

REGULAR MEETING
OF
TRINITY BAY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Monday, August 17, 2026
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 Monday, August 17, 2026, with the following Directors present:

Victor Caraway	President
Rick Nicely	Vice-President
Les Hankamer	Secretary
Annette Rayburn	Director
Justin Woody	Director

Also present were Jerry Shadden, Daine Newsome, Amos Roy, Manuel Mendoza, Jr., District employees, also present was Kate Leverett of Germer PPLC, District Counsel, and Josh Kahla - Chambers County Constable and Gloria Way of the Seabreeze Beacon and Cody Crowley of PJA Engineering.

Agenda Item 1:

President Caraway called the Public Hearing to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 2:

The meeting was opened with a prayer by General Manager Shadden, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

Agenda Item 3:

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

Agenda Item 4:

APPROVE MINTUES

Director Woody made a Motion to approve the minutes of a Regular Meeting held July 31, 2026. The motion was seconded by Vice President Nicely and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5:

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Vice President Nicely made a Motion to approve the Financial Reports for July 31, 2026. The motion was seconded by Director Woody and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6:

TAX REPORTS

Secretary Hankamer made a Motion to approve the Tax Reports for July 31, 2026. The motion was seconded by Vice President Nicely and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Director Woody made a Motion to approve Accounts Payable. The motion was seconded by Secretary Hankamer and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8:

AUTHORIZATION OF A FORCE MAIN ACCEPTANCE & MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

General Manager Shadden – Yes sir, this is a new Stuckey's out on I-10 and 1406. The latest is we required them to put a new 4" sewer force main in, and it was supposed to be SDR 26, which it was SDR 26, but the ASTM was not correct. So instead of 150 pounds of working pressure, it has about 60 pounds of working pressure. But the line is already in. It has been tested with 56 pounds, which is our normal water pressure. And this force main goes from the station and dumps into the manhole. So, it's not going to have any back pressure on it to where it'll have 80 or 90 pounds on it at any time. Looking at it with the engineers and stuff, we feel like even though it was put in with the wrong ASTM, that it would still function properly. And we also did an execution with Kate, that way, if the thing ever breaks or anything ever goes wrong, they will repair it and pay for it. Otherwise, they would have to relay.

Secretary Hankamer – How long was one?

General Manager Shadden - I would say 2600 feet, a four inch.

Secretary Hankamer – So, there's no chance that somebody else buildings up there.

General Manager Shadden - No, it comes from the back and down the drainage.

Water Superintendent Mendoza - And in fact, we're not transferring over to existing residents on it. It'll just be a there's two there, a dedicated line.

General Manager Shadden - So, that'll be there, as I said, it'll be a dedicated line.

Director Woody - So, but there's an agreement that if it ever ruptures, then it's on them to fix and repair.

Kate Leverett, District Counsel – Yes, and if there's a TCEQ violation, it's on them.

Director Woody – Okay.

Vice President Nicely – That was the only question...

Director Woody - So they're looking for a variant approval on the variance?

General Manager Shadden - So they met part of it. They didn't SBR 26, but anyway, it should have clearer language in there to say it had 150 pound working pressure results.

Vice President Nicely - With all the protections we've got and all, I'm going to go ahead and make a motion.

Vice President Nicely made a Motion to approve and authorize the execution of a force main acceptance and maintenance agreement with Shujat Holding Company, LLC. The motion was seconded by Director Woody, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 9:

RESOLUTION 26-03 – TBCD'S WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

General Manager Shadden – It is still with the Texas Water Development Board, and we're still waiting on comments, so we'll table it again until they send us back their comments.

President Caraway - Alright.

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Agenda Item 10:

RESOLUTION 26-05 CERTIFIED TAX VALUE FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

General Manager Shadden - We have not received the certified tax, so we're going to have to table this one for the next time.

