

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

September 9, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, September 9th, 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
Larry Ancelot	Director, Precinct No. 2
James Scales	Director, Precinct No. 3
Glenn Wilkerson	Director, Precinct No. 4

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 August 12, 2025, regular meeting and the August 19, 2025 special meeting. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

VISITORS

None

RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL AUGUST 2025 REPORT

No action required.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2025 BILLS

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

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S INVESTMENT POLICY AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SAME

After discussion of the annual review of the District's Investment Policy and Investment Strategies, Mr. Covington made a motion to adopt a Resolution regarding the same as presented with no changes. Mr. Ancelot 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 AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT STAFF TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND SOLICIT BIDS FOR ONE (1) TRACKED CARRIER AND ONE (1) MARSH BUGGY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize District Staff to prepare specifications and solicit bids for One (1) Tracked Carrier and One (1) Marsh Buggy in accordance with the Orange County Drainage District Purchasing Policies and Procedures Manual. Mr. Peveto seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT AN EVALUATION COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF JOE ESCOBEDO, STEVAN GOINS, NEAL FORD AND DUSTIN SMITH TO EVALUATE ANY BIDS RECEIVED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) TRACKED CARRIER AND ONE (1) MARSH BUGGY AND MAKE NONBINDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Peveto made a motion to authorize and appoint an evaluation committee consisting of Joe Escobedo, Stevan Goins, Neal Ford, and Dustin Smith to evaluate any bids received in conjunction with the purchase of One (1) Tracked Carrier and One (1) Marsh Buggy and make nonbinding recommendations to the Board of Directors. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO APPOINT A SUCCESSOR BOARD MEMBER TO FILL THE VACANCY AND UNEXPIRED TERM OF DIRECTOR, DRAINAGE PRECINCT NO. 4, RESULTING FROM THE DEATH OF HAL LAPRAY, SR. *SEE, TEX. WATER CODE §49.105(A)*

Mr. Peveto made a motion to appoint Glenn Wilkerson as Board Member to fill the vacancy and unexpired term of Director, Drainage Precinct No. 4, resulting from the death of Hal LaPray, Sr. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1.

ADMINISTER THE STATEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR BOARD MEMBER AND OATH OF OFFICE TO SUCCESSOR BOARD MEMBER INSTALLED ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

Ms. Fabacher administered the Statement and Oath of Office to Glenn Wilkerson, Director of Drainage Precinct No. 4.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL DIRECTOR BOND FOR NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

No action needed on this agenda item per our insurance company it is a blanket bond covering the Directors.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S 2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the District's 2026 Holiday schedule. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO SET THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mr. Peveto made a motion to approve the date of December 18, 2025 for the Annual Employee Christmas Party. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE NECHES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION WEST ORANGE TO BE LOCATED AT 532 TX-87, ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY JUSTIN A. SCHRADER, P.E., DATED JUNE 13, 2025

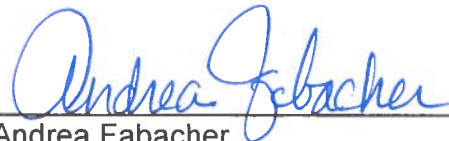
Mr. Covington made a motion to authorize the Drainage District Staff to approve the Drainage Plan for the Neches Federal Credit Union West Orange to be located at 532 TX-87, Orange, Texas, prepared by Justin A. Schrader, P.E., dated June 13, 2025. Mr. Peveto seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

BOARD ADJOURNS

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ancelot made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.



James Scales
President



Andrea Fabacher
Recording Secretary