

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

**April 9, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, April 9, 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:**

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
Russell Covington	Director, Precinct No. 1

**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

**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 March 12, 2024 regular meeting. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**VISITORS**

None

**RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL MARCH 2024 REPORT**

No action required.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 2024 BILLS**

After review and discussion, Mr. Peveto made a motion to approve the bills for March 2024. Mr. LaPray 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 March 31, 2024. No action was required.

**CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE RENEWAL OF THE ANCILLARY BENEFITS PACKAGE WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS AND THROUGH HEALTH FIRST TPA FOR THE RENEWAL PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Peveto made a motion to renew the ancillary benefits package with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas and through Healthfirst TPA for the renewal period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ADOPTING THE 2024 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, OVER 65 EXEMPTIONS, AND DISABILITY EXEMPTIONS, AS PRESENTED BY KAREN FISHER, ORANGE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR**

Mr. Peveto made a motion to approve the 2024 Homestead Exemption in the amount of 20%, over 65 Exemptions in the amount of \$25,000, and Disability Exemptions in the amount of \$25,000, as presented by Karen Fisher, Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Peveto and Mr. Covington gave permission to the Office Manager to sign on their behalf.

**CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL RENEWAL OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL DIRECTOR'S BONDS FOR BOARD MEMBERS WITH HARTFORD CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY**

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve renewal of Public Official Director's Bonds for Board Members with Hartford Casualty Insurance Company. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OF A FUND BALANCE MANAGEMENT POLICY (GASB54) PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO DISTRICT STAFF IN ALLOCATION OF ASSIGNED AND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCES**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve a Fund Balance Management Policy (GASB54) providing guidance to District staff in allocation of assigned and unassigned fund balances. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN AGREED RESCISSION OF INSTRUMENT CONVEYING DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE RESCISSION INSTRUMENT ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT**

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve of an Agreed Rescission of Instrument Conveying Drainage Easement and authorizing the General Manager to execute the Rescission Instrument on behalf of the District. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

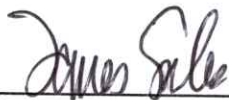
Time: 10:20 a.m. Mr. Ancelot made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consult with the District's attorney concerning legal matters pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §551.071. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in open session at 11:03 a.m.  
Mr. Peveto and Mr. Covington left the meeting.

**BOARD ADJOURNS**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ancelot made the motion to adjourn. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.



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James Scales  
Secretary



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Andrea Fabacher  
Recording Secretary