

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

November 12, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, November 12th, 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 BY VIDEO CONFERENCE:

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 10:04 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 October 8, 2024 regular meeting. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

VISITORS

None

RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL OCTOBER 2024 REPORT

No action required.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2024 BILLS

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

CONSIDERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CERTIFICATION OF CURRENT AND DELINQUENT TAX ROLLS BY THE ORANGE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

Mr. Peveto made a motion to accept the Certification of Current and Delinquent Tax Rolls by the Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Peveto gave permission to the Office Manager to sign said certification on his behalf.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL RENEWAL OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP WITH SOUTHEAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the renewal of the annual membership with Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$150. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SETTING THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE TO THE TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TCDRS) AT 13.74% (13.50% FOR RETIREMENT PLAN RATE, AND 0.24% FOR GROUP TERM LIFE RATE), OR ALTERNATIVELY AT SUCH OTHER PERCENTAGE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve setting the District's annual employer contribution rate to the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS) at 13.74% (13.50% for Retirement Plan Rate, and 0.24% for Group Term Life Rate). Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR PIPELINE OR UTILITY PERMIT SUBMITTED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY FOR A GAS LINE TO BE LOCATED AT 1006 ALABAMA ST, ORANGE, TEXAS

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the Application for Pipeline or Utility Permit submitted by Centerpoint Energy for a gas line to be located at 1006 Alabama St, Orange, Texas. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND ENACTMENT OF A RESOLUTION CASTING VOTES FOR THE 2025 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Mr. LaPray made a motion to enact a resolution casting the 399 Orange County Drainage District votes for the 2025 election of Directors to the Board of Directors of the Orange County Appraisal District to Mr. Dale Parish. Mr. Peveto seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GULF COAST PROTECTION DISTRICT, THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND ORANGE COUNTY, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH AMENDMENT, SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW AND FURTHER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AND THE DISTRICT'S ATTORNEY

Mr. Peveto made a motion to approve the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the Gulf Coast Protection District, the Orange County Drainage District and Orange County, and authorization for the District's General Manager to execute such amendment, subject to the review and further approval of District Management and the District's Attorney. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

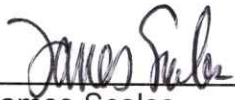
Time: 10:25 a.m. Mr. Ancelot made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss property-related matters (as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.072) and personnel related matters (as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074). Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:45 a.m.

BOARD ADJOURNS

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ancelot made the motion to adjourn. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



James Scales
President



Andrea Fabacher
Recording Secretary