

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

**July 9, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, July 9th, 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
Hal LaPray	Director, Precinct No. 4

**DIRECTORS PRESENT BY VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL:**

Brent Peveto	Director At-Large
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**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

James Scales	Director, Precinct No. 3
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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. Ancelot 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. Covington made a motion to dispense with the reading of, and to approve, the minutes of the June 11, 2024 regular meeting. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**VISITORS**

None

**RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL JUNE 2024 REPORT**

No action required.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 2024 BILLS**

After review and discussion, Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the bills for June 2024. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**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 June 30, 2024. No action was required.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR PIPELINE OR UTILITY PERMIT SUBMITTED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP. FOR A PIPELINE TO BE LOCATED ALONG LAKEVIEW CUTOFF RD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TIGER CREEK IN VIDOR, TEXAS**

Mr. Peveto made a motion to approve the application for Pipeline or Utility Permit submitted by Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp. for a pipeline to be located along Lakeview Cutoff Rd right-of-way and Tiger Creek in Vidor, Texas. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AUTHORIZING ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GANNETT FLEMING, INC. AS SUCCESSOR TO DE CORPORATION, INC. REGARDING THE TIGER CREEK DETENTION POND PROJECT, SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S ATTORNEY AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER OR EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF SPECIAL PROJECTS TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT**

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize Orange County Drainage District to enter into an Engineering Services Agreement with Gannett Fleming, Inc. as successor to DE Corporation, Inc. regarding the Tiger Creek Detention Pond Project, subject to the review and approval of the District's Attorney and authorizing the General Manager or Executive Manager of Special Projects to execute the agreement on behalf of the District. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY OF ORANGE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES UNDER THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE RMIT PROGRAM ON THE TIGER CREEK DETENTION POND PROJECT**

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve an Interlocal Government Agreement between Orange County Drainage District and the County of Orange for Environmental Activities under the Texas General Land Office RMIT Program on the Tiger Creek Detention Pond Project. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO APPOINT DOUGLAS E. MANNING AS THE DISTRICT'S FAIR HOUSING COORDINATOR, AS REQUIRED BY THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE'S CDBG-RMIT GRANT PROGRAM**

Mr. Peveto made a motion to approve appointing Douglas E. Manning as the District's Fair Housing Coordinator, as required by the Texas General Land Office's CDBG-RMIT Grant Program. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ORANGE COUNTY AND THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASED COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PERMITTING PROCESS OF REGULATED DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Orange County and the Orange County Drainage District to provide for increased communication and cooperation in the management of the permitting process of Regulated Developments within the County, and to authorize the District's General Manager to execute the same on behalf of the District. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND LJA ENGINEERING, INC. REGARDING THE RELIEF DITCH EXTENSION AND EXPANSION STUDY PROJECT**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the Third Amendment to Professional Engineering Services Agreement between the Orange County Drainage District and LJA Engineering, Inc. regarding the Relief Ditch Extension and Expansion Study Project. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE DOLLAR GENERAL TO BE LOCATED AT 16345 HWY 62 SOUTH, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY JEREMY J. MITCHELL, P.E., DATED JUNE 21, 2024**

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Dollar General to be located at 16345 Hwy 62 South, Orange, Texas, prepared by Jeremy J. Mitchell, P.E., dated June 21, 2024. Mr. Peveto seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR RED'S LIQUOR PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 6896 HWY 87 NORTH, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY SAMUEL PAUL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED JUNE 26, 2024**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for Red's Liquor project to be located at 6896 Hwy 87 North, Orange, Texas, prepared by Samuel Paul Fountain, P.E., dated June 26, 2024. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR STI CORPORATE OFFICE PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 10910 IH-10, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY JEFFERY D. LEAVINS, P.E., DATED JULY 1, 2024**

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for STI Corporate Office project to be located at 10910 IH-10, Orange, Texas, prepared by Jeffery D. Leavins, P.E., dated July 1, 2024. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR MORE4 LESS CONVENIENCE STORE PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 5990 N. 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET & MLK, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY DONALD R. KING, P.E., DATED JUNE 28, 2024**

Mr. Covington made a motion to table the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for More4 Less Convenience Store project to be located at 5990 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street & MLK, Orange, Texas, prepared by Donald R. King, P.E., dated June 28, 2024. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE PORT OF ORANGE DRAVO ROAD PROJECT TO BE LOCATED ON DRAVO ROAD, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY ALEX OVEREEM, P.E., DATED JULY 2, 2024**

Mr. Peveto made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Port of Orange Dravo Road project to be located on Dravo Road, Orange, Texas, prepared by Alex Overeem, P.E., dated July 2, 2024. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Time: 10:59 a.m. Prior to the reading of the agenda item, Mr. Peveto requested that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §551.074 (personnel exception) and §551.071 (attorney-client exception). Mr. Manning stated that the proper procedure was to read the agenda item and then go into closed session. Mr. Ancelot then read the agenda item and announced that the Board would convene in closed session. The Board thereafter convened in closed session.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**


The Board reconvened in open session at 11:58 a.m.

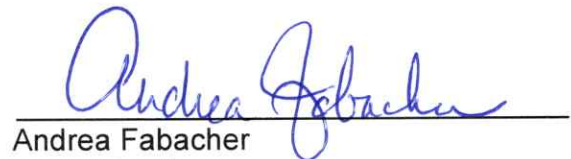
**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND DON CARONA,  
ATTORNEY, PLLC**

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the Legal Services Agreement between the Orange County Drainage District and Don Carona, Attorney, PLLC. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**BOARD ADJOURNS**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Covington made the motion to adjourn. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

  
Larry Ancelot, Jr.  
Vice-President

  
Andrea Fabacher  
Recording Secretary