

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF
TRINITY BAY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Wednesday, October 20, 2021
9:00 O'clock A.M.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CHAMBERS

The Board of Directors of Trinity Bay Conservation District met at the offices of the District in Stowell, Texas on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, with the following Directors present:

Scott Kahla	President
Mark Mitchell	Vice-President
Jeff Jenkins	Director
Les Hankamer	Secretary
Gregg Turner	Director

Also present were James Gibson, Barbara Sigut, Danny Pringle, Mike Will, Kate Leverette of Germer and members of the press and community.

Agenda Item 1:

President Kahla called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Agenda Item 2:

The meeting was opened with a prayer by James Gibson.
James Gibson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

Agenda Item 3:

Gloria Romer addressed the board with comments regarding Cypress Point Subdivision and some meter reading issues they are facing in that area, as requested of her by members of that community.

Steve Fitzgerald stated that he had no complaints but made a few suggestions on some things he felt should be done within the district.

Agenda Item 4:

Director Hankamer moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2021, meeting, the August 30, 2021, meeting, the September 1, 2021, meeting, the September 15, 2021, meeting and the September 30, 2021, meeting. Director Mitchell seconded and the motion carried.

Agenda Item 5:

Barbara Sigut presented the district's financial reports, accounts payables and tax reports. Director Jenkins moved and Director Hankamer seconded to accept the reports and the motion carried.

Agenda Item 6:

James Gibson gave an update on the guidance system and the financing of this equipment. At Gibson's request Director Mitchell moved to table this item until more information about financing was available. Director Hankamer seconded, and the motion carried.

Agenda Item 7:

Director Turner moved to approve the Bank Depository Contract with Anahuac National Bank and Director Mitchell seconded, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 8:

Kate Leverette and James Gilley addressed the FIF grant and what it would entail to proceed with the application. Mr. Gilley stated that TBCD does have the funds to cover the bond covenant if the board decided to move forward with this. This loan would have to be repaid from Utility funds revenue. Director Jenkins moved and Director Mitchell seconded the motion to proceed with the application for the FIF grant program.

Agenda Item 9:

Director Hankamer moved to accept the Below Resale offers on three pieces of property in the district. Director Mitchell seconded and the motion carried.

Agenda Item 10:

Wade Thibodeaux of The Hometown Press addressed the Board with a public comment about this agenda item. He stated that he would like to see the Board stick to a regular meeting schedule as approved. He discussed that members of the press and the public find it difficult to attend meetings if they are constantly changing dates. He also stated that the Board can operate with a quorum, in this case three members, so even if all members cannot be present meetings should still be held on the scheduled date. Director Jenkins had requested this item and said that he agreed with Mr. Thibodeaux's statements and asked the board to please consider the schedule for next year and try to stick to it. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 11:

James Gibson discussed a letter TBCD received on a request to recoup funds from FEMA for Hurricane Ike. James stated that he was meeting with FEMA auditors and was hoping to get all audits for this disaster closed out but that we may have to repay some of the funds we received from FEMA. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 12:

Danny Pringle gave an update on work being done in the district by the drainage employees.

Agenda Item 13:

LJA Engineers representatives presented information on the Mayhaw Bayou Watershed study and explained that only a portion of the work for the study has been completed. They asked the Board if they would like them to continue working on this project or shelve it until later. James stated that he would like to meet with Public Management about possible grants for this project that would possibly cover not only the work, but the remainder of the engineering design fees as well. The Board agreed to hold the project pending a that discussion. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 14:

Mike Will gave an update on work being done in the utilities department. He also gave an update on the Hankamer Wastewater Treatment Plant and the American Relief Fund. There is a possibility of around \$850,000 that could be used to help with the HWWTP.

Agenda Item 15:

Mike Will asked the Board to consider a request to terminate water service at 18672 County Line Road. He stated that while we have disconnected one service where both were available in the past he has since discovered that there is a policy stating if both services are available, you must have both. After discussion Director Turner moved and Director Jenkins seconded not to allow the termination of water only service per our policy. The motion carried.

Executive Session

The Board adjourned to Executive session at 10:47 a.m. to discuss the General Manager's contract. The board returned to regular session at 11:51 a.m.

Agenda Item 16:

Director Turner moved to table item 16. Director Mitchell seconded and the motion carried.

Director Mitchell moved to Adjourn, and Director Turner seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 am by President Kahla.

READ AND APPROVED:



Scott Kahla
President

Attest



Les Hankamer, Secretary