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Agenda Item 11:

RESOLUTION 26-06 CERTIFIED TAX VALUE FOR CHAMBERS COUNTY

General Manager Shadden - Yes, sir, we received the certified tax value of \$1,569,484, 434. So anyway, believe it or not, the values went down a little bit. But these are, this is the certified

Secretary Hankamer made a Motion to approve Resolution 26-06 adopting the certified tax value for Chambers County. The motion was seconded by Vice President Nicely and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 12:

SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2026, FOR THE PROPOSED 2026-2027 TAX RATE

General Manager Shadden - That would be before our regular meeting next month. We'll have a public hearing.

Director woody – So, we're going from .29 to .30?

General Manger Shadden - Yes, sir. Again, this is the truth in taxation worksheet. So, what they do is they take the average cost of the Homestead and all this and the county calculates this in and it shows that last year our tax rate was 0.29113, this year our tax rate will be 0.305579. If you remember last year the values went up so much that we had to lower our tax rate. Our tax rate flows with whatever the certified tax rate is.

President Caraway - The last two years we've gotten less cash value each year out of that tax rate. Do we know what our....

General Manager Shadden - About \$60,000 is what we're picking up this year

President Caraway – More, so it's about as far as dollar wise, it's about the same.

General Manager Shadden – Yes sir.

President Caraway – Perfect.

Director Woody - So we need to set the date for this.

General Manger Shadden – Yes sir.

Director Woody made a Motion to approve setting September 9, 2026, as the hearing date for the proposed 2026-2027 tax rate. The motion was seconded by Secretary Hankamer, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 13:

RENEW CONTRACT WITH WATHEN, DESHONG & JUNKER, LLP FOR THE 2026 AUDIT SERVICES

General Manager Shadden – Yes, sir. They usually come in around September and start doing a trace and then they'll come back at the end of the year for our end of the year audit. Last year our audit was around \$41,715.00. This year it looks like it's going to be they went up a little bit to \$46,350.00. But they've done, seem like they've done a pretty good job for us.

Secretary Hankamer made a Motion to approve renewing the contract with Wathen, DeShong & Junker, LLP, for 2026 audit services. The motion was seconded by Vice President Nicely, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 14:

RENEWING TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES HEALTH & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL FOR 2026-2027

General Manager Shadden – Our actual insurance went up 7%. They actually lost money on this last year. We contributed \$282,000.00 and our we drew \$300,000.00 from it, so they actually lost money on us. But it's going up 7% this year.

Director Woody - Seven or eight and a half?

General Manager Shadden - It's about the same.

Director Woody – It says eight and half right here at the bottom.

General Manger Shadden - But then, like I said, that's full employment.

Director Woody made a Motion to approve renewing the contract with Texas Association of Counties Health & Benefits Pool for 2026-2027 health insurance premiums. The motion was seconded by Secretary Hankamer, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 15:

RENEWING GENERAL INSURANCE WITH ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT

General Manager Shadden – Yes Sir, this is our insurance on our all our equipment and buildings and everything else. I haven't received back how much it's going to cost this year. I know it's going to go up a little bit. Here a couple of years ago we changed it to where you must have an engineer certify the value of the plants and so on and so forth. So, we went through it and we just picked up the equipment and stuff like that and didn't insure the concrete or the whole place. We just, so anyway, the mechanical stuff. So, I haven't received a renewal. We've done all the renewal, but I haven't got the final number yet. So, if you'd like to table it for the next meeting, it seems like it's going to be about \$400,000.

Vice President Nicely – About the same.

General Manger Shadden - About the same. I know that we had LJA look at the plants and stuff. So, I think he raised the value up like 5%. Just across the board because everything's worth more now, so he went up about 5%.

Vice President Nicely – When do you need approval?

General Manager Shadden – By September, so we can do it at the next meeting.

Vice President Nicely – Next meeting would be okay?

General Manger Shadden – Yes, I am jumping the gun, I was hoping to have the numbers in by now, but I haven't received it.

Director Woody – Is that list up to date? The last was 2018 for all the...

General Manger Shadden - I put a list in there of all of the equipment, that way it shows you from the new stuff all the way down to 20, I'm not sure exactly what you're looking at.

Director Woody - I think I'm one right, 15, right? I was just looking at all the insured facilities.

The last update, it looks like, or the last, it was 2018 was the last, anything was added so I was making sure it is up to date.

