

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

March 11, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, March 11th, 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:

Brent Peveto	Director At-Large
Russell Covington	Director, Precinct No. 1
James Scales	Director, Precinct No. 3

DIRECTORS BY VIDEO CONFERENCE:

Larry Ancelot	Director, Precinct No. 2
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DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Hal LaPray	Director, Precinct No. 4
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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 10:00 a.m. Mr. Manning led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Peveto made a motion to dispense with the reading of, and to approve, the minutes of the February 11, 2025, regular meeting. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

VISITORS

None

RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL FEBRUARY 2025 REPORT

No action required.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2025 BILLS

After review and discussion, Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the bills for February 2025. Mr. Peveto seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE RENEWAL OF THE EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE INSURANCE POLICY WITH TX HEALTH BENEFITS POOL AND DESIGNATION AND SELECTION OF THE TERMS OF SAID POLICY

Mr. Peveto made a motion to approve the renewal of the employee healthcare insurance policy with TX Health Benefits Pool and the designation and selection of the same terms and conditions of the current policy in accordance with the recommendation of District Management. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion 3-1.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL T.K. INSURANCE AS THE DISTRICT'S AGENT FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE EMPLOYEES' HEALTHCARE INSURANCE BENEFITS WITH TX HEALTH BENEFITS POOL

Mr. Peveto made a motion to approve the renewal of T.K. Insurance as the District's agent for employee healthcare insurance benefits with TX Health Benefits Pool. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE CHILD'S ACE HARDWARE PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 3704 NORTH 16TH STREET, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY JEFFERY D. LEAVINS, P.E., DATED DECEMBER 5, 2024

Mr. Peveto made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Child's Ace Hardware project to be located at 3704 North 16th Street, Orange, Texas, prepared by Jeffery D. Leavins, P.E., dated December 5, 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 ORANGEFIELD ISD PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 7745 SANDBAR ROAD, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY DANIEL A. DOTSON, P.E., DATED JANUARY 27, 2025

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Orangefield ISD project to be located at 7745 Sandbar Road, Orange, Texas, prepared by Daniel A. Dotson, P.E., dated January 27, 2025. Mr. Peveto seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE PRECINCT EMERGENCY CENTERS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE FOLLOWING FOUR LOCATIONS: 2460 HIGHWAY 87, ORANGE, TEXAS; 5320 ARNEL LANE, ORANGE, TEXAS; 19163 IH-10, VIDOR, TEXAS; M.L. KING DRIVE, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY KEESTAN X. COLE, P.E., DATED MARCH 4, 2025

Mr. Peveto made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Precinct Emergency Centers to be constructed at the following four locations: 2460 Highway 87, Orange, Texas; 5320 Arnel Lane, Orange, Texas; 19163 I-10, Vidor, Texas; M.L. King Drive, Orange, Texas, prepared by Keestan X. Cole, P.E., dated March 4, 2025. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Covington abstained from voting.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR A CONVENIENCE STORE PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 6521 IH-10, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY HANI J. THOME, P.E., DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for a Convenience Store project to be located at 6521 IH-10, Orange, Texas, prepared by Hani J. Thome, P.E., dated November 17, 2024. Mr. Peveto seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

PRESENTATION BY LJA ENGINEERING, INC. OF THE SABINE RIVER RELIEF DITCH EXTENSION AND EXPANSION PROJECT DRAFT ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. William Conlan from LJA Engineering, Inc. presented a draft engineering report to the Board regarding the Sabine River Relief Ditch Extension and Expansion project. No action was taken.

BOARD ADJOURNS

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. with no further discussion or action being taken by the Board.



James Scales
President



Andrea Fabacher
Recording Secretary