

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
TRINITY BAY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Wednesday, September 15, 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, September 15, 2021 with the following Directors present:

Mark Mitchell	Vice-President
Jeff Jenkins	Director
Les Hankamer	Director

Also present were James Gibson, Debbie Gary, Danny Pringle, David Hoyt, Mike Will, Guy Goodson, Mike McBride, Gloria Romer of the Seabreeze Beacon, Steve Fitzgerald, Rick Nicely and Wade Thibodeaux.

**A. PUBLIC HEARING**

**Agenda Item 1:**

Vice-President Mitchell called the Public Hearing 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 asked for the Tax Rate information.  
Steve Fitzgerald asked for the average tax rate on a home in Chambers county, he also asked about where the funds would go. Mr. Gibson stated they would go to Drainage.  
Mike McBride asked about the percentage and was told it was minimal.

**Agenda Item 4:**

Director Jenkins moved to adjourn the Public Hearing and Director Hankamer seconded, the motion carried.

**B. Regular Meeting**

**Agenda Item 1:**

Vice-President Mitchell called the Regular meeting to order at 9:04 am.

**Agenda Item 2:**

Steve Fitzgerald stated he thought the district needed to purchase more equipment to help maintain the drainage in the district and that he fully supported the idea.

**Agenda Item 3:**

Director Hankamer moved to table this item, seconded by Director Jenkins, motion carried.

**Agenda Item 4:**

James Gibson gave a brief financial report stating the Barbara Sigut was out with illness and unable to complete the reports. Director Hankamer moved to accept the financial reports and Director Jenkins seconded. The motion carried.

**Agenda Item 5:**

Director Hankamer moved to adopt the General Fund Budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Director Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 6:**

Director Hankamer moved to adopt the Water and Sewer Fund Budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Director Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 7:**

Director Hankamer moved to adopt the tax rate for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Director Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 8:**

James presented the contract renewal letter for Wathen, DeShong & Juncker, LLP for audit services. Director Jenkins moved to renew the contract; Director Hankamer seconded. The motion carried.

**Agenda Item 9:**

James explained that we needed to fill the Secretary position which has been vacant for some time. Director Jenkins nominated Director Hankamer for this position and Director Mitchell seconded. The motion carried and Director Hankamer accepted.

**Agenda Item 10:**

Danny Pringle presented his report on the current work being done in the drainage department. James added that we have been working with TXDOT on drainage issues and are making progress.

**Agenda Item 11:**

James Gibson asked the board to table this item as there was still discussion going on with Mr. Touchet. Director Hankamer moved, and Director Jenkins seconded. The motion carried. Mr. Fitzgerald stated we already have this permission and James said we needed to find it in the minutes. Danny asked for a year so he could locate this in the past minutes.

**Agenda Item 12:**

James and David presented the equipment bids and stated he needed to go back for additional quotes. Director Hankamer moved to table this item and Director Jenkins seconded. The motion carried.

**Agenda Item 13:**

Mike Will gave the board a report on current activity in the utilities department. Stated he would have more information on the leaking caustic tank. The Hankamer Wastewater Plant bids came in over cost and they are currently reviewing options. More discussion was held about the sewer plant.

**Agenda Item 14:**

James asked that this be tabled due to PUC not being completed at this time. Director Hankamer so moved, and Director Jenkins seconded. The motion carried.

**Agenda Item 15:**

Mike Will presented his annual list of projects that are needed for the water and sewer department. This list was compiled as it has been annually by importance and listed with costs.

The total cost of this list is a little over \$6 million dollars. The caustic tank is top of the list and the plant repairs from the freeze. Other items were discussed. Director Mitchell asked about possible grant money. He also mentioned the resolution that drainage money cannot be transferred to utilities. This was discussed as a possible option. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 16:**

James asked that the retainage for PLACO be released and paid. The amount of this retainage from the ground storage tank project was \$22,642.25. Director Hankamer moved to release and pay this retainage and Director Jenkins seconded. The motion carried.

**Agenda Item 17:**


James asked that the retainage for IPR Southcentral LLC for the 2020 sanitary sewer rehabilitation project. Director Hankamer moved, and Director Jenkins seconded. The motion carried.

James stated that he wanted to acknowledge the service of Dorothy Hamilton and her dedication to the district.

Director Hankamer moved to Adjourn, and Director Jenkins seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 am by Vice-President Mitchell.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
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Scott Kahla  
President

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Les Hankamer, Secretary