General Manager Shadden - The equipment and stuff is pretty fluid as it goes back and forth.

Secretary Hankamer - Is Hankamer Sewer Plant in here?

General Manager Shadden - Yes, we insured it for almost \$3 million.

Secretary Hankamer - I'm just saying it's not on this list.

General Manager Shadden - Yes, it is. Everything's in there. I haven't looked at your list that Crystal put in there, but everything is in there that we have.

Director Woody - Yeah, no, I was just, I mean, I knew that's what I was asking about. The last thing on there was 2018 _____ insured.

General Manager Shadden - Yeah, in fact, they dropped this one time because it hadn't been renewed, updated and everything and this is when they came in and said, hey, look, you must have a professional engineer give the values on it. And our values went up so much that some of them had to go find other people to insure us. They have jumped for a few years.

Secretary Hankamer - We are tabling this until next month.

Director Woody - Yeah, I mean, I was just asking about this.

General Manager Shadden - Last year we had LJ look at it and then this year I sent it back to them to update it.

President Caraway - All right, we'll table item 15 till next month.

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Agenda Item 16:

ADOPTING RATES FOR THE 2026-2027 TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN (TCDRS)

General Manager Shadden - Yes, Sir, nothing's changed on this except we're 91.6% funding now, which is very, very good. We're 91.6% funded, we're still at 7% two to one and nothing else will really change.

Secretary Hankamer made a Motion to approve renewing rates for the 2026-2027 Texas County & District Retirement System Plan (TCDRS). The motion was seconded by Director Woody and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 17:

RENEWING REGROUP NOTIFICATION SYSTEM AT A COST OF \$5,218.05 FOR 755 SUBSCRIBERS

General Manager Shadden - Yes sir we're up to 755 subscribers. We still push it. I think at the hurricane conference here like two months ago, I gave everybody our website to where they can sign up. This weekend I'm sure you all got the notices about the water leak in Oak Island. So, Diane and Crystal have been doing a good job. They've been putting it on regroup and they've been putting everything on Facebook, trying to keep everybody informed of what's going on.

Vice President Nicely - So how many more outstanding customers have not signed up?

General Manager Shadden - 755 customers have signed up and all together we have about 5,000 houses.

President Caraway - Yeah, we're about 12-14% of customers signed up which is poor but you can't make them, so we're doing the best we can.

General Manager Shadden - Yes sir.

Vice President Nicely - Of the 755 that are getting notified, are we getting any feedback from those folks?

General Manager Shadden - I've had people thank us for or letting them know what's going on and that way they know whether they have a boil water notice or whatever. Usually, the people that do have a problem, when they call, they sign up. So, they just didn't know about it or whatever. We've advertised it in the paper, our website, and I push it everywhere we go.

Vice President Nicely - And a notice went out with their bills.

General Manager Shadden - Oh, yeah. We put it in the notice in the billing and everything else trying to get people to sign up.

Project Manager, Diane Newsome - And I give it to all new customers.

General Manager Shadden - And it doesn't go to everyone. It's actually Diane that sends it out when they call, they'll say it's from this road to this road to this road. Then she will put it in regroup just in that area. It won't be countywide or where everybody's like, hey, there's a water problem. It's just so that they've got it down where it's pretty close to where it's actually at.

Vice President Nicely - Yeah, the only way I knew that there was a problem down Smith Point was the e-mail.

General Manager Shadden - Right.

Vice President Nicely - Whenever I went to check my e-mail for the agenda and stuff, I was not notified, so I was not bothered by this because I wasn't involved.

General Manager Shadden - Right.

Vice President Nicely - And that's perfect.

General Manager Shadden - I think it's worth it myself.

Vice President Nicely - I do too.

Secretary Hankamer - It costs us about seven bucks for the 755.

President Caraway - Yeah, I mean, I wish more people would.

Secretary Hankamer - More people get on the ...

General Manager Shadden - Maybe Gloria will run an ad for us.

Gloria Way, Seabreeze Beacon - No, I will. And we have done that in the past. And even though the 755 seems like a small number compared to the 5,000 customers, it's still almost double what it was about 18 months ago. So slowly, you know, picking up and we can help you out however you want.

