

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

September 12, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, September 12, 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
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. Ancelot made a motion to dispense with the reading of, and to approve, the minutes of the August 8, 2023, regular meeting and the August 15, 2023, special meeting minutes. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

VISITORS

None

RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL AUGUST 2023 REPORT

No action required.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2023 BILLS

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

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

Mr. Ford informed the Board that the proposed budget, as presented, was the budget presented at the budget workshop. Mr. LaPray made a motion to adopt the Orange County Drainage District Budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 as presented. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION, AND ADOPTION OF THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

After review and discussion, Mr. Covington made a motion to adopt the tax rate of \$0.13410/\$100 for fiscal year 2023-2024. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION CASTING VOTES FOR THE 2024-2025 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Mr. Peveto made a motion to approve a Resolution casting all votes allocated by the Appraisal District to the Orange County Drainage District in favor of Dale Parrish for the 2024-2025 election of Directors to the Board of Directors of the Orange County Appraisal District. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S INVESTMENT POLICY AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SAME

After review and discussion, Mr. Ancelot made a motion to execute a Resolution adopting the District's Investment Policy and Investment Strategies which was unchanged from the District's previous Investment Policy and Investment Strategies. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL RENEWAL OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP WITH THE TEXAS WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the renewal of the annual membership of \$889.00 with the Texas Water Conservation Association. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL DESIGNATING ANDREA FABACHER AS OFFICE MANAGER FOR OCDD, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve designating Andrea Fabacher as Office Manager of the Orange County Drainage District, effective October 1, 2023. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the District's 2024 holiday schedule. Mr. Peveto seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 14, 2023

Mr. LaPray made a motion to hold the annual employee Christmas party on December 14, 2023. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

AUTHORIZATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LJA, INC. IN REGARD TO THE BESSIE HEIGHTS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. LaPray made a motion to authorize the amendment to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with LJA, Inc. in regard to the Bessie Heights Drainage Improvement Project. Mr. Peveto seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND MODIFICATION OF THE DISTRICT'S PROCUREMENT POLICY

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the modification of the District's Procurement Policy subject to review and editing by the District's Administrative Staff along with the recommendations made by the District's legal counsel. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE GOLDEN PASS MP33 VIDOR COMPRESSOR STATION PROJECT TO BE LOCATED ON CHURCH HOUSE ROAD, VIDOR, TX, PREPARED BY KOFI N. SAM, P.E., DATED AUGUST 30, 2023

Mr. Peveto made a motion to approve the Drainage Plan for the Golden Pass MP33 Vidor Compressor Station project to be located on Church House Road, Vidor, Texas, prepared by Kofi N. Sam, P.E., dated August 30, 2023. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE TINY HOME DEVELOPMENT PHEASANT STREET PROJECT TO BE LOCATED ON PHEASANT STREET, ORANGE, TX, PREPARED BY SAMUEL PAUL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED AUGUST 17, 2023

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the Drainage Plan for the Tiny Home Development Pheasant Street project to be located on Pheasant Street, Orange, Texas, prepared by Samuel Paul Fountain, P.E., dated August 17, 2023. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE POLARIS ATV EXPANSION PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 9590 IH-10, ORANGE, TX, PREPARED BY SAMUEL PAUL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED AUGUST 16, 2023

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the Drainage Plan for the Polaris ATV Expansion project to be located at 9590 IH-10, Orange, Texas, prepared by Samuel Paul Fountain, P.E., dated August 16, 2023. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE WHITEWATER CAR WASH PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 3100 N. 16TH STREET, ORANGE, TX, PREPARED BY DREW DONOSKY, P.E., DATED JULY 26, 2023, AND REVISED SHEET C-9 DATED AUGUST 23, 2023

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the Drainage Plan for the Whitewater Car Wash project to be located at 3100 N. 16th Street, Orange, Texas, prepared by Drew Donosky, P.E., dated July 26, 2023, and revised sheet C-9 dated August 23, 2023, subject to further review and approval of the District's attorney. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE WHEAT'S ADDITION PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF FOX AND EVANGELINE, ORANGE, TX, PREPARED BY SAMUEL PAUL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED JULY 5, 2023

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the Drainage Plan for the Wheat's Addition project to be located at the intersection of Fox and Evangeline, Orange, Texas, prepared by Samuel Paul Fountain, P.E., dated July 5, 2023. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

As Brent Peveto appeared remotely, Douglas Manning obtained permission from Mr. Peveto to execute all documents that required his signature.

BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time: 10:40 a.m. Mr. Peveto 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 551.071). Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

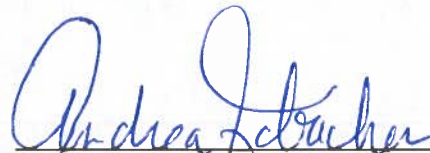
The Board reconvened in open session at 11:14 a.m.

BOARD ADJOURNS

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ancelot made the motion to adjourn. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



James Scales
Secretary



Andrea Fabacher
Recording Secretary