

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

August 18, 2026

The special called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, August 18, 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
James Scales	Director, Precinct No. 3
Matthew LaPray	Director, Precinct No. 4

DIRECTORS BY VIDEO CONFERENCE:

Brent Peveto	Director At-Large
Larry Ancelot, Jr.	Director, Precinct No. 2

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

BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time: 10:02 a.m. Mr. Moreau 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. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Ancelot left the meeting after executive session.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:35 a.m.

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Mr. Ford informed the Board that the proposed budget, as presented, was consistent with the budget reviewed during the workshop, with the addition of a 3% COLA for all employees as recommended by Administrative Staff. Mr. LaPray moved to adopt the Orange County Drainage District Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget, including the 3% COLA, as presented by Administrative Staff. Mr. Moreau seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED TAX RATE, BUT ONLY FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLISHING THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Mr. LaPray made a motion to propose a tax rate of \$0.12925 per \$100 taxable valuation for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Mr. Moreau seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

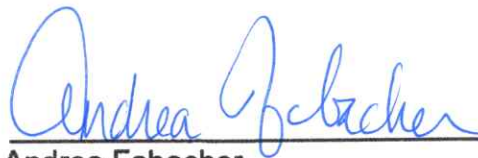
Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the scheduling of a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 2nd at 10:00 a.m. on the proposed tax rate of \$0.12925 per \$100 taxable valuation for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Mr. Moreau seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

BOARD ADJOURNS

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Moreau made the motion to adjourn. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



James Scales
President



Andrea Fabacher
Recording Secretary