

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
TRINITY BAY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Wednesday, April 14, 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, February 24, 2021 with the following Directors present:

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

Also present were Sheri Jenkins, Danny Pringle, Mike Will, James Gibson, Barbara Sigut, David Hoyt, Thomas Bell, Wade Thibodeaux of The Hometown Press, Donnie Self, Sharisa Nelson and Gloria Roemer of The Seabreeze Beacon, Mike McBride, Bobby Way, Kate Leverett of Germer PLLC, Rick Nicely and Michael Jenkins (via zoom).

Agenda Item 1:

President Kahla called the Regular 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:

Under Public Comment the following spoke:  
Wade Thibodeaux spoke about the pipe policy and the differences between the Drainage policy and the Utilities policy. He asked the board to review these policies.  
James Gibson read Tommy Gilbert's statement of resignation.  
President Kahla discussed the public comment policy with all in attendance.

Agenda Item 4:

Director Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of a Regular Meeting held February 24, 2021. The motion was seconded by Director Turner and passed by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5:

Sheri Jenkins presented the Financial Reports for February 2021. Director Turner asked about the Gas and Oil line item and asked if we could change it to fuel and oil to avoid confusion. Mrs. Jenkins said she would work on it. Director Jenkins made a motion to approve the Financial Reports. Director Mitchell seconded the motion and passed by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6:

A-General Manager James Gibson stated that Wayne Nipp would be coming back as a temporary employee to run the dragline on the Spindletop project. Mr. Gibson also commented that another developer has approached us about putting in another subdivision that would overload even the new plant in Hankamer. They will meet again to discuss this developer putting in his own wastewater plant and purchasing water from us. He discussed the growth in the Winnie area as

well. His stated his main concern in Winnie with new subdivisions is the drainage. Mr. Gibson added that credit card terminals had been installed for bill payment and that LNVA will be likely be adding a surcharge on their future bills due to the winter storm.

B-David Hoyt gave an update on the meter change out program that is underway in Smith Point and commended the team of temporary employees for the job they have done. These employees will be moved to a kill meter project next that will help with meter reading efficiency. Mike Will gave an update on the Hankamer Wastewater Plant. The bids all came in over budget. Mr. Will and Mr. Gibson will meet with the engineers to see if any alterations to the plans can be made to help with cost. Mr. Will also discussed the current billing company and issues we are having with them, the answering service and issues with them, the leak adjustment policy is under review and also stated that an insurance claim had been filed as well as a FEMA claim for Winter Storm Uri.

C-Danny Pringle gave an update on the locations of equipment on the drainage side and on crossings that are being replaced. Director Mitchell discussed spraying with helicopters and getting information from Jefferson County on costs. David Hoyt added some information on the equipment at Spindletop and additional information on fuel usage due to equipment being down.

Agenda Item 7:

The board went into Executive Session at 9:37 am and reconvened into Regular Session at 10:01 am. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

Agenda Item 8:

Danny Pringle presented temporary easements for the board's consideration. Discussion was held about continuing to work on temporary easements when we have permanent easements and ditches that we need to maintain and the use of taxpayer money on temporary easements. The matter was tabled.

Agenda Item 9:

Director Turner moved to renew the current Tax Abatement policy. Director Mitchell seconded. The motion carried by unanimous decision.

Agenda Item 10:

After brief discussion on the recommendation by the auditors Director Mitchell moved to increase the capital expenditure amount from \$2,000 to \$5,000. Director Turner seconded and the motion passed by unanimous decision.

Agenda Item 11:

Mr. Gibson gave an update on the legislation filed by Representative Middleton to split TBCD. He stated that a conference call was scheduled, and he would present more information after that call. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 12:

Mr. Gibson explained that he would like the board to allow an exception to the rule regarding water leak adjustments due to the winter storm. The board agreed this should be done. Director Turner moved to allow the exception, Director Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed with all Directors voting in favor.

Agenda Item 13:

Mr. Gibson explained the current rule for the Over 65 Exemption and the changes he would like to make allowing family or caregivers to present proof of age for customers who cannot present themselves. This would be handled on a case by case basis. The motion was made by Director Mitchell and seconded by Director Turner. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 14:

Mr. Gibson discussed the current pipe policy and that it needs to be review and followed. Director Turner stated that we could discuss cost splitting but without question TBCD should be setting the pipe. Discussion was held about easements and cost splitting. Mr. Gibson said he would reach out to DD6 and see what their policy is. Various types of pipe and cost were discussed. The item was tabled until further information can be gathered, and a workshop can be set.

Agenda Item 15:

The payment to IPR was discussed for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Motion was made by Director Turner and seconded by Director Jenkins, passed by unanimous vote.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M. on a motion by Director Jenkins and seconded by Director Turner. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
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Scott Kahla  
President