

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF
TRINITY BAY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Wednesday, February 16, 2022
12:00 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, February 16, 2022, with the following Directors present:

Scott Kahla	President
Mark Mitchell	Vice-President
Lester Hankamer, Jr.	Secretary
Gregg Turner	Director
Jeffrey Jenkins	Director

Also present were Diane Newsome, Debbie Gary, Amos Roy, Danny Pringle, Mike Will, Alejandra Ruiz, David Hoyt, District Employees; Kate Leverett of Germer, District Counsel; Also present were Steve Fitzgerald, Sharisa Nelson of The Seabreeze Beacon, Wade Thibodeaux of the Hometown Press, Rick Nicely, Larry Barron of Trade Days, Richie Devillier, Jerry Shadden, Keith Jannise and Gloria Roemer

No member was absent.

Agenda Item 1:

President Kahla called the Meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Agenda Item 2:

The meeting was 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:

Keith Jannise stated it was a great move to have Jerry Shadden back.

Larry Barron states that the bottom line is that we all want good things for our County. Jerry Shadden can help put money in the right places and do it correctly.

Steve Fitzgerald stated that he wanted to say the same as the previous 2 speakers. He stated to carry on the good work this year.

Executive Session

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 12:04 P.M. to discuss the General Manager's contract between the District and Jerry Shadden.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 12:44 P.M.

Director Jenkins left the Board Meeting.

Agenda Item 22:

Director Hankamer made a motion to enter a contract for General Manager's position with Jerry Shadden effective 02-22-22. Director Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4:

Director Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of a Regular Meeting held January 12, 2022. Director Hankamer seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5:

Director Turner made a motion to amend the minutes from the Regular Meeting held December 15, 2021, Agenda Item 4, to remove "Director Hamilton" and correct it to "Director Hankamer". Director Hankamer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6, Agenda Item 7 & Agenda Item 8:

Financial Reports, Tax Reports and Accounts Payable were not available. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 9:

David Hoyt presented information on Blakeman & Associates. Director Turner made a motion to sign a contract with Blakeman & Associates. Director Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 10:

David Hoyt presented information on Crowder Gulf. Director Turner made a motion to renew the contract with Crowder Gulf for Disaster Debris Removal. The motion was seconded by Director Hankamer and it passed by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 11:

After a discussion, Director Mitchell made a motion to purchase 2 trucks for the Drainage Department and one truck for the Utilities Department based off the information provided by David Hoyt. The motion was seconded by Director Hankamer and passed by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 12:

After a discussion on contracting LJA Engineering to size culverts under Highway 124, south of Fig Ridge Road, no action was taken. The Board of Directors would like to see the cost of sizing the culverts by LJA Engineering.

Agenda Item 13:

After a discussion on maintaining State ditches that are on the properties of Joey Pelham and Kye Naquin, no action was taken. Director Turner commented that if the property owners give us a Permanent Easement, we will clean and maintain the ditches.

Agenda Item 14

After a discussion on contracting LJA Engineering to acquire a permit to clean out Spindletop Bayou, south of Hwy 65, no action was taken pending more information on how long the permit is valid.

Agenda Item 15:

David Hoyt presented information on participating with Spindletop Farms in pertaining to repairs to the Winnie Ditch Project and Spindletop Reservoir. After a discussion, Director Mitchell made a motion to participate in the repairs. The motion was seconded by Director Turner and it passed by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 16:

Mike Will gave an update on the proposed Capital Improvement Plan. He stated that the previous administrator told LJA Engineering where to do that study, but it was not the only area that needed to be studied. We asked LJA Engineering for a cost to do the study at the other areas we needed, and it would be an additional cost of \$52,000.00 for both sides of the District. No action needed as this was only an update.

Agenda Item 17:

Mike Will reported that 2 ½ to 3 feet of dirt needs to be brought in to build up the construction site of the Hankamer Wastewater Treatment Plant. The cost to do the work would be \$19,834.00 as quoted by LJA Engineering. Director Hankamer made a motion to approve the Change Order for the Hankamer Wastewater Treatment Plant. Director Turner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 18:

After a discussion, Director Turner made a motion to revise Resolution 21-09 to pass on to the customer the cost of the engineering for state Right of Way Permits. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell and it passed by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 19:

After a presentation by Mike Will on employee Vacation Benefits, no action was taken at this time. More information will be provided and will determine how to proceed.

Agenda Item 20:

Director Hankamer made a motion to revise Resolution 07-04, Section 1, for Sick Leave requiring a physician's release from 4 consecutive calendar days and change it to 3 consecutive calendar days. The motion was seconded by Director Turner and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 21:

David Hoyt stated we are having issues with the information being posted to the website because the changes must be made by their employees in India. They require 48 hours' notice to post to the website. Gregg Turner stated to wait until the new General Manager comes in to get this issue resolved. No action taken.

Drainage Report:

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


Utilities Report:

Mike Will had nothing to report on Water & Sewer or Plant issues.

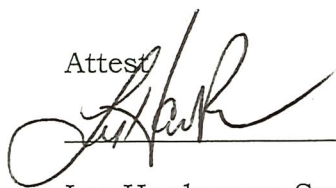
Before the meeting adjourned, Gloria Roemer asked for clarifications on the hiring of a General Manager. She wanted to clarify that the search was not beyond Winnie, Stowell, Anahuac Beaumont and Baytown. She wanted to know what is expected to be different by a General Manager that was let go a year and half ago. President Kahla stated that it will be different because he will have a supportive Board behind him.

Director Turner moved to Adjourn, and Director Mitchell seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 P.M. by President Kahla.

READ AND APPROVED:



Scott Kahla
President

Attest


Les Hankamer, Secretary

Date: 3-16-22