

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

**August 13, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 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:**

Russell Covington	Director, Precinct No. 1 (joined meeting @ 10:06 a.m.)
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**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

Brent Peveto	Director At-Large
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**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Neal Ford	General Manager
Douglas Manning	Assistant General Manager
Andrea Fabacher	Recording Secretary
Don Carona	Attorney
Keri Mitchuka	Accountant

**MEETING OPENED**

Mr. Scales called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District to order at 10:01 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 July 9, 2024 regular meeting. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**VISITORS**

None

**RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL JULY 2024 REPORT**

No action required.

## **APPROVAL OF JULY 2024 BILLS**

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

## **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE REQUEST BY SOUTHEAST TEXAS RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT, INC. FOR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION**

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the request by Southeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. for the annual contribution of \$500. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Scales abstained from voting on the agenda item.

## **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING VARIOUS BUDGETED EXPENSES**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the amendment to the budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the purpose of modifying various budgeted expenses. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

## **CONSIDERATION AND DECLARATION OF DISTRICT SURPLUS PROPERTY, AND FOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH SURPLUS PROPERTY BY UTILIZING THE ONLINE AUCTION SERVICES OF RENE' BATES AUCTIONEER, INC., WITH SUCH AUCTION OCCURRING DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2024 OR DURING THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MONTH THEREAFTER**

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to authorize the sale of District surplus property, as reflected in attached Exhibit "A" and by utilizing the online auction services of Rene' Bates Auctioneer, Inc., with such auction occurring during the month of August 2024 or during the earliest possible month thereafter. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

## **CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND TRAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, INC. PERTAINING TO THE DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – REGIONAL MITIGATION (CDBG-RMIT) GRANT CONTRACT NO. 24-065-061-E571**

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to authorize the General Manager and/or Assistant General Manager to sign Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the Orange County Drainage District and Traylor & Associates, Inc. pertaining to the District's Community Development Block Grant-Regional Mitigation (CDBG-RMIT) grant Contract No. 24-065-061-E571. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR PIPELINE OR UTILITY PERMIT SUBMITTED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP. FOR A PIPELINE TO BE LOCATED ALONG OLD SPANISH TRAIL RIGHT-OF-WAY, VIDOR, TEXAS**

Mr. LaPray 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 Old Spanish Trail right-of-way, Vidor, Texas. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE BIGLER FOUR SEASON STORAGE PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 2350 TEXAS AVENUE, BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, PREPARED BY JEREMY J. MITCHELL, P.E., DATED JULY 8, 2024**

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Bigler Four Season Storage project to be located at 2350 Texas Avenue, Bridge City, Texas, prepared by Jeremy J. Mitchell, P.E., dated July 8, 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 MIRAGE APARTMENTS PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 785 E. BOLIVAR STREET, VIDOR, TEXAS, PREPARED BY SAMUEL PAUL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED JULY 30, 2024**

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Mirage Apartments project to be located at 785 E. Bolivar Street, Vidor, Texas, prepared by Samuel Paul Fountain, P.E., dated July 30, 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 ADDITIONAL QUEUING AREAS PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT DRAVO ROAD, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY ALEX OVEREEM, P.E.**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Port of Orange Dravo Road Additional Queuing Areas project to be located at Dravo Road, Orange, Texas, prepared by Alex Overeem, P.E. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Time: 10:32 a.m. Mr. Ancelot made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss property-related matters (as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.072). Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board took a brief recess after Executive Session.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

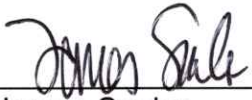
The Board reconvened in open session at 11:18 a.m. Mr. Covington did not return to the meeting in open session.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

The Board of Directors conducted a Budget Workshop, and along with District Management, reviewed and discussed the proposed Budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

**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 12:09 p.m.

  
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James Scales  
President

  
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Andrea Fabacher  
Recording Secretary

EXHIBIT "A"  
Board Meeting August 13, 2024

Surplus Property  
of the Orange County Drainage District

AUGUST, 2024 AUCTION

	<u>Equip#</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Minimum Bid</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>
1)	51	Hoe – Komatsu PC78US-8		
2)	54	Hoe -- CAT 326FL		
3)	61	Hoe – CAT 320DL		
4)	35	Truck—2005 Ford F250		
5)	41	Truck—2006 Ford F250		
6)	46	Truck—2010 Ford F350		
7)	67	Dozer – CAT D4K		
8)	91	Tractor – JD6330		
9)	94	Tractor – JD6105M		
10)	78	Trailer – Holden		
11)		Lincoln Welding Machine		
12)		Landa Steam Cleaner		
13)		Wylie Spray Unit		
14)	Tires -A	Firestone A/T LT245/75R17		
15)	Tires- B	Firestone A/T LT245/75R17		
16)	Tires- C	Firestone M/T LT245/75R16		
17)		Headache Rack – A		
18)		Headache Rack – B		
19)		Headache Rack – C		
20)		Headache Rack – D		
21)		Headache Rack - E		
22)		Filters - Variety		
23)		LotA–Samsung,Lenovo monitors, keyboards,mouses		
24)		LotB-Dell, HP, LG monitors, keyboards, mouses		
25)		LotC-Fax machines, Printer-Scanner-Copier-Fax, Printers		