

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

**August 12, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, August 12<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
James Scales	Director, Precinct No. 3

**DIRECTORS BY VIDEO CONFERENCE:**

Brent Peveto	Director At-Large
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**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Neal Ford	General Manager
Douglas Manning	Assistant General Manager (by video conference)
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. Ford 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 July 8, 2025, regular meeting. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**VISITORS**

None

**RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL JULY 2025 REPORT**

No action required.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 2025 BILLS**

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

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE REQUEST BY SOUTHEAST TEXAS RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT, INC. FOR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION**

Mr. Peveto made a motion to approve the request by Southeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. for annual contribution of \$500. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TO THE GREATER ORANGE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the annual membership of \$300 to the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND ENACTMENT OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT WITH THE MOORE-ODOM WILDLIFE FOUNDATION UNDIVIDED INTEREST SUB-TRUST**

Mr. Peveto made a motion to authorize the execution of the memorandum of understanding and agreement with the Moore-Odom Wildlife Foundation Undivided Interest Sub-Trust. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING VARIOUS BUDGETED EXPENSES**

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve an amendment to the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the purpose of modifying various budgeted expenses. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THE SABINE RIVER RELIEF DITCH PROJECT (TWDB COMMITMENT NO. G1001412) TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE AND OTHER MATTERS**

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the amendment to the contract between the Orange County Drainage District and the Texas Water Development Board for the Sabine River Relief Ditch Project (TWDB Commitment No. G1001412) to extend the contract expiration date and other matters. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO NOMINATE ONE OR MORE CANDIDATES FOR THE 2026 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

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

**CONSIDERATION AND DECLARATION OF DISTRICT SURPLUS PROPERTY, AND FOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH SURPLUS PROPERTY BY UTILIZING THE ONLINE AUCTION SERVICES OF RENE' BATES AUCTIONEER, INC., WITH SUCH AUCTION OCCURRING DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2025**

Mr. Covington made a motion to declare District surplus property and authorize the sale of such surplus property by utilizing the online auction services of Rene' Bates Auctioneer, Inc., with such auction occurring during the month of August 2025. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE WETLANDS TRANSPORTATION PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 450 TIMBERLANE ROAD, VIDOR, TEXAS, PREPARED BY SAMUEL PAUL FOUNTAIN, P.E., DATED JULY 22, 2025**

Mr. Peveto made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Wetlands Transportation project to be located at 450 Timberlane Road, Vidor, Texas, prepared by Samuel Paul Fountain, P.E., dated July 22, 2025. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE VIDOR SMOKESHOP AND WASHATERIA PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 230 SOUTH MAIN STREET, VIDOR, TEXAS, PREPARED BY HANI J. THOME, P.E., DATED JULY 19, 2025**

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Vidor Smokeshop and Washateria project to be located at 230 South Main Street, Vidor, Texas, prepared by Hani J. Thome, P.E., dated July 19, 2025. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE EDGERLY DENTISTRY PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 825 WEST ROUND BUNCH, BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, PREPARED BY BERNARDINO D. TRISTAN, P.E., DATED JULY 11, 2025**

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Edgerly Dentistry project to be located at 825 West Roundbunch, Bridge City, Texas, prepared by Bernardino D. Tristan, P.E., dated July 11, 2025. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Time: 10:41 a.m. Mr. Ancelot made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal matters (as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2)). Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board took a brief recess after Executive Session.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**


The Board reconvened in open session at 12:00 p.m.

### **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

The Board of Directors conducted a Budget Workshop, and along with District Management, reviewed and discussed the proposed Budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

### **BOARD ADJOURNS**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ancelot made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



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James Scales  
President



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Andrea Fabacher  
Recording Secretary