Project Manager, Diane Newsome - When I do send it out, I do notify Teresa.

Gloria Way, Seabreeze Beacon - Okay, good.

Project Manager, Diane Newsome - Whether it's in that area or not, I notify Teresa and she sends it out on Facebook.

Gloria Way, Seabreeze Beacon - Yes, Thank you.

Vice President Nicely made a Motion to renew the Regroup notification system at a cost of \$5,218.05 for 755 subscribers. The motion was seconded by Director Woody, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 18:

DECLARING EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

General Manager Shadden - Yes, sir. The actual housing is broken on this thing. It's a high volume. So anyway, it's pretty well just wore out. There's no sense of putting any more money into it.

Secretary Hankamer made a motion to approve declaring the Badboy Mower as surplus property to be sold at auction. The motion was seconded by Vice President Nicely, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 19:

INSTALLING RAILCAR BRIDGE FOR MIDDLETON RANCH

General Manager Shadden - I tried to sell maybe on a bridge, but at that time he was so wrapped up trying to get elected as attorney general, it just went out over his head. What they did, they went out and they purchased this and the only specifications we had, they made this above the ditch so it doesn't block any water flow or anything else. So, there won't be any piling inside the ditch. Everything will be on the banks and it won't impede the flow. So, I'm not opposed to it.

Vice President Nicely - Can you use this bridge?

Drainage Superintendent Roy- Yes.

Vice President Nicely - Is it rated for our equipment?

Drainage Superintendent Roy - It actually is. Those flat cars are rated for 70 tons a piece. Then there's going to be two of them side by side. So yes, it would hold the load if needed.

Vice President Nicely - Good.

Director Woody - I mean, my only question is what kind of liability does Trinity Bay have for installing stuff like this? You know, if something were to happen.

General Manger Shadden - I've never, we've been sued before or tried to be sued, but we've never had, we've never had any action or anything taken against us.

Kate Leverett, District Counsel - And for this, you're protected by the Texas Tort Claims Act. So, you know, you have a limit on your liability. This isn't owner-driven equipment. So it would, it would, it would be difficult. I mean, you can always have them, you know, sign an indemnity agreement if you would want them to, but.

Director Woody – Just curious.

General Manger Shadden - But again, the ones that we use are highly certified bridges and that's why we went that way that way. The engineer already certified what it is. But let's say we go out and rebuild a bridge for somebody just by putting new stringers and all that other kind of stuff on it. Then we would actually get an engineer to come in and say, hey, look, this, and put a sign up there that this bridge is rated at a certain amount. We've had one person drive big sprig type rig on it and he was halfway on there and it broke it.

Secretary Hankamer made a motion to approve installing a railcar bridge for Middleton Ranch, owner to purchase all materials and TBCD will provide labor. The motion was seconded by Director Woody, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 20:

INSTALLING 3000 FEET OF 6" WATER LINE ALONG FM 563 AND PINE HOLLOW ROAD FOR LOW PRESSURE

General Manager Shadden – Yes, sir, this is a highway FM 563 in Turtle Bayou. It's got a two-inch line to serve all the houses back up in there. And this is the same as Belton Lane extension that the gentleman's been calling for years. It's got lower water pressure. So anyway, since then, there's an 8-inch, I think, in Sherwood there. So, we tapped it and brought a six up to Turtle Bayou. So, we want to tap the six at Turtle Bayou and bring it up to Pine Hollow and bring it down and fix the problem with low pressure there. This is pretty much the same as what we did on Belton Lane.

Vice President Nicely – So, this is just a 2-inch line.

General Manager Shadden - It's a 2-inch line. The picture doesn't show all the houses, but it's a 2-inch line serving all those houses back in there. And I want to say average pressure is 60.3, but whenever everybody's home in peak, it drops to 35. So, they're dropping to 35 and in the past, since there wasn't any water on Turtle Bayou, I want to say one of these guys, his son built on Turtle Bayou, so they actually run a water line from Pine Hollow over to Turtle Bayou to service his house. So, I guess what I'm saying, just trying to get water at the time. So, anyway, like I'm saying, in peak situations, it drops to 35 psi. This and this would also give them some fire protection in that area.

