

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

April 14, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, April 14th, 2026, 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:

Dal Moreau, III	Director, Precinct No. 1
Larry Ancelot	Director, Precinct No. 2
James Scales	Director, Precinct No. 3
Glenn Wilkerson	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
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. Moreau made a motion to dispense with the reading of, and to approve, the minutes of the March 10, 2026 regular meeting. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

RECOGNIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXPOOL MARCH 2026 REPORT

No action required.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2026 BILLS

After review and discussion, Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the bills for March 2026. Mr. Moreau 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, 2026. No action was required.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING VARIOUS BUDGETED EXPENSES

Mr. Wilkerson made a motion to approve the amendment to the budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the purpose of modifying various budgeted expenses. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE RENEWAL OF THE ANCILLARY BENEFITS PACKAGE WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS FOR THE RENEWAL PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the renewal of the ancillary benefits package with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas for the renewal period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028. Mr. Moreau seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ADOPTING THE 2026 PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, OVER 65 EXEMPTIONS, AND DISABILITY EXEMPTIONS, AS PRESENTED BY OCTAVIA GUZMAN, ORANGE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve adopting the 2026 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. Wilkerson 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. Mr. Moreau seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL RENEWAL OF CRIME BOND WITH HARTFORD CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

Mr. Wilkerson made a motion to approve the renewal of the Crime Bond with Hartford Casualty Insurance Company. Mr. Moreau 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. Owner of Property: RTC Homes, LLC
 Applicant of Tax Abatement: RTC Homes, LLC
 Address of Property: 195 Teal, Vidor, Texas
- 2. Owner of Property: James C. Havard and Evelyn Havard
 Applicant of Tax Abatement: Derek Wilson
 Address of Property: 264 Teal, Vidor, Texas
- 3. Owner of Property: Premier PMC LLC
 Applicant of Tax Abatement: Premier PMC LLC
 Address of Property: 266 Pine Burr, Vidor, Texas

4. Owner of Property: Israel Sanchez
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Israel Sanchez
Address of Property: 270 N. Dewitt, Vidor, Texas
5. Owner of Property: Darin Kevin Hargrove and Lauren Franklin Hargrove
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Derek Wilson, Brittney Wilson and Mandy Wilson
Address of Property: 275 Teal, Vidor, Texas
6. Owner of Property: Lori Smith
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Bobby McIntyre
Address of Property: 340 W. Courtland, Vidor, Texas
7. Owner of Property: Rock Builders LLC
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Rock Builders LLC
Address of Property: 350 Texas St., Vidor, Texas
8. Owner of Property: Brandy Lynn Jones
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Brittany Prater, Not Too Shabby, LLC
Address of Property: 383 N. Lakeside, Vidor, Texas
9. Owner of Property: Wesley Noel
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Wesley Noel
Address of Property: 395 Lakewood, Vidor, Texas
10. Owner of Property: Tim Franklin
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Tim Franklin
Address of Property: 405 Lakewood, Vidor, Texas
11. Owner of Property: Nick Lagusis
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Nick Lagusis
Address of Property: 415 W. Park, Vidor, Texas
12. Owner of Property: McPayne Real Estate, LLC
Applicant of Tax Abatement: McPayne Real Estate, LLC
Address of Property: 430 Needles, Vidor, Texas
13. Owner of Property: Orange County Builders, LLC
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Orange County Builders, LLC
Address of Property: 435 Lakewood, Vidor, Texas
14. Owner of Property: Orange County Builders, LLC
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Orange County Builders, LLC
Address of Property: 490 Lakewood, Vidor, Texas
15. Owner of Property: Julie Lightfoot
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Jules Construction, Inc.
Address of Property: 535 Rosewood St, Vidor, Texas
16. Owner of Property: Bryce Roder and Brynn Baker
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Bryce Roder and Brynn Baker
Address of Property: 560 Elgie St., Vidor, Texas
17. Owner of Property: Don Lightfoot
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Don Lightfoot
Address of Property: 625 Cherry, Vidor, Texas

18. Owner of Property: Joshua D. Johnsrude
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Joshua Johnsrude
Address of Property: 660 North Oakland St., Vidor, Texas
19. Owner of Property: Ty Weaver
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Ty Weaver and Chloe Weaver
Address of Property: 705 Pinecrest, Vidor, Texas
20. Owner of Property: Premier PMC LLC
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Cisco Abshire / Premier PMC
Address of Property: 760 Hillside, Vidor, Texas
21. Owner of Property: Teri Lynn Riley
Applicant of Tax Abatement: W&B Enterprises, LLC
Address of Property: 800 Reynolds St, Vidor, Texas
22. Owner of Property: JN Custom Homes LLC
Applicant of Tax Abatement: JN Custom Homes, LLC
Address of Property: 805 Strickland, Vidor, Texas
23. Owner of Property: Ryan Nicholson
Applicant of Tax Abatement: JN Custom Homes, LLC
Address of Property: 815 Strickland, Vidor, Texas
24. Owner of Property: Chan Smith
Applicant of Tax Abatement: BK Bearden Properties, LLC
Address of Property: 820 Reynolds St., Vidor, Texas
25. Owner of Property: Adrien Green and Brenden Williamson
Applicant of Tax Abatement: JN Custom Homes, LLC
Address of Property: 825 Strickland, Vidor, Texas
26. Owner of Property: Lucas David Ward and Shelby Ward
Applicant of Tax Abatement: JN Custom Homes, LLC
Address of Property: 835 Strickland, Vidor, Texas
27. Owner of Property: Madison Murdock
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Madison Murdock
Address of Property: 845 Strickland, Vidor, Texas
28. Owner of Property: Katie Fox and Justin Fox
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Katie Fox and Justin Fox
Address of Property: 870 Kent, Vidor, Texas
29. Owner of Property: John Paul Castilaw, Sr. and Cynthia Castilaw
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Brian Elliott and Laurie Elliott
Address of Property: 1150 Dogwood Dr, Vidor, Texas
30. Owner of Property: RTC Homes, LLC
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Ryan Canizaro / RTC Homes, LLC
Address of Property: 1180 Pine St., Vidor, Texas
31. Owner of Property: Carlin Bailey
Applicant of Tax Abatement: Ryan Canizaro / RTC Homes, LLC
Address of Property: 1190 Pine St., Vidor, Texas

