

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF
TRINITY BAY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Wednesday, May 11, 2022
8:30 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, April 20, 2022, with the following Directors present:

Lester Hankamer, Jr.	Secretary
Gregg Turner	Director
Richard Nicely	Director

Also present were Jerry Shadden, David Hoyt, Crystal Threadgill, Mike Will and Danny Pringle, District Employees; Guy Goodson of Germer, District Counsel; Also present were Robert Bass of Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP (via zoom), Gloria Roemer and Sharisa Nelson of The Seabreeze Beacon, Wade Thibodeaux of the Hometown Press, Rachel Hisler, and Brad Moon.

Absent were President, Scott Kahla and Director position for Precinct 3 which remains vacant.

A. PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda Item 1:

Secretary, Hankamer called the Public Hearing to order at 8:30 A.M.

Agenda Item 2:

The meeting was opened with a prayer by General Manager, Jerry Shadden. Secretary Hankamer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

Agenda Item 3:

Mike Bass of Allison, Bass and McGee, L.L.P. discussed existing boundaries and options for redistricting. He discussed and presented 3 plans (Plan A, B and C) for consideration and approval and suggested that Plan C was the best option for redistricting.

Secretary Hankamer asked if Plan C was the one that would get us to the closest deviation for our 10 year period and Bass concurred.

General Manager, Jerry Shadden asked Bass to explain what the process would be after approving a plan, where it goes and if we are still on schedule to have everything approved in time for the November election.

Bass concurred and said once the Board approves a plan, he provides all the maps to Heather Hawthorne, Election Administrator at Chambers County. Chambers County then takes the boundaries and inputs them into their programs to see where the people that have been affected by the changes are and that goes on the registration cards to be reissued to the residents that will be voting in a different Trinity Bay Conservation District, the approved map is also provided to the Secretary of State's office which will do the same thing and they will amend their poll list accordingly.

Director Turner asked if there was a change to District 4 and Bass stated that there was no need to address District 4 because it was 10 people below population and you only make changes that you have to make and you leave the lines as close as you can to the original boundaries and you try to keep the lines as straight as possible.

Director Turner stated that Precinct 4 and 5 are mostly farmland and that that is why they are larger and other precincts are smaller and more heavily populated.

Bass stated that more people that are in an area the smaller the geographical area of that district where people are less dense, farmland, ranch land, swamp land, etc. they are bigger geographically. The whole concept of proportional representation, meaning each District have roughly the same population.

Agenda Item 4:

Director Tuner moved to adjourn the Public Hearing and Director Nicely seconded. The motion carried and the hearing was adjourned at 8:59 a.m

B. Regular Meeting

Agenda Item 1:

Secretary Hankamer called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Agenda Item 2:

Under public comment

Gloria Roemer asked what is Trinity Bay Conservation District afraid of and what are they hiding? 8 years Jerry Shadden was the General Manager and financial reports were made available at the meetings, so what has happened since Jerry Shadden has returned, that she now has to file a FOIA request and pay to get these same reports? She stated that there is no accountability and there is no transparency and that Trinity Bay is making matters worse. Why do we now have a Law Enforcement Officer present and what is it costing the taxpayers? Is the officer here to protect Trinity Bay from her or her from Trinity Bay and in what instance is it justified to have a law enforcement officer present at a board meeting?

Rachel Hisler stated that on the Agenda it states that Public Hearing would start at 9:00 a.m. and Director Hankamer stated that the Agenda stated 8:30 a.m. and she questioned that under item 3 the body of the paragraph stated 9:00 a.m. Director Hankamer clarified that that was regarding the Regular Meeting and not the Public Hearing.

Agenda Item 3:

Director Turner made a motion to adopt Plan C of Allison Bass and Magee, LLP's plan for redistricting of the Board of Directors Districts. Director Nicely seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item 4:

Director Turner made a motion to approve minutes the Regular Meeting held April 13, 2022 and a Special Meeting held April 20, 2022. Director Nicely seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item 5:

Director Turner made a motion to approve Financial Reports for April 30, 2022. Director Nicely seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item 6:

Director Turner made a motion to approve Tax Reports for Chambers and Jefferson County. Director Nicely seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item 7:

A Motion was made by Director Turner to review and consider approval of Accounts Payable. Director Nicely seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item 8:

Director Turner made a motion to approve sewer line extension at the following locations:

- 7139 FM 563 extend 1,140 feet of 3" sewer line
- 24848 Hwy 73 extend 660 feet of 3" sewer line
- 24610 Hwy 73 extend 2,040 feet of 3" sewer line and install a duplex pump station

Director Nicely seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 9:

Director Turner made a Motion to lease 2 PC 240 Tackhoes from Komatsu at 3.75% interest for 60 months subject to Komatsu sending the debt service schedule and once the paperwork is ready the President, Scott Kahla and Secretary, Les Hankamer will sign the lease. Motion was seconded by Director Nicely and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 10:

General Manager, Jerry Shadden stated that outside counsel, Dallas Barrington, had nothing to report at this time regarding an audit and investigation of personnel affairs and therefore there is no need to go into Executive Session.

II. DRAINAGE

Danny Pringle presented the drainage report on various areas of the District

III. UTILITY

Mike Will presented the Water and Wastewater report for the District

IV. REPORTS

V. Executive Session:

There was no Executive Session

VI. ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken as the Executive Session did not take place.

VII. ADJOURN

Director Tuner moved to Adjourn, and Director Nicely seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 A.M. by Director Hankamer.

READ AND APPROVED:



Scott Kahla
President

Attest


Les Hankamer, Secretary

Date: 5-25-22