Vice President Nicely - I was going to say I when I see that I have visions of what they went through in Devers when they lost a gas station.

President Caraway - So the \$50,000 covers the cost of the of the water line.

General Manager Shadden - Yes, Sir. And actually, it was about \$30,000 is what I told you on Belton Lane, and it ended up being more because we ended up having to tap the 12 and bore the highway and this and that and other stuff. Anyway, I wanted to put enough money in there so that the board was aware it's going to cost at least somewhere up in that area.

President Caraway - It covered the cost of the pipe though?

General Manager Sadden - Yes, sir.

President Caraway - Okay.

General Manger Shadden – And as far as I know, this is the only other person that I can recall that has complained about low pressure to us that's a continuous problem. In fact, this gentleman ran for the board one time in your spot because he was trying to get on here to get something done. I told him that if I ever got an opportunity, yeah, I'd do something about it.

President Caraway - How many customers do we have down there?

General Manger Shadden - I want to say that there's about 30 homes back in there to be concerned.

Secretary Hankamer made a motion to approve installing 3000 feet of 6" water line along FM 563 and Pine Hollow Rd. for low water pressure at a cost of \$50,000.00. The motion was seconded by Vice President Nicely, and it passed by unanimous vote.

II. DRAINAGE REPORT:

Amos Roy reported on Drainage.

ONION BAYOU LILLY REMOVAL:

We are using a long reach machine to remove the lilies in this area.

EAST FORK OF DOUBLE BAYOU:

We moved a long reach machine that has a mulcher to reach what the short reach could not. We also moved a dozer in..

OGDEN DITCH:

We started on this section of Ogden recently cutting the vegetation on the outfall. Unfortunately, shortly after starting the cutter head we had a mechanical issue, and we are waiting to get it back from being rebuilt.

EAST FORK TRIBUTARY:

The operator had made it just past the Methodist Church. We still have a bit further to go.

HERBICIDE APPLICATORS:

Ground crews have been applying around Winnie/Stowell area trying to catch up after all the wet weather. Mowers are having to work ahead of the ground applicators so they can safely travel the right of ways. To date the ground crews have covered an approximate 290 acres/ 84.5 miles of outfall.

WEIR REPAIR:

Jenkins weir sprung a leak on the east side of the structure. We had to block off the area and excavate to see the cause. After cleaning up the area where the leak was, the crew made forms with vinyl sheet piling that we had, then brought in some flowable grout mix to fill the void causing the leak.

III. UTILITY REPORT:

Water Superintendent Mendoza - I don't know if you've seen our guys out. It's been a busy summer fixing leaks. We've had a lot of rain and no rain for a long period, so we're out there. However, we still managed to install make new installations for new customers. This past month, we installed 11 new meters and seven new grinder stations. Also, our contractors that are doing the meter change out to today, they've replaced 543 meters. That's both sides, Anahuac and Winnie. We're about halfway done. So, give it another three and a half, four weeks, and we'll be completely done with the meter change out. That's including all the 5/8 in the one-inch meters, pending any weather delay, of course. After that, the only thing that will be left over are the big meters, your two-inch meters, an inch and a half, and a lot of the commercial meters still going to have to be replaced sometimes.

President Caraway - We're going to do those ourselves, aren't we?

Water Superintendent Mendoza - Yes sir. We charge a little bit more than we'd like to pay for.

President Caraway - Oaky.

Water Superintendent Mendoza - Ground storage tank project Westside preconstruction meeting has been held and materials have been ordered, so we're waiting on those.

General Manager Shadden - I sent the J JBS or water audit. In the last 12 months, meter sales on the West side have increased by 23 million, including bulk sales, which may be a result of the meter changeout program. However, water production increased by approximately 49.7 million for water not accounted for continues to hover around 40%. On the Winnie side, we remain at about 17.3% water loss for the 12 months in July of the quarter and annual. So, a little change in water bills. In October, they're going to request and redo all of that again.

We pumped on the west side 16,377,200 gallons is what we billed. And we pumped 33,863,000. So, we're still, we accounted for 52.82% of our water on the west side and on the Winnie side we accounted for 87.66%.

