

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF
TRINITY BAY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Wednesday, August 18, 2021
6:00 O'clock P.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, August 18, 2021 with the following Directors present:

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

Also present were James Gibson, Barbara Sigut, Sharisa Nelson and Gloria Roemer of The Seabreeze Beacon, Guy Goodson of Germer PLLC, Wade Thibodeaux of The Hometown Press, Mike McBride, Thomas Bell, David Hoyt, Danny Pringle, Mike Will, Terry Brown of T. Ross Brown and Associates, Richie Devillier and Danny Solenos.

Agenda Item 1:

President Kahla called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 P.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:

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 4:

Director Turner moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021, meeting, July 28, 2021 meeting and August 4, 2021 Budget Workshop. Director Mitchell seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5:

Barbara Sigut gave the financial reports. Director Turner moved and Director Hankamer seconded to approve the financial reports and the motion carried by unanimous decision.

Agenda Item 6:

The Preliminary Budgets for 2021-2022 were discussed and it was moved by Director Mitchell to accept the budgets as presented. A second was made by Director Hankamer. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 7:

James Gibson discussed the Certified Tax Roles for Jefferson & Chambers Counties and presented these to the Board. Director Hankamer moved, and Director Mitchell seconded to approve the Certified Tax Roles and the motion carried.

Agenda Item 8:

James Gibson presented the Preliminary Tax Rate for 2021-2022 as .41837. Director Mitchell moved and Director Hankamer seconded, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 9:

The Public Hearing on the Tax Rate was set for the 15th of September 2021 at 9:00 am prior to the regular meeting. The motion was made by Director Hankamer and seconded by Director Mitchell. The motion carried. After the vote discussion was held about the budget deficit reflected in the current years budget.

Agenda Item 10:

Terry Brown with T. Ross Brown discussed the health insurance package for employees of the district. Discussion was held and Director Mitchell moved, and Director Hankamer seconded to approve TAC Health & Employee Benefits Pool package. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 11:

Danny Pringle gave a drainage report and update on current work in the department. Discussion was held about the jobs taking place in the district.

Agenda Item 12:

Mr. Danny Solenos presented information on a guidance system that utilizes GPS on heavy equipment. After discussion it was decided that more information was needed to make a decision. Director Mitchell moved to table this item and Director Hankamer seconded. The motion to table carried.

Agenda Item 13:

David Hoyt presented bids to the Board for heavy equipment purchases with HGAC Financing. Director Turner stated that he would like our current equipment checked out by an outside source to see if he can help with the issues we are having. Director Turner said he would get the information to David Hoyt. The motion to table this item was made by Director Turner and seconded by Director Mitchell. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 14:

Mike Will presented the board with reports for the utility department. He discussed a leak in a chemical tank at one of the water plants and what is being done to take care of the situation while a permanent solution can be found.

Agenda Item 15:

James Gibson discussed the sewer extension request for Winzer Road. Director Mitchell moved and Director Turner seconded to approve this extension. The motion carried.

Wade Thibodeaux of the Hometown Press presented to the Board that he felt the Tax rate as presented was incorrect. James Gibson stated that he would check with the Tax Assessor Collector and get back to the Board.

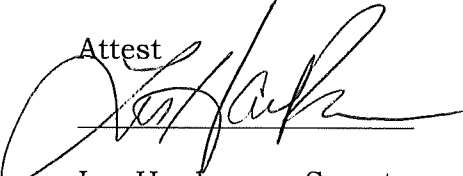
Gloria Romer of the Seabreeze Beacon asked about the last date of acceptance for the tax rate. She stated she would like to see the public hearing for the tax rate be held separately to allow for time for changes if there was public dissention on the proposed tax rate. After lengthy discussion it was decided to add an additional Public Hearing on September 1, 2021, at 9:00 am to allow for extra time for any changes that might be necessary on the tax rate or budget. The motion made on Agenda Item 9 to amend the motion to add an additional tax rate and budget public hearing by Director Hankamer and seconded by Director Mitchell. The motion amendment carried.

Director Turner moved to Adjourn, and Director Mitchell seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm by President Kahla.

READ AND APPROVED:



Scott Kahla
President

Attest


Les Hankamer, Secretary