

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

August 8, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, August 8, 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 ABSENT:

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
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 10:03 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 July 11, 2023, regular meeting. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

VISITORS

None

RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL JULY 2023 REPORT

No action required.

APPROVAL OF JULY 2023 BILLS

After review and discussion, Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the bills for July 2023. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE REQUEST BY SOUTHEAST TEXAS RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT, INC. FOR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the request by Southeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. for annual contribution of \$500. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL A RESOLUTION ADDING DON CARONA AND ANDREA FABACHER AS AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES TO THE TEXPOOL ACCOUNT

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the Resolution adding Don Carona and Andrea Fabacher as authorized signatories to the Texpool account. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANDREA FABACHER AS A MEMBER OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the appointing Andrea Fabacher as a member of the Investment Committee. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING THE BUDGET FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS FIXED ASSETS, SUPPLIES (CULVERTS FOR FM 1442 PROJECT), AND OTHER EXPENSES

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the amendment to the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for the purpose of modifying the budget for the purchase of various fixed assets, supplies (culverts for FM 1442 project), and other expenses. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE INFINITY ENERGY PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 23189 IH-10, VIDOR, TX, PREPARED BY ALBERTO CUA ELEFANO, III P.E., DATED JULY 19, 2023

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the Drainage Plan for the Infinity Energy project to be located at 23189 IH-10, Vidor, TX, prepared by Alberto Cua Elefano, III P.E., dated July 19, 2023. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE ENTERPRISE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND WAREHOUSE PROJECT LOCATED AT 19295 OLD MANSFIELD FERRY ROAD, ORANGE, TX, PREPARED BY E. BENTON SCHMALTZ, P.E., DATED JUNE 30, 2023

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the Drainage Plan for the Enterprise Administration Building and Warehouse project located at 19295 Old Mansfield Ferry Road, Orange, TX, prepared by E. Benton Schmaltz, P.E., dated June 30, 2023. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE ENTERGY ORANGE COUNTY ADVANCED POWER STATION PHASE 2 LAYDOWN AREA PROJECT LOCATED ON FM 1442, PORT ARTHUR, TX, PREPARED BY VASUDEV PATEL, P.E., DATED JULY 31, 2023

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the Drainage Plan for the Entergy Orange County Advanced Power Station Phase 2 Laydown Area project located on FM 1442, Port Arthur, TX, prepared by Vasudev Patel, P.E., dated July 31, 2023. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE DOUBLE S INDUSTRIAL PROJECT LOCATED ON IH-10 IN VIDOR, TX, PREPARED BY SAMUEL PAUL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED JULY 3, 2023

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the Drainage Plan for the Double S Industrial project located on IH-10 in Vidor, TX, prepared by Samuel Paul Fountain, P.E., dated July 3, 2023. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time: 10:32 a.m. Mr. Covington 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. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 11:06 a.m.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Board of Directors conducted a Budget Workshop, and along with District Management, reviewed and discussed the proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time: 11:40 a.m. Mr. Covington made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel-related matters (as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074). Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

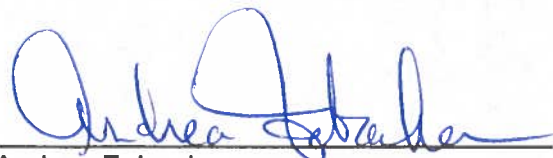
The Board reconvened in open session at 11:57 a.m.

BOARD ADJOURNS

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ancelot made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.



James Scales
Secretary



Andrea Fabacher
Recording Secretary