President Caraway - When we get those big meters in, will we be able to account for breaks like we had this week? Because I mean, on the west side would seem to be like we have more large breaks than we do over here. And that's got to be contributing to our loss situation. And we really can't tell how much.

General Manager Shadden - Yes, sir, you're correct.

President Caraway - Also, when you get those meters in manual, it should make it easy to see which direction to go look for that leak.

Water Superintendent Mendoza – Yeah, that's exactly what the purpose is for. This past weekend, we're out there Saturday for that leak. We couldn't really identify which side to go first. So we're just driving around to put that leak. But if we had those meters in, we'd definitely be able to tell.

Vice President Nicely - That'll enable you just to go to the computer, see which way to go.

Water Superintendent Mendoza – Yes, So we're looking into, right now, the 12 meters don't have the cellular capability of actually determining pressure, reading pressure. So we're looking into putting a different top on there just so we can watch it online, reduce pressure.

Director Woody - And when do we think that will be in and ready installed?

General Manger Shadden - I was looking for a picture out here.

Water Superintendent Mendoza – So we have to apply for the textile permit already. Talk to them about it and they told us to go ahead and just file a permit. They'll approve it. It's just a matter of time, as soon as they.

General Manger Shadden - I apologize. I thought I had a picture of the meter put together. So, there's a there's Josh and one of the....Manual, and there's a 12-inch setup right there. We've got the meter, 2 valves, and so what we'll do is just go ahead and shut the water off, cut, and then install this. But it's so heavy, we're going to have to pour a seal slab underneath it and have a box put on it. We were also going to look at possibly even letting Eastex Utilities give us a bid of what they would charge us to put this in for us. They're the ones that put the 20" in for us. We will get a couple of bids and then see. Not to say that we can't do it, it's just that means that I've got to take everybody I've got and do things rather than fix leaks and everything else. Manuel's talking to them right now, getting us a price to have these put in. Jim, our audit guy, I'm very excited that we got this and he's ready to get to see him too so he can finish all his numbers out and stuff. This would have, this weekend, this would have told us exactly.

Director Woody - Which side to go.

President Caraway - Where to go.

General Manager Shadden - Exactly where to go for the leak that we had over the weekend. So anyway, it's getting there and like I say, they're getting close. Just about all the meters on the west side of the change. Like I said, it's made a difference in the amount of water we're accounting for through the meters and so on and so forth. Anyway, we're getting there.

Vice President Nicely - If I remember right, aren't we going to meet some kind of alarm when there's a large water leak?

General Manager Shadden - Yes, sir. There's setups on it that, through the computer system, that will alert you that there's, you know, high water use, or low pressure, or whatever. And you can actually go back, even the little 5/8 meters that we replaced already, you could go half mile this way, half mile this way, and it would kind of pin it down for you. and get you closer to where the leak was.

Vice President Nicely – Good. Well, Manuel, when you finish up all these water meters in three weeks, I mean, how many meter readers are we going to need at that time?

General Manager Shadden - Our plan for next year is to, we'll have two. Two Meter Readers and service personnel to turn water on, turn water off, different things like that. So, we have four now and we're dropping the two.

Vice President Nicely - And we absorb those two into the workforce.

General Manager Shadden - Yes, we added an extra repair crew and we added some more in the grinder part of it. If you recall, I was telling you, one of our biggest problems in the future is going to be how many grinders we've got. We're buying a truckload of pumps a month now. We wanted to up that program to where the people that are actually going out there to fix these things go out to fix them. So, we want to try to make a, you know, put a plant maintenance mechanic type deal, grinder section together, where we have the people in there that can fix these things and keep them serviced.

Vice President Nicely - Good.

President Caraway - Our electronic techs ought to be able to have a little bit of education here to the other folks to help them diagnose problems, I would think.

General Manager Shadden - I think Manuel can speak on that. We actually had an automatic pump come over here and give a class.

Water Superintendent Mendoza - They did a class of the control panel when they came here and did they class. But of course, it's one thing that you're learning inside versus being out there. There are so many different panels that we have that we have installed throughout the years. So, it's really just a matter of experience, just being out there working on something and being able to learn how to diagnose it. It's different every time.

