

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

July 11, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, July 11, 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:

Neal Ford	General Manager
Douglas Manning	Assistant General Manager
Don Carona	Executive Manager of Special Projects
Andrea Fabacher	Recording Secretary
Martin Dies	Attorney (By Video Conference)
Keri Mitchuka	Accountant
Mickey Moshier	Insurance Consultant

MEETING OPENED

Mr. Scales 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 June 13, 2023, regular meeting. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

VISITORS

None

RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL JUNE 2023 REPORT

No action required.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2023 BILLS

After review and discussion, Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the bills for June 2023. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RECEIVE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND/OR ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Manning presented to the Board the District's quarterly investment report for the quarter ending on June 30, 2023. No action required.

CONSIDERATION AND CERTIFICATION OF THE COMPLETION OF A CYBERSECURITY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR DISTRICT EMPLOYEES AND THE DIRECTORS AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 2054.5191, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the certification of the completion of the Cybersecurity Training Program for District Employees and the Directors as required by Section 2054.5191, Texas Government Code. Mr. Peveto seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING THE REQUEST FROM LOWER SABINE NECHES SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT #446 FOR AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

Mr. LaPray made a motion to table this agenda item. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND LJA ENGINEERING, INC.

Mr. LaPray made a motion to renew the Professional Engineering Services Agreement between the District and LJA Engineering, Inc. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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 ENGINEERING SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE DISTRICT'S REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE LAWRENCE ROAD DETENTION POND PROJECT – DR 4572 (RFQ-2023-04-LAWRENCE ROAD DETENTION POND-HMGP), 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

Following a report by the District Purchaser on behalf of the evaluation committee previously designated by the Board, regarding the evaluation of firms in response to the District's Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services related to the Lawrence Road Detention Pond Project (RFQ-2023-04-LAWRENCE ROAD DETENTION POND-HMGP), Mr. Ancelot made a motion to rank the firms based on their submitted statements of qualifications in the following order and to select Tidewater Professional Services, LLC, as the most highly qualified firm:

1. Tidewater Professional Services, LLC
2. Arceneaux, Wilson, & Cole
3. LJA Engineering
4. Schaumburg & Polk
5. Colliers Engineering & Design

and to authorize the District's Executive Manager of Special Projects, upon consultation and approval of the District's attorney, to negotiate and execute a contract with Tidewater Professional Services, LLC, on behalf of the Drainage District. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT OF LITTLE CYPRESS GROVE SUBDIVISION LOCATED ON MARTIN LUTHER KING (FM 3247), ORANGE, TX SUBJECT TO, AND CONTINGENT UPON, THE APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S STAFF AND THE DISTRICT'S ATTORNEY OF ALL REQUIRED CHANGES TO THE PLAT, AND TO ALL DEDICATORY AND HOA-RELATED DOCUMENTS

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the Final Plat of Little Cypress Grove Subdivision located on Martin Luther King (FM 3247), Orange, Texas subject to, and contingent upon, the approval of the District's staff and the District's attorney of all required changes to the Plat, and to all dedicatory and HOA-related documents. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The Board also gave permission to the District Staff to sign approved plat for any Board member not available to sign.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT OF THE RESERVE AT MALLARD LAKES SUBDIVISION LOCATED ON ALLIE PAYNE ROAD, ORANGE, TX SUBJECT TO, AND CONTINGENT UPON, THE APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S STAFF AND THE DISTRICT'S ATTORNEY OF ALL REQUIRED CHANGES TO THE PLAT, AND TO ALL DEDICATORY AND HOA-RELATED DOCUMENTS

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the Final Plat of the Reserve at Mallard Lakes Subdivision located on Allie Payne Road, Orange, Texas subject to, and contingent upon, the approval of the District's staff and the District's attorney of all required changes to the Plat, and to all dedicatory and HOA-related documents. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The Board also gave permission to the District Staff to sign approved plat for any Board member not available to sign.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE STUDY FOR THE DOLLAR GENERAL HWY 62-MAURICEVILLE TO BE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF HWY 62 AND TEXLA ROAD, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY JEREMY J. MITCHELL, P.E., DATED JUNE 28, 2023

Mr. Peveto made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Study for Dollar General Hwy 62-Mauriceville to be located at the intersection of Highway 62 and Texla Road, Orange, Texas, prepared by Jeremy J. Mitchell, P.E., dated June 28, 2023. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE STUDY FOR ENTERPRISE OFFSITE PARKING PROJECT TO BE LOCATED ON FM 1135, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY FRANCISCO A. ESPINAL, JR., P.E., DATED JUNE 23, 2023

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Study for Enterprise Offsite Parking project to be located on FM 1135, Orange, Texas, prepared by Francisco A. Espinal, Jr., P.E., dated June 23, 2023. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE STUDY FOR MENARD CAR WASH PROJECT TO BE LOCATED ON HWY 12, VIDOR, TEXAS, PREPARED BY JEFFREY D. LEAVINS, P.E., DATED JUNE 30, 2023

Mr. Peveto made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Study for Menard Car Wash project to be located on Highway 12, Vidor, Texas, prepared by Jeffrey D. Leavins, P.E., dated June 30, 2023. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE STUDY FOR WENDY'S PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 915 N. MAIN STREET, VIDOR, TEXAS, PREPARED BY KARIM S. DADELAHI, P.E., DATED JUNE 9, 2023

Mr. LaPray made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Study for Wendy's project to be located at 915 North Main Street, Vidor, Texas, prepared by Karim S. Dadelahi, P.E., dated June 9, 2023. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

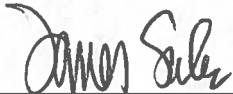
Time: 10:39 a.m. Mr. LaPray made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel-related matters (as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074) and to consult with the District's attorney regarding legal matters (as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074). Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

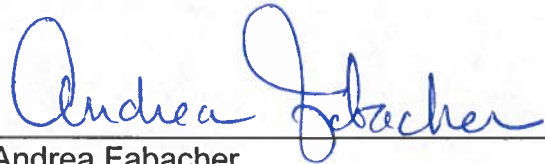
The Board reconvened in open session at 11:04 a.m.

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 11:05 a.m.



James Scales
Secretary



Andrea Fabacher
Recording Secretary