

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
TRINITY BAY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Wednesday, June 16, 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, Donnie Self, Sharisa Nelson and Gloria Roemer of The Seabreeze Beacon, Kate Leverett of Germer PLLC, Richie Devillier, Wade Thibeadeaux of The Hometown Press, Mike McBride, Thomas Bell, Darlene McPherson of The Progress, Steve & Patty Fitzgerald and BJ Simon of the Economic Development Board.

**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:  
Mike McBride spoke on various topics including Spindletop drainage, saltwater barriers, various drainage and utilities concerns and voiced some concerns about the leadership of the district.  
Richie Devillier spoke about the loan/grant and about flooding concerns throughout the district.  
He also asked about the possibility of a yearly plan for drainage.

**Agenda Item 4:**

Director Mitchell moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting. Director Jenkins 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 by unanimous decision.

**Agenda Item 6:**

James Gibson discussed the Spindletop Bayou grant and reported that he and the grant administrator were working on adjustments for a possible second round of funding. The board agreed to send a letter to the General Land Office and possibly begin a petition to be sent to the same as well. Gloria Roemer of the Seabreeze Beacon stated they would serve as a location to collect signatures for the petition. Kate Leverett said she would begin drafting a letter and working on the petition.

**Agenda Item 7:**

BJ Simon presented the Board with information concerning the site, project, statistics for KORE Power and the possibility of the Board offering a tax abatement to them. There was discussion of the requirements on our system and benefits of offering the abatement in exchange for the revenue and jobs it would create for the people and businesses of our district. Director Jenkins moved and Director Mitchell seconded to send a letter to KORE in consideration of the tax abatement.

**Agenda Item 8:**

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:50 am to discuss Personnel matters and consult with legal counsel. The board reconvened to Open Session at 10:35 am.

**Agenda Item 9:**

No action was taken on this item.

**Agenda Item 10:**

Director Mitchell moved and Director Turner seconded tabling this item. The motion carried.

**Agenda Item 11:**

The Board all received a copy of the updated policy manual for consideration. Mr. Gibson asked them to review the changes and discuss at the next meeting. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 12:**

Mr. Gibson told the Board it was time to renew this contract for disaster recovery assistance and Director Turned stated he would like to get quotes for a possible change in this service. Director Turner moved and Director Mitchell seconded to go out for Request for Proposals for Disaster Recovery. The motion carried by unanimous decision.

**Agenda Item 13:**

James reported to the Board that only one employee has stated he would like to utilize the early retirement program but is still at least a year and half away from wanting it. The Board decided it would reconsider when an employee was ready to take advantage of the program. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 14:**

Thomas Bell gave reports about the current work being done in the drainage department. Director Mitchell discussed some of the issues in the drainage department.

**Agenda Item 15:**

Mr. Steve Fitzgerald addressed the Board with concerns about the saltwater gates and lily growth on his property affecting the drainage in that area. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 16:**

Discussion was held about acquiring a Corp of Engineers permit for work on Spindletop Bayou south of Highway 65. The Board requested James get a cost quote for contracting out the work needing to be done and for James to move forward with requesting the permit. Director Turner moved and Director Mitchell seconded. The motion carried by unanimous decision.

**Agenda Item 17:**

James updated the board on the projects TXDOT and the district would be working on together following a meeting with the Commissioner. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 18:**

Mike Will gave an update on current utilities issues and jobs throughout the district.

**Agenda Item 19:**

Director Turner moved and Director Jenkins seconded renewing the contract with LNVA for raw water. The motion carried by unanimous decision.

**Agenda Item 20:**

After discussion about cutting cost and the motion from the previous meeting it was moved by Director Turner and seconded by Director Mitchell to amend the previous motion to remove the qualification to cut \$20,000 in spending and raise the minimum water bill. Directors Turner, Mitchell and Kahla voted in favor, Director Jenkins abstained. The motion carried.

**Agenda Item 21:**

Discussion was held about extending water lines outside of our District. In a previous resolution the Board voted that all line extensions be done by contractors. Director Mitchell moved and Director Turner seconded to amend the resolution that contractors be used if district employees cannot be used and that all extensions must have Board approval. The motion passed.

**Agenda Item 22:**

Mike Will stated that fire lines are currently being charged a \$25 monthly flat fee however our current resolution does not have this listed and he requested the Board amend Resolution 7.08 to reflect this fee. Director Jenkins moved and Director Turner seconded and the motion carried.

Director Turner moved to Adjourn and Director Mitchell seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:44 am by President Kahla.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
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Scott Kahla  
President