General Manager Shadden - The other thing we were looking at was on the drainage side is possibly now that we've got so many ditches cleaned and down, is possibly adding another tractor and bush hog that way we are bush hogging them rather than just keeping them down. Right now, we have two tractors. One pretty much has to cut the wetlands and the plants and all that other kind of stuff, reservoirs. They stay busy. So, we brought Garland a second one. So possibly I put money in there next year for another bat wing and another tractor to where we can start mowing some of these ditches. And this is the ideal about getting the other big dozer. As he does the ditches, he's also leveling them off to where he's able to go in there and mow them where in two days he can mow it versus being in there weeks with a grinder or something like that.

Drainage Superintendent Roy - I can't tell you how many field drains and stuff you've been able to put pipes in and do control drainage on those. We can use mowers and stuff because it's going to get, it's getting there. I mean, we're almost there. We need more mowers than we need excavation.

President Caraway - Good.

Director Woody - -What percentage of the drainage ditches have been cleaned out of the whole district?

General Manger Shadden - I'd say 25.

Director Woody - Making headway.

Drainage Superintendent Roy - I mean, the fact that we can....

General Manager Shadden - 784 Miles.

Director Woody - That's the total mileage?

General Manger Shadden - Yeah, we have 784 miles of ditch.

President Caraway - That's what we have.

General Manager Shadden - Yes.

Secretary Hankamer - It's a ditch.

General Manger Shadden - It has two sides.

Secretary Hankamer - So you have 1500 miles on both sides.

Drainage Superintendent Roy - That's right.

General Manger Shadden - So if you break it up like that, I mean, even if you use one machine covered 100. You know, it wouldn't have longer go.

Drainage Superintendent Roy - It wasn't that long ago that you couldn't mow Spindletop and now you can mow Spindletop with the batwing from the bottom to the top. We got to keep pushing and keep going in that direction. Once you get down, we got to be able to maintain it.

General Manager Shadden - So we're trying to change that a little bit, like I say, adding another repair crew and adding some more people in the grinder part of it and so on and so forth to be more efficient and move where we need to go in the future.

Vice President Nicely - Then Amos's job would be a lot more efficient. As far as getting out there and cleaning the ditches.

General Manger Shadden - Well, that was my goal when I came to work here, that way when I leave, they're in pretty good shape. We're getting there.

President Caraway - Very good. Anything else?

General Manger Shadden - No, sir.

President Caraway - No, everybody's good. Any need for executive session today?

General Manager Shadden - No, sir.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

GOVERNMENT CODE 551, SUBCHAPTER D
SECTION 551.071 - CONSULTATION WITH DISTRICT’S ATTORNEY REGARDING POSSIBLE LITIGATION
SECTION 551.072 - DELIBERATION ABOUT REAL PROPERTY
SECTION 551.074 - MATTERS OF PERSONNEL
SECTION 551.075 - CONFERENCE WITH EMPLOYEE
SECTION 551.076 - TO DELIBERATE THE DEPLOYMENT OR SPECIFIC OCCASIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY PERSONNEL OR DEVICES

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed or executive session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any agenda item included in this Notice, then such closed or executive meeting or session, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, will be held by the Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice concerning any and all subjects for any and all purposes permitted by §551.071-551.084 of the Texas Government Code and the Texas Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to, §551.071—for the purpose of a private consultation with the Board’s attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.

V. ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No Action taken.

VI. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

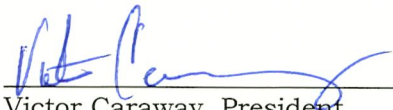
None.

VII. ADJOURN.

Vice President Nicely made a Motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Secretary Hankamer and it passed by unanimous vote.

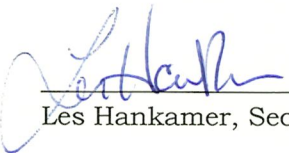
Meeting Adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

READ AND APPROVED:



Victor Caraway, President

Attest



Les Hankamer, Secretary

Date: 9/9/26