSIE HEIGHTS-HMGP, which committee will provide such evaluations to the Board of Directors for consideration, in the Board's sole discretion, in selecting the service provider(s) to be retained to provide such services, considering all of the criteria set forth in said requests for qualifications.
13. Consideration and authorization of Joe Escobedo, the District Purchaser, to open the sealed qualifications timely submitted in response to the District's Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services related to the Tiger Creek Detention Pond Project CDBG-RMIT, RFQ-2023-03-TIGER CREEK-CDBG-RMIT, at 2:00 p.m. on May 31, 2023, and to provide copies of such qualifications to the evaluation committee members designated by the Board of Directors to review score, and rank said statements of qualification and provide such evaluations to the Board for the Board's consideration in selecting the service provider(s) to be retained to provide such services.
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15. Consideration and authorization for Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Study for Bridge City High School CTE Addition project, to be located at 2690 Texas Avenue, Bridge City, Texas, prepared by Gavin P. Stevens, P.E., dated April 17, 2023.

16. Consideration and authorization for Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Study for Wise Street Apartments project, to be located on Wise Street, Bridge City, Texas, prepared by Jeremy J. Mitchell, P.E., dated April 21, 2023.
17. Consideration and authorization for Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Study for Entergy Orange County Advanced Power Station Initial Site Fill Phase 1 project, to be located at the existing Entergy Power Plant on FM 1442, Port Arthur, Texas, prepared by Vasudev B. Patel, P.E., dated April 26, 2023.
18. Consideration and authorization for Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Study for Pinehurst Villas project, to be located on Westpark Avenue, Pinehurst, Texas, prepared by Matthew K. Loos, P.E., dated March 22, 2023.
19. Consideration and authorization for the General Manager to approve the Drainage Plan ("Plan") for the Bridge City Middle School Project No. 0289-200 located at 1029 Round Bunch Road, Bridge City, Texas 77611, dated March 23, 2023, and prepared by Claycomb Associates, Architects, Inc., under the authority of Gavin P. Stevens, P.E., subject to, and provided that, all changes to the Plan that are necessary for the Plan to be in compliance with the District's drainage requirements, as determined by the District's Engineer and Staff, are made and incorporated into the Plan.
20. Consideration and approval of the Final Plat of Pirate's Cove Estates (Phase I) located in the City of Vidor, Texas, prepared by Soutex Surveyors and Engineers Inc. under the authority of Jeremy J. Mitchell, P.E., subject to, and provided that, all changes to the Final Plat and all HOA related documents as required by the District are made, as determined and approved by the District's Engineer, Staff and Counsel.
21. Consideration and approval of an amendment to the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for the purpose of budgeting additional revenue and additional expenses associated with the purchase of fixed assets.

After the meeting is open in public session, and pursuant to the Texas Government Code, the Board may go into executive session to discuss personnel-related matters (as set forth in Subsection 551.074), property matters (as set forth in Subsection 551.072) and consult with its attorney concerning legal matters (as set forth in Subsection 551.071).

- a. Consider for approval taking action on various personnel, property, and legal matters if necessary.



Neal Ford
General Manager

Posted on the 5th day of May 2023 at 12:00 PM.