

MINUTES OF WILLACY COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2

On October 14, 2020, the Board of Directors of Willacy County Drainage District No.2 met at the Willacy County Drainage District No. 1 at 8304 Business 77, Lyford, Texas after having given notice thereof as provided by law, with the following person's present, to-wit:

John Lee DeWitt, President
J. T. Mayo, Jr., Vice President
Buddy Dossett, Attorney

Dennis Hoot, Director
Gary Palousek, Secretary

Paul Greenhill, WCDD No. 1, District Manager

Absent: Ernesto Zamora

John DeWitt, President, called meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and presided.

1. Minutes. The motion was made by Dennis Hoot and seconded by J. T. Mayo, Jr. to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
2. Public Comment Period. No one appeared, and no comments submitted.
3. Reports. Receive reports and make decisions respecting the subject of such reports, including:
 - 3.1 Manager:
 - a. Overall lateral maintenance in good shape. Will continue with mowing as needed.
 - b. East Santa Monica pump repair. The repair of WCDD#1's East Santa Monica pump has been completed and the pump reinstalled on October 1, 2020. The cost, including removal and installation, was \$16,700.00.
 - c. Willamar Drain – Highway 186 Improvement Project. The project is still scheduled to commence this calendar year. An email was sent to Mr. Rex Costley with TxDOT requesting a project update. The District has received no response.
 - d. Willamar Drain – FM 1420 crossing upgrade. The project is still scheduled to be completed this year. An email was sent to Mr. Rex Costley with TxDOT requesting a project update. The District has received no response.
 - e. Water Code Section 49.063. The required notice has not yet been published in the newspaper. The office of the Raymondville Chronicle is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - 3.2 Attorney:
 - a. Special District Code Section 6611.101. The statute creating the District provides that the District is governed by laws applicable to fresh water supply districts. The District being a drainage District, the law should be amended to provide that the District is governed by the laws applicable to drainage districts.
 - b. District records. The District now has scans of all documents pertaining to the District filed in the Willacy County Deed Records. An index will be prepared.
4. Amendment of Enabling Statute. The motion was made by Dennis Hoot and seconded by Gary Palousek that the District request that the State Senator and State

Representative for Willacy County to sponsor a bill amending Special Districts Code Section 6611.101 to provide that the District is governed by the laws applicable to drainage districts. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

5. Financial

5.1 Monthly Reports. Receive and review financial reports for month of October 2020.

5.2 Approve for payment of accounts for month of October 2020. Motion made by Dennis Hoot and seconded by J. T. Mayo, Jr. to approve expenditures totaling \$30,231.91, beginning with check #2254 and ending #2261. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

Texas Farm Bureau	#2254	\$ 49.00	Membership
Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Co.	#2255	\$ 693.00	Insurance
Texas Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance	#2256	\$ 1,504.00	Insurance
Willacy County Drainage District No 1	#2257	\$ 2,567.20	Admin Fee
Willacy County Drainage District No 1	#2258	\$ 1,888.17	HCDD#1 Ditch
Willacy County Drainage District No 1	#2259	\$22,859.42	1 st half Ditch Maint
Dossett Law Office	#2260	\$ 150.00	October Retainer
Raymondville Chronicle Newspaper	#2261	\$ 521.12	Newspaper Ads
	Total	\$ 30,231.91	

5. Take up matters brought before board:

Detention Basin Project: Request for financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board. Late in the afternoon of October 13, 2020, the Engineer handling the grant application advised the District that the District's has been invited to submit a full application. The deadline for submitting the full application is Monday, October 19, 2020. Requirements include the Board formally authorizing the submission of the application, designating of its authorized representatives, and completing the TWDB's required forms. It was noted that the District is requesting \$1,650,000.00. A general discussion followed about the scope of the project and whether the District should pursue the grant. The District having been notified after the deadline for posting the agenda for this meeting, the required matters are not on this agenda. In order to timely complete and submit the application, an emergency meeting of the Board will have to be held. The Board instructed Manager Greenhill to contact the Engineer about the specifics of the project and whether the District will be limited to just the two proposed detention basins or whether other detention basins can be included.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



Gary Palousek, Secretary



John Lee DeWitt, President