

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

May 14, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, May 14th, 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:

Brent Peveto	Director At-Large
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:

Russell Covington	Director, Precinct No. 1
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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 (by video conference)
Keri Mitchuka	Accountant

MEETING OPENED

Mr. Peveto called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District to order at 10:04 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 April 9, 2024 regular meeting and the April 24, 2024 special meeting. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

VISITORS

None

RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL APRIL 2024 REPORT

No action required.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2024 BILLS

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

OFFICIAL CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION HELD ON MAY 4, 2024

Mr. Manning presented the election results to the Board of Directors as follows:

Precinct 2	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day	Total
Larry E. Ancelot, Jr.	69	212	69	350
Richard Capaldi	12	98	58	168
Total votes for Precinct 2				518

Precinct 3	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day	Total
James Scales	80	476	284	840
Seth Mize	27	247	254	528
Total votes for Precinct 3				1,368

The total votes for all Precincts was 1,886

Mr. LaPray made a motion to accept the official canvass of election returns. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTER THE STATEMENT OF ELECTED OFFICER AND OATH OF OFFICE TO BOARD MEMBERS RE-ELECTED ELECTED IN THE MAY 4, 2024 ELECTION

Ms. Fabacher administered the Statement and Oath of Office to Larry E. Ancelot, Jr. and James Scales.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL DIRECTOR'S BONDS FOR BOARD MEMBERS REELECTED IN THE MAY 4, 2024, ELECTION

No action was taken. The incumbents, James Scales and Larry Ancelot, Jr. were re-elected. Their existing Director's Bonds remain in effect.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS ON THE BOARD

Mr. Peveto made a motion for Mr. Scales to be President of the Board. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. LaPray made a motion for Mr. Ancelot to be Vice President of the Board. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Peveto made a motion for Mr. Covington to be Secretary Treasurer of the Board. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF HIRING WATHEN, DESHONG & JUNCKER, LLP TO CONDUCT THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve hiring Wathen, Deshong, & Juncker, LLP to conduct the District's annual audit for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL AN UPDATED CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION WITH FIRST FINANCIAL BANK DEFINING THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE GENERAL MANAGER, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND SELECTED ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS RELATED TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S FIRST FINANCIAL BANKING ACCOUNTS

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve an updated Corporate Authorization Resolution with First Financial Bank defining the scope of authority granted to the General Manager, Assistant General Manager, members of the Board of Directors, and selected Administrative Staff members related to the management of the District's First Financial banking accounts. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND RON LEWIS & ASSOCIATES FOR LEGISLATIVE CONSULTATIVE SERVICES

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the agreement between the Orange County Drainage District and Ron Lewis & Associates for legislative consultative services. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GLO CONTRACT NO. 24-065-061-E571 (TIGER CREEK DETENTION POND PROJECT) FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, AND/OR THE EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF SPECIAL PROJECTS TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-15 approving and authorizing execution of GLO Contract No. 24-065-061-E571 (Tiger Creek Detention Pond Project) for the General Manager, Assistant General Manager, and/or the Executive Manager of Special Projects to execute said contract on behalf of the Orange County Drainage District. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT'S PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCUREMENT MANUAL

Mr. Scales made a motion to adopt the amendment to Section XIV of the District's Purchasing Policies and Procurement Manual as presented by District Administrative Staff. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16 ADOPTING CIVIL RIGHTS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE FILING OF COMPLAINTS RELATED TO HUD FUNDED PROJECTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CDBG-RMIT CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-16 adopting civil rights policies and procedures for the filing of complaints related to HUD funded projects in compliance with the CDBG-RMIT contract with the Texas General Land Office. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-17 AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES FOR CONTRACTUAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT'S CDBG-RMIT CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-17 authorizing signatories for contractual, environmental, and financial documents related to the District's CDBG-RMIT contract with the Texas General Land Office. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR PIPELINE OR UTILITY PERMIT SUBMITTED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP. DBA CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS OPERATIONS FOR A 4-INCH NATURAL GAS PIPELINE TO BE LOCATED ALONG ROUND BUNCH ROAD (FM 1442), BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, NEAR THE FERNWOOD OUTFALL DITCH

Mr. Scales made a motion to approve the application for Pipeline or Utility Permit submitted by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. dba CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas Operations for a 4-inch natural gas pipeline to be located along Roundbunch Road (FM 1442), Bridge City, Texas, near the Fernwood Outfall Ditch. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN, DATED MAY 8, 2024, FOR DAVID REDWINE, FOR A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO BE LOCATED AT 6415 FM 1006, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY JEREMY P. MITCHELL, P.E.

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan, dated May 8, 2024, for David Redwine, for a commercial development to be located at 6415 FM 1006, Orange, Texas, prepared by Jeremy P. Mitchell, P.E. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.


CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN, DATED APRIL 23, 2024, FOR TRACTOR SUPPLY - VIDOR, TO BE LOCATED AT 1590 MAIN STREET, VIDOR, TEXAS, PREPARED BY MATTHEW GAUNT, P.E.

Mr. LaPray made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan, dated April 23, 2024, for Tractor Supply – Vidor, to be located at 1590


Main Street, Vidor, Texas, prepared by Matthew Gaunt, P.E. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

BOARD ADJOURNS

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ancelot made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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Brent Peveto
President



Andrea Fabacher
Recording Secretary