

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

**June 10, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 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
Hal LaPray	Director, Precinct No. 4

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEETING OPENED**

Mr. Ancelot called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District to order at 10:06 a.m. Mr. Manning led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to dispense with the reading of, and to approve, the minutes of the May 13, 2025, regular meeting. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**VISITORS**

None

**RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL MAY 2025 REPORT**

No action required.

### **APPROVAL OF MAY 2025 BILLS**

After review and discussion, Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the bills for May 2025. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE RENEWAL OF INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION, AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY AND PHYSICAL DAMAGE, GENERAL LIABILITY, CRIME, ERRORS AND OMISSIONS, EXCESS LIABILITY AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY WITH TWCA RISK MANAGEMENT FUND FOR THE 2025-2026 FUND YEAR**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the renewal of insurance coverage for Workers' Compensation, Automobile Liability and Physical Damage, General Liability, Crime, Errors and Omissions, Excess Liability and Commercial Property with TWCA Risk Management Fund for the 2025-2026 Fund Year. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO RENEW OUR SUBSCRIPTION WITH KNOWBE4 SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING**

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the renewal of our subscription with KnowBe4 Security Awareness Training for 36 months at \$2023.94. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF CHANGES TO VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE CRITERIA MANUAL AND REGULATIONS**

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the changes proposed by Drainage District Staff and consultants to various provisions of the Orange County Drainage District's Drainage Criteria Manual and Regulations, with authorization for the Drainage District Staff to make additional changes as necessary to finalize and publish the revised Drainage Criteria Manual and Regulations. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE MAURICEVILLE FEED EXPANSION PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 9999 HWY 12, MAURICEVILLE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY JEFFERY D. LEAVINS, P.E., DATED APRIL 14, 2025**

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Mauriceville Feed expansion project to be located at 9999 Hwy 12, Mauriceville, Texas, prepared by Jeffery D. Leavins, P.E., dated April 14, 2025. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE US RAIL TERMINAL EXPANSION PROJECT TO BE LOCATED ON FOREMAN ROAD, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY BRIAN L. WENNINGHOFF, P.E., DATED APRIL 17, 2025**

Mr. LaPray made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the US Rail Terminal expansion project to be located on Foreman Road, Orange, Texas, prepared by Brian L. Wenninghoff, P.E., dated April 17, 2025. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE LABRIE INDUSTRIAL PROJECT TO BE LOCATED ON IH-10 E FEEDER ROAD, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY SAMUEL PAUL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED MAY 1, 2025**

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Labrie Industrial project to be located on IH-10 E Feeder Road, Orange, Texas, prepared by Samuel Paul Fountain, P.E., dated May 1, 2025. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE GOLD STAR EXXON PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 18635 IH-10, VIDOR, TEXAS, PREPARED BY KOURTNEY A. HOFFPAUIR, P.E., DATED MAY 22, 2025**

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan, contingent on the District Staff being satisfied with the easement, for the Gold Star Exxon project to be located at 18635 IH-10, Vidor, Texas, prepared by Kourtney A. Hoffpaur, P.E., dated May 22, 2025. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**


Time: 10:52 a.m. Mr. Covington made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consult with the District's attorney concerning legal matters pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §551.071. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

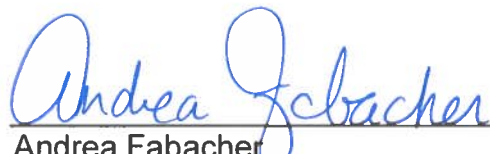
**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in open session at 11:02 a.m.

**BOARD ADJOURNS**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. LaPray made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

  
Larry Ancelot  
Vice-President

  
Andrea Fabacher  
Recording Secretary