

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF
TRINITY BAY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Wednesday, May 25, 2022
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, April 20, 2022, with the following Directors present:

Scott Kahla	President
Lester Hankamer, Jr.	Secretary
Gregg Turner	Director
Victor Caraway	Director

Also present were Jerry Shadden, Mike Will, Crystal Threadgill District Employees; Kate Leverett of Germer, District Counsel; Also present were Gloria Roemer of The Seabreeze Beacon, Wade Thibodeaux of the Hometown Press, Dallas Barrington, Donnie Self and hazel Meaux

Agenda Item 1:

President Kahla called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Agenda Item 2:

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Jerry Shadden.

Director Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

Agenda Item 3:

Donnie Self addressed the Board and stated in the last few weeks it has come up a lot, things to do with transparency, the amounts paid, the things that have happened in the past, different things, and as messed up as Chambers County is, you go look at one of their agendas when they are going to pay for something, when they are going to spend a dollar, it is on the agenda. It is not something all cut and *(in audible)*, it is not we are going to do this, it is on the agenda, the exact amount. That and when it comes to the various different things you all have done, like paying Jerry's legal fees, we know now that you all have spent at least \$10,000.00, are you going to reimburse him for the other \$10,000.00? That should have been on paper, there should not be anything where you are paying for a citizen who committed 17 to 18 felonies, and that is per the D.A., that is not me. You know I watch a lot of CSI, but I am not a Judge., that is per the D.A. To pay legal fees for something they literally done.

And then we come back last meeting before I may be wrong and correct me Mr. Turner you said that when they wanted to look into what went on when Mr. Gibson *(in audible)*, you said yes, absolutely, we should look into, I'm trying to think of the word you used and I can't, we should look into what happened while James Gibson was here. I agree with you 100%. I can tell you what happened while James Gibson was here, nothing. Absolutely. But with that said, I have no problem, you should do it. My question is, when we fired Jerry, well not we, when Jerry was fired, why were you against looking into him? You were 100% against investigating what went on before he got here. So, I thought about this a lot, you look at this Board, I know Mr. Nicely is not here so I hate to say his name, but I will. In this instance when one of the meetings when you were in closed session, when they were talking about firing Jerry, Mr. Nicely calls up "please don't fire Jerry, he is a great guy". At the end of that phone call, if you listen to it, he says this, "thank you Mr. Jerry for cleaning that ditch for me, it looks really good, I appreciate it". Mr. Hankamer first time I ever saw him, I had never really spoken to him that I know of, come in here and sat right down here, stood up and wanted a bridge built. According to some people in Anahuac, he had the nicest bridge around. Now granted, I get local jealousy and stuff, that happens. So, I went back and per you Mr. Hankamer, if I get elected, I am willing to look at everything including misinformation and disinformation, you said I am all about transparency. There has been no transparency, none. Mark Mitchell ran on the same thing. I am being told around town he is now your head of spraying, that is a hot subject. Do not know, rumors get around a small town. But I can tell you this about Mark, we were fed a bunch of lies by Mark Mitchell to get his vote. He was going to do what was best for the people, but now we are seeing what is really happening. You all are lacking, I come up here, I blast you all, I have said negative things about you all, you know, I am not going to lie. I still say them. Every time I watch one of these meetings, I say it. Because it is the same thing. I don't know Victor, I have low expectations because it seems like with the election stuff that was kind of Jerry managing to fit his house in, not saying it was, just that's what it seems like. But, you know, I wish Mr. Caraway the best and hope you represent the people better than the 4 people that we have right now. The

only thing I ask is please, if you don't do nothing else, be honest and be transparent. You want to be corrupt and cover up, cover up but be honest about it. Tell us what you are spending our tax dollars on.

President Kahla – Thank you Donnie.

Hazel Meaux – I am sorry I arrived late, but I have something to say.

President Kahla – Well you need to be here on time.

Hazel Meaux – I am sorry?

President Kahla – You need to be here on time. Go ahead.

Hazel Meaux asks, have you ever had a child come home from school and you go hey, how was your day? How did your test go? And your kid just walks right past you ignoring you. And your first thought is, you know, that is rude, I did not raise my kid that way. The kid is punching your button to show you he can control you and he does not have to listen to you. He does not care about you. He does not care to listen to you or hear what you say. He will not even acknowledge your presence. That is not the kid you raised. That is not the community we live in. That is disrespectful. Then the next thing you know, you go out for dinner with your family to celebrate a birthday and you all sit there on your phones. The little kids are playing games. Your checking your email, this that and the other. And then you wake up one morning and you go what happened, why is my family so dysfunctional? How did we get this way? That is what is happening to Trinity Bay, and it is only going to get worse, if you refuse to let people have public comments, thank you.

President Kahla – Thank you Hazel.

Agenda Item 4:

A Motion to Approve the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held May 11, 2022 was made by Director Turner. Director Hankamer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5:

Kate Leverett, District Counsel, swore in newly appointed Board Member, Victor Carraway as Director for Precinct 3.

Executive Session:

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 9:11 A.M. to discuss Agenda Item #10.

The Board returned to the Special Session at 9:46 A.M.

Actions on items discussed in Executive Session:

No action was taken after Executive Session for Agenda Item 10.

Agenda Item 6:

After a discussion and questions answered regarding the contract by General Manager Shadden, Director Turner made a motion to award a Management Contract to Traylor & Associates, Inc. for administrative services in conjunction with the submittal of an application for funding through 2022 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for DR-445 Covid-19 Pandemic to provide application preparation, and project-related management services. Director Hankamer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 7:

After a discussion, Director Turner made a motion to award an Engineering Contract to LJA Engineering for engineering services in conjunction with the submittal of an application for funding through 2022 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for DR-445 Covid-19 Pandemic to provide application preparation, and project implementation. Director Hankamer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 8:

Director Turner made a motion to accept a bid from King Solution Services, LLC for Sewer Line Rehabilitation on 2nd street between Broadway and Elm Street in Winnie at a cost of \$23,880.00. Director Hankamer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

Agenda Item 9:

Kate Leverett, District Counsel, corrected the typo in the Agenda, stating that Resolution 22-05 is actually 22-06. And that the previous policy in place would be rescinded and replaced with this one as it complies with section 551.007 of the Government code. Stating that a Governmental body may adopt reasonable rules to regulate public comment in a public meeting in order to make the meetings run smooth.

Director Hankamer made a motion to Adopt Resolution 22-06 Public Comment and Recording of Board Meetings Policy and Procedures. The motion was seconded by Director Turner and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 10:

No action was taken to consider providing outside counsel and authorization to proceed with audit and investigation of personnel affairs

Director Turner moved to Adjourn, and President Kahala seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 A.M. by President Kahla.

READ AND APPROVED:



Scott Kahla
President

Attest



Les Hankamer, Secretary

Date: 6-14-22