

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

April 8, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, April 8th, 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	Director, Precinct No. 2
James Scales	Director, Precinct No. 3
Hal LaPray	Director, Precinct No. 4

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

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 March 11, 2025, regular meeting. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

VISITORS

None

RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL MARCH 2025 REPORT

No action required.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2025 BILLS

After review and discussion, Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the bills for March 2025. 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 March 31, 2025. No action was required.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ADOPTING THE 2025 PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, OVER 65 EXEMPTIONS, AND DISABILITY EXEMPTIONS, AS PRESENTED BY OCTAVIA GUZMAN, ORANGE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the 2025 property tax 20% homestead exemption, \$25,000 over 65 exemptions, and \$25,000 disability exemptions, as presented by Octavia Guzman, Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL RENEWAL OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL DIRECTOR'S BONDS FOR BOARD MEMBERS WITH HARTFORD CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the renewal of Public Official Director's Bonds for Board Members with Hartford Casualty Insurance Company in the amount of \$200. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL RESOLUTIONS AND DECLARATION OF THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS AND THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY OWNERS:

1. LAWRENCE J. LOFTIN, III (455 N. ASHLAND)
2. JUSTIN FOX AND KATIE FOX (740 KENT STREET)
3. RANDALL ROSS AND KELLYN ROBERTSON (855 SOUTHDALE)
4. NOAH MICHAEL CORMIER (865 SOUTHDALE)
5. APOLINAR RODRIGUEZ (1085 WALNUT)
6. DALILA GARCIA (1935 OLD SPANISH TRAIL)
7. BETTY SWISSDORF (393 HALEY STREET)
8. FRIZON HOMES, LLC (465 LAKEWOOD)
9. VICTORIA COWLING (387 N. LAKESIDE)

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the above resolutions and declaration of the District's intent to be bound by the terms of the proposed residential tax abatement agreements between the City of Vidor, Texas and the said property owners. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE TRU-FLOW OFFICE PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 648 S. MAIN STREET, VIDOR, TEXAS, PREPARED BY SAMUEL PAUL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED APRIL 1, 2025

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Tru-Flow office project to be located at 648 S. Main Street, Vidor, Texas, prepared by Samuel Paul Fountain, P.E., dated April 1, 2025. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

BOARD ADJOURNS

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ancelot made the motion to adjourn. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



James Scales
President



Andrea Fabacher
Recording Secretary