

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

**August 19, 2025**

The special called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, August 19, 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:**

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

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

**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.

**VISITORS**

None

**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

Mr. Ford informed the Board that the budget, as presented, was the proposed budget presented at the budget workshop. Mr. Covington made a motion to adopt the budget as presented by the Administrative Staff for the Orange County Drainage District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to propose a tax rate of \$0.12925 per \$100 taxable valuation for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Mr. Peveto seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1.

**DISCUSSION AND SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the scheduling of a Public Hearing on September 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. on the proposed tax rate of \$0.12925 per \$100 taxable valuation for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Time: 10:16 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) and personnel matters (as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074). Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:42 a.m.

**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 10:42 a.m.



James Scales  
President



Andrea Fabacher  
Recording Secretary