

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
TRINITY BAY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Wednesday, February 09, 2022  
09:00 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, February 09, 2022 with the following Directors present:

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

No member was absent.

Also present were Mike Will, Alejandra Ruiz, David Hoyt, District Employees; Kate Leverett, District Counsel; WW York, Steve Fitzgerald, Larry Barron, Tim Nash, Chico Martinez, Wes Bertrand, Lanny McIlvain, Leroy Ezer, Richie Devillier, Rick Nicely, Tommy Gilbert, Mark Huddleston & Gloria Roemer of the Seabreeze Beacon

**Agenda Item 1:**

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

**Agenda Item 2:**

The meeting opened with a prayer by Mike Will.

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

**Agenda Item 3:**

Under Public Comment:

Larry Barron of Trade Days is advocating for getting things done. He thinks TBCD is a great organization and has done great things for this county. He is 100% behind bringing Jerry Shadden back. He feels he can do the best possible job. He also appreciates all the changes that have been made.

Tim Nash has worked with TBCD for almost 39 years and since Mr. Shadden left, he states TBCD has regressed with spending money on repairs. Jerry Shadden kept the equipment going not wasting money.

Chico Martinez has worked with TBCD for almost 9 years. He stated Jerry Shadden is a good man and he gets the money that is needed and put it back into the system to provide what the District, employees and County needs.

Wes Bertrand has lived in Winnie his entire life. He is sick and tired of hearing the "bull crap" in the newspapers and other people. He states that Jerry Shadden has been investigated and they have not found anything on him and that the newspapers seem to "know more" than those that investigated Mr. Shadden.

Lanny McIlvain stated that the record speaks for itself while Jerry Shadden was here previously. He asked how it would have been if he had full support of the entire Board. He stated that it's up to the Board to support the General Manager. He also stated that the right District Counsel to protect them.

Leroy Ezer stated he has been dealing with TBCD since 1961. He said that the employees had high morale and after Jerry Shadden left, moral went down. He praised Jerry Shadden for the work that was done after Hurricane Ike and that Jerry Shadden deserves to be brought back.

Richie Devillier states that he is along the lines with everything has been previously stated. He has seen what Jerry Shadden has done and the battles that were fought while he was here previously. A lot of opportunities we missed out while Jerry Shadden was gone. He will support him if he is hired back.

Steve Fitzgerald states their livelihoods depend on drainage. He commended on the repairs done after Hurricane Ike. He would like to see Jerry Shadden be brought back.

Mark Huddleston stated that what the Board of Directors and Jerry Shadden need are grants in conjunction with other entities. You cannot do it by yourself. He supports the idea of bringing Jerry Shadden back.

Lanny McIlvain stated that the District should hire a grant writer and share the salary with Chambers County. Their sole purpose would be supporting our County's drainage.

The Regular Meeting closed and convened into Executive Session at 9:11 A.M.

Executive Session closed at 9:53 A.M. and reconvened into Open Session.

**Items under Executive Session:**

Director Turner made a motion to offer the position of General Manager to the person they felt was the most qualified and could do the most for the District, which would be Jerry Shadden. Director Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote.

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

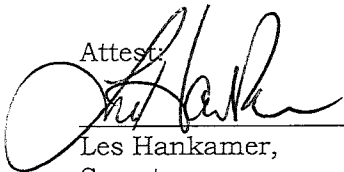
READ AND APPROVED:



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Scott Kahla  
President

Date: 3-16-22

Attest:



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Les Hankamer,  
Secretary