

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

September 14, 2026

The special called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 1:00 p.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, Jr.	Director, Precinct No. 2
James Scales	Director, Precinct No. 3
Matthew LaPray	Director, Precinct No. 4

DIRECTORS BY VIDEO CONFERENCE:

Brent Peveto	Director At-Large
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Neal Ford	General Manager
Douglas Manning	Assistant General Manager
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 1:00 p.m. Mr. Manning led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

None

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

Mr. LaPray made a motion to adopt the Orange County Drainage District's Final Budget as presented for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Mr. Moreau seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION, AND ADOPTION OF THE TAX RATE FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR 2026-2027

Mr. Ancelot made a motion to adopt the tax rate of \$0.12925 per \$100 taxable valuation for the tax year 2026-2027. Mr. Moreau seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO AMEND THE DISTRICT'S NOTICE TO PURCHASERS TO REFLECT THE NEWLY ADOPTED PROPERTY TAX RATE. SEE, TEX. WATER CODE §49.452

Mr. LaPray made a motion to approve the District's Notice to Purchasers to reflect the newly adopted property tax rate of \$0.12925 as required by law. Mr. Moreau seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

EVALUATION, RANKING, AND SELECTION OF, AND AWARD TO, A FIRM(S) TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE DISTRICT'S REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS RELATED TO RFQ-2026-02-ENG-MRP-GLO, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL MANAGER OR ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, UPON CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S ATTORNEY, TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SUCH FIRM(S) ON BEHALF OF THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT, FOLLOWING THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 2254.004 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

Following a report by the Assistant General Manager on behalf of the evaluation committee, regarding the evaluation of firms in response to the District's Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services (RFQ-2026-02-ENG-MRP-GLO), Mr. LaPray made a motion to rank the firms based on their submitted statements of qualifications in the following order and to select Freese & Nichols as the most highly qualified firm:

1. Freese & Nichols
2. Leavins Engineering
3. Arceneaux, Wilson and Cole
4. Fittz & Shipman
5. Atser

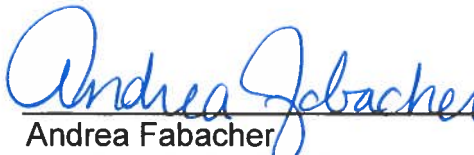
and to authorize the District's General Manager or Assistant General Manager, to negotiate a contract with such firm in accordance with Section 2254.004 of the Texas Government Code, and to execute a contract with Freese & Nichols, on behalf of the Drainage District, subject to the review and approval of the District's Attorney. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

BOARD ADJOURNS

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ancelot made the motion to adjourn. Mr. LaPray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.



James Scales
President



Andrea Fabacher
Recording Secretary

RFQ-2026-02-ENG-MRP-GLO

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

EVALUATION COMMITTEE RANKING OF PROPOSALS:

	NAME	RANKING
A	Leavins Engineering	2
B	Atser	5
C	Freese & Nichols	1
D	Fittz & Shipman	4
E	Arceneaux, Wilson and Cole	3

1 BEING HIGHEST SCORE - 5 BEING LOWEST SCORE