

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
TRINITY BAY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Wednesday, May 12, 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 Thursday, May 6, 2021 with the following Directors present:

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

Also present were Sheri Jenkins, Mike Will, James Gibson, Barbara Sigut, David Hoyt, Donnie Self, Sharisa Nelson and Gloria Roemer of The Seabreeze Beacon, Bobby Way, Kate Leverett of Germer PLLC, Hazel Meux, Richie Devillier, Danny Pringle, Wade Thibeadeaux of The Hometown Press, Mike McBride, Thomas Bell, Les Hankamer Jr, Darlene McPherson of The Progress, Rick Nicely, Lucas Wilson, Michael Jenkins (via zoom), Broderick Dargin and Steve Fitzgerald.

**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:  
Hazel Meaux addressed the Board in regard to the vacant position and her desire to see the position filled by one of the women that had applied for the position.  
Donnie Self spoke about various issues within the District and gave some input about ways to cut cost.  
Donnie Self asked a question for citizen Nancy Stock that was asked via Facebook.  
Richie Devillier spoke about drainage issues in the District.  
Rick Nicely spoke about flooding and drainage concerns on Devillier Road.

**Agenda Item 4:**

Director Jenkins moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021 and May 6, 2021 meetings.  
Director Mitchell seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 5:**

Sheri Jenkins gave the financial reports. Director Mitchell moved and Director Jenkins seconded to approve the financial reports and the motion carried.

**Agenda Item 6:**

Staff Reports were given by James Gibson, Danny Pringle, Mike Will and David Hoyt. James discussed some issues with AVR and possible solutions. He also discussed the Hankamer Sewer Treatment plant and some new subdivision developments. He also discussed the answering

service and possibly changing providers. Danny discussed the work the drainage department is currently doing. Mike Will gave his report about the plants and a list of things the plants might need for the next budget year. Mike McBride asked about the water loss issue that had been preciously discussed. Riche Devillier commented on the easements for drainage. He discussed easement by prescription. Mark Mitchell spoke about issues he's been dealing with on a particular ditch.

The order of Agenda was changed, and Item 8 was moved before Item 7.

**Agenda Item 8:**

Three gentlemen interested in filling the vacant Precinct 1 position addressed the board and were questioned by the board. Mr. Broderick Dargin, Mr. Les Hankamer Jr and Mr. Lucas Wilson were the interested parties.

**Agenda Item 7:**

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 10:05 am to discuss Personnel matters and consult with legal counsel. The board reconvened to Open Session at 10:40 am. Director Jenkins moved to nominate Lucas Wilson to fill the Director of Precinct 1 position. Director Mitchel seconded and the motion carried with three votes in favor and President Kahla did not need to vote.

**Agenda Item 9:**

President Kahla discussed the security needs of the district because the current state of political and civic unrest in the world. He discussed possibly hiring an off-duty police officer and just getting the thoughts of the board. Ms. McPherson commented on the cc cameras already installed in the building. Discussion was held about the security of the building. This item was tabled.

**Agenda Item 10:**

Retirement insurance was discussed and what our rules for eligibility would be. The Board asked James to see how many people would be interested and report back to them. Item was tabled.

**Agenda Item 11:**

Discussion about replacing a bridge for Lester Hankamer was held. James reminded the board of the policy they currently have in place for bridge construction. Director Jenkins suggested the Board vote to build this bridge but not until a convenient time for the District. Discussion about weight rating, types of bridges and requirements was held. Mr. Hankamer Jr expressed that the Board needs to follow the policy in place. Several members of the audience commented on this item. Director Jenkins moved to build the bridge after hurricane season, according to policy and the motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. The motion carried.

**Agenda Item 12:**

James stated he would like to go out for proposals for aerial spray services. After discussion Director Jenkins moved to go out for proposals, and Director Mitchell seconded. The motion carried.

**Agenda Item 13:**

James recommended the Board approve this subdivision, pending inspection by TBCD staff. Director Turner so moved, and Director Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 14:**

Discussion about cutting expenses and raising the minimum monthly water bill was held. Director Turner commented about the need to stop the leaks in the district and questions were asked by various people in attendance. Discussion about the cost of materials going up and about cutting costs was held. Director Jenkins moved to increase the minimum water bill by \$12.00 with cutting \$20,000 per month in spending. Director Mitchell seconded. Gloria Romer asked for clarification on the numbers as presented with the proposed motion. The motion

carried with unanimous decision. Gloria Romer asked if this was effective immediately and James stated he would have to get back the Board showing his spending cuts.

**Agenda Item 15:**

No action was necessary on this item due to the action on the previous item.

**Agenda Item 16:**

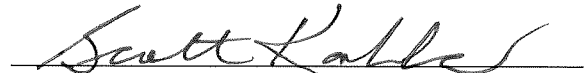
Discussion was held about the need to increase the deposit for water/sewer accounts. Mike Will stated that he would like to review the lock out/cut off policy as far as the timeline goes. He discussed several changes we have made to try and prevent customers from leaving such large final bills owing. Mike suggested this be tabled until further discussion can be had. Item was tabled.

**Agenda Item 17:**

Discussion about impact fees was held and explanations of the process for these fees being implemented were given to the Board. Director Jenkins moved to begin the process and Director Turner seconded. The motion carried.

Director Turner moved to Adjourn and Director Mitchell seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 am by President Kahla.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
Scott Kahla  
President