

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

January 14, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, 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

DIRECTORS BY VIDEO CONFERENCE:

Hal LaPray	Director, Precinct No. 4
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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. Covington made a motion to dispense with the reading of, and to approve, the minutes of the December 10, 2024 regular meeting. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

VISITORS

None

RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL DECEMBER 2024 REPORT

No action required.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2024 BILLS

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

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S PROPOSED ADOPTION OF UNIFORM TAX ABATEMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to call to order the Public Hearing. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Neal Ford and Douglas E. Manning presented information pertaining to the renewal of the Orange County Drainage District's Uniform Tax Abatement Policy. No one from the public was in attendance. Mr. Ancelot made a motion to close the public hearing, and Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2025-01, ELECTING FOR THE DISTRICT TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TAX ABATEMENT, AND ADOPTING THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT UNIFORM TAX ABATEMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Mr. Covington made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-01, electing for the District to become eligible to participate in tax abatement, and adopting the Orange County Drainage District Uniform Tax Abatement Policy and Guidelines. Mr. Ancelot 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 December 31, 2024. No action was required.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE RENEWAL OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP WITH ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the renewal of annual membership with Orange County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) in the amount of \$500.00. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR CARDINAL ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 TO BE LOCATED IN BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, PREPARED BY J. D. MCCLENAN, RPLS

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to table this agenda item. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR PIPELINE OR UTILITY PERMIT SUBMITTED BY MIDCOAST PIPELINES (EAST TEXAS) L.P. FOR A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE STARTING AT CHURCH HOUSE RD TO FM 1442, ORANGE, TEXAS

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the application for Pipeline or Utility Permit submitted by Midcoast Pipelines (East Texas) L.P. for a natural gas pipeline starting at Church House Rd to FM 1442, Orange, Texas. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE ENTERPRISE GUARD SHACK PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 19295 OLD MANSFIELD FERRY ROAD, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY E. BENTON SCHMALTZ, P.E., DATED OCTOBER 23, 2024

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Enterprise Guard Shack project to be located at 19295 Old Mansfield Ferry Road, Orange, Texas, prepared by E. Benton Schmaltz, P.E., dated October 23, 2024. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE RHODES BAYOU POINT PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 18090 HWY 62 S, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY SAMUEL PAUL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED DECEMBER 3, 2024

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Rhodes Bayou Point project to be located at 18090 Hwy 62 S, Orange, Texas, prepared by Samuel Paul Fountain, P.E., dated December 3, 2024. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE MK LAYDOWN PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 16736 IH-10, VIDOR, TEXAS, PREPARED BY SAMUEL PAUL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED DECEMBER 3, 2024

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the MK Laydown project to be located at 16736 IH-10 Vidor, Texas, prepared by Samuel Paul Fountain, P.E., dated December 3, 2024. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.072 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

Time 10:38 a.m. Mr. Ancelot made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to discuss the purchase of real property. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

RECONVENE IN AN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY BASED UPON DISCUSSIONS IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

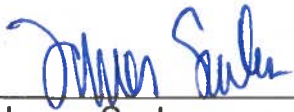
The Board reconvened in open session at 11:08 a.m.

Mr. LaPray did not return after executive session.

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to purchase a parcel of land, approximately 13 acres located behind the District facilities and for the General Manager to execute the contract for the sale and all related closing documents. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

BOARD ADJOURNS

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ancelot made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.



James Scales
President



Andrea Fabacher
Recording Secretary