- 32. Owner of Property: Dayne Taylor Sauceman and Jaley Sauceman
 Applicant of Tax Abatement: Ryan Canizaro / RTC Homes, LLC
 Address of Property: 1200 Pine St., Vidor, Texas
- 33. Owner of Property: RTC Homes, LLC
 Applicant of Tax Abatement: RTC Homes, LLC
 Address of Property: 1215 Pine St., Vidor, Texas
- 34. Owner of Property: Stuart W. Austin and Nancy Austin
 Applicant of Tax Abatement: Nancy Austin and Stuart Austin
 Address of Property: 1223 Pine St., Vidor, Texas
- 35. Owner of Property: DJM Contractors, Ltd.
 Applicant of Tax Abatement: DJM Contractors, Ltd.
 Address of Property: 1255 SS Brewer, Vidor, Texas
- 36. Owner of Property: DJM Contractors, Ltd.
 Applicant of Tax Abatement: DJM Contractors, Ltd./ Cormier
 Address of Property: 1270 SS Brewer, Vidor, Texas
- 37. Owner of Property: Curtis Pelton and Mary Pelton
 Applicant of Tax Abatement: Curtis Pelton and Mary Pelton
 Address of Property: 3315 Ward St., Vidor, Texas
- 38. Owner of Property: Todd Barker and Jessica Barker
 Applicant of Tax Abatement: Todd Barker and Jessica Barker
 Address of Property: 985 Old Spanish Trail, Vidor, Texas

Mr. Manning informed the Board that the owner of the property identified in property number 15 (535 Rosewood) was no longer Julie Lightfoot but now Leah Lightfoot. Mr. Manning further initiated a motion from the Board to approve the Resolutions listed and declare the Board's intent to be bound by the terms of the residential tax abatement agreements between the property owners and the City of Vidor, subject to the change in ownership in item number 15 which reflected Leah Lightfoot as the correct owner for purposes of the abatement. In response, a motion was made by Mr. Ancelot to approve the Resolutions and seconded by Mr. Wilkerson. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RENEW THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT CONTRACT FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH TIDEWATER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, LLC FOR A RENEWAL TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS

Mr. Moreau made a motion to renew the Professional Services Agreement contract for General Engineering Services with Tidewater Professional Services, LLC for a renewal term of three (3) years. Mr. Wilkerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR PIPELINE OR UTILITY PERMIT SUBMITTED BY SABINE PIPELINE, LLC FOR A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE STARTING SOUTH OF COW BAYOU AT MILEPOST 0.0 AND THEN TERMINATE AT THE PROJECT DELIVERY SITE NORTH OF HIGHWAY 1006 AT MILEPOST 2.6

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the Application for Pipeline or Utility Permit submitted by Sabine Pipeline, LLC for a natural gas pipeline starting south of Cow Bayou at milepost 0.00 and the terminate at the project deliver site north of Highway 1006 at milepost 2.6. Mr. Wilkerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT OF THE COLONIAL ESTATES PHASE 2 SUBDIVISION LOCATED ON FM 1442, BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS SUBJECT TO, AND CONTINGENT UPON, THE APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S STAFF AND THE DISTRICT'S ATTORNEY OF ALL REQUIRED CHANGES TO THE PLAT, AND TO ALL DEDICATORY AND HOA-RELATED DOCUMENTS

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to approve the Final Plat of the Colonial Estates Phase 2 Subdivision located on FM 1442, Bridge City, Texas subject to, and contingent upon, the approval of the District's Staff and the District's Attorney of all required changes to the Plat, and to all dedicatory and HOA-related documents. Mr. Moreau seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT OF THE ACADIAN ESTATES PHASE 1 EXTENSION PROJECT LOCATED ON ACADIAN WAY, ORANGE, TEXAS SUBJECT TO, AND CONTINGENT UPON, THE APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S STAFF AND THE DISTRICT'S ATTORNEY OF ALL REQUIRED CHANGES TO THE PLAT, AND TO ALL DEDICATORY AND HOA-RELATED DOCUMENTS

Mr. Wilkerson made a motion to table this agenda item. Mr. Moreau seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time: 10:28 a.m. Mr. Ancelot 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. Wilkerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:54 a.m.

STATUS REPORT AND PRESENTATION BY LJA ENGINEERING, INC. OF THE DRAFT TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM RELATING TO THE SABINE RIVER RELIEF DITCH EXTENSION AND EXPANSION PROJECT STUDY

A status report and presentation was made by William Conlan of LJA Engineering, Inc. of the Draft Technical Memorandum relating to the Sabine River Relief Ditch Extension and Expansion Project Study. No action was taken.

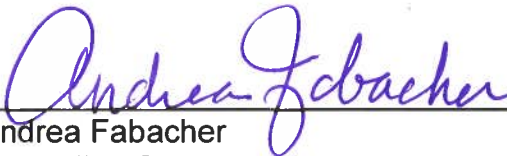
Mr. Moreau left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

BOARD ADJOURNS

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ancelot made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Wilkerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.



James Scales
President



Andrea Fabacher
Recording Secretary