

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

March 12, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 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 (by video conference)
Andrea Fabacher	Recording Secretary
Martin Dies	Attorney (by video conference)
Keri Mitchuka	Accountant
Liz McKee	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. LaPray made a motion to dispense with the reading of, and to approve, the minutes of the February 13, 2024 regular meeting. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

VISITORS

None

RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL FEBRUARY 2024 REPORT

No action required.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2024 BILLS

After review and discussion, Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the bills for February 2024. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE RENEWAL OF THE EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE INSURANCE POLICY WITH TX HEALTH BENEFITS POOL (F/K/A TEXAS MULTISTATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL) AND DESIGNATION AND SELECTION OF THE TERMS OF SAID POLICY

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the renewal of the employee healthcare insurance policy (option #1) with TX Health Benefits Pool (F/K/A Texas Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool) and designation and selection of the terms of said policy, as recommended by District Administrative Staff. It will be a 12.8% increase to the District. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL T.K. INSURANCE AS THE DISTRICT'S AGENT FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE EMPLOYEES' HEALTHCARE INSURANCE BENEFITS WITH TX HEALTH BENEFITS POOL (F/K/A TEXAS MULTISTATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL)

Mr. Peveto made a motion to approve T.K. Insurance as the District's agent for the renewal of the employee's healthcare insurance benefits with TX Health Benefits Pool (F/K/A Texas Multistate Intergovernmental Employees Benefits Pool). Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL RENEWAL OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP WITH ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the renewal of the membership with Orange County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR THE NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A DIRECTOR OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT PRECINCT NO. 2, AND A DIRECTOR OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT PRECINCT NO. 3, TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2024, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 49 OF THE TEXAS WATER CODE, THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE, AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LAW

Mr. Peveto made a motion to approve the Notice of Election for the Orange County Drainage District for the purpose of electing a Director of Drainage District Precinct No. 2 and a Director of Drainage District Precinct No. 3, to be held on May 4, 2024, in accordance with Chapter 49 of the Texas Water Code, the Texas Election Code, and all other applicable law. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS, REGARDING THE USE OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION DATASETS (“PII DATASETS”) IN THE POSSESSION OF ORANGE COUNTY THAT WAS OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY/FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (“DHS/FEMA”) CONCERNING NFIP ACTIVE POLICIES, NFIP CLAIMS, AND REPETITIVE/SEVERE REPETITIVE LOSS RECORDS

Mr. LaPray made a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Orange County, Texas, regarding the use of Personally Identifiable Information Datasets (“PII Datasets”) in the possession of Orange County that was obtained from the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (“DHS/FEMA”) concerning NFIP active policies, NFIP claims, and repetitive/severe repetitive loss records. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Scales abstained from voting on this agenda item.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR PIRATES COVE ESTATES PHASE 1A TO BE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF WEST TRAM ROAD AND 3RD STREET, VIDOR, TX, PREPARED BY JEREMY J. MITCHELL, P.E.

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for Pirates Cove Estates Phase 1A to be located at the intersection of West Tram Road and 3rd Street, Vidor, Texas, prepared by Jeremy J. Mitchell, P.E., subject to the final Drainage Plan meeting the approval of the District’s Attorney, District Engineer, and District Staff. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE STUDY FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ORANGE COUNTY WCID NO. 2 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT LOCATED AT 2526 WESTERN AVENUE, WEST ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY JOE M. WILSON, JR. P.E., DATED JANUARY 18, 2024

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Study for the improvements to the Orange County WCID No. 2 Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 2526 Western Avenue, West Orange, Texas, prepared by Joe M. Wilson, Jr. P.E., dated January 18, 2024. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION


Time: 10:28 a.m. Mr. LaPray made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consult with the District’s attorney concerning personnel-related matters pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code §551.074, and Tex. Gov’t Code §551.071 legal matters. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:38 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 10:39 a.m.



James Scales
Secretary



Andrea Fabacher
Recording Secretary