

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

August 15, 2023

The special called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, August 15, 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

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.

VISITORS

None.

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to adopt the proposed budget as presented by the Administrative Staff for the Orange County Drainage District for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

Mr. Covington made a motion to propose a tax rate of \$0.13410 per \$100 taxable valuation for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the scheduling of a Public Hearing on September 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. on the proposed tax rate of \$0.13410 per \$100 taxable valuation for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time: 10:16 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.

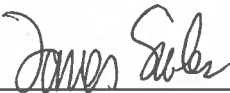
RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:39 a.m.

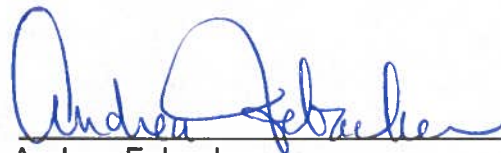
Mr. Ancelot made a motion to make an amendment to the proposed budget regarding the salaries of Neal Ford and Douglas Manning. In regards to Neal Ford, a salary adjustment to an annual amount of \$157,000.00 and for Douglas Manning a salary adjustment to an annual amount of \$123,000.00. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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 10:41a.m.



James Scales
Secretary



Andrea Fabacher
Recording Secretary