

MINUTES OF WILLACY COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Willacy County Drainage District No. 2 convened on May 26, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., at the office of Willacy County Drainage District No. 1 in Lyford, Texas, pursuant to notice given as required by law. Present were:

John Lee DeWitt, President

Gary Palousek, Secretary

Ernesto Zamora, Director

Buddy Dossett, Attorney

Paul Greenhill, WCDD No. 1, District Manager

J. T. Mayo, Jr., Vice President

Dennis Hoot, Director

Absent Director: None

President DeWitt called meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. and presided.

1. Minutes. The minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting were presented. The motion was made by Ernesto Zamora. and seconded by J. T. Mayo, Jr. to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
2. Public Comment Period. No one appeared, and no comments submitted.
3. Audit: The Audit for Fiscal Year 2020 was presented by Geary Berkman, CPA. The motion was made by Gary Palousek and seconded by Ernesto Zamora to accept the Audit for the Fiscal Year 2020. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
4. Willacy County Drainage District No. 2 Regional Detention Facilities, Project 40088:
 - 4.1 Status Report:
 - (a) Contract for engineering: The Engineering Services contract for the project has been signed by the District. Grant funding should occur on June 8, 2021.
 - (b) Reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to finalization of grant contract.
No Action
 - 4.2 Acquisition of land for detention basins. The Board was of the opinion that that was no need to discuss this item in executive session. Manager Paul Greenhill reported that he has met with landowners, Mr. Dale Busse and Mr. Gary Busse, and proposed the donation of their detention basin to the District. As of today, there has been no response from the Busses. A discussion followed about an alternative plan in the event the Busses decline to donate the detention basin.
5. Reports.
 - 5.1. Manager
 - (a) Overall lateral maintenance. Continuing with mowing on ditch laterals.
 - (b) Willamar Drain – Highway 186 raising project update. TxDOT has not advised when work will commence.
 - (c) Willamar Drain – FM 1420 crossing upgrade update. TxDOT has completed removal of the existing culverts and the installation of three (3) 48" RCP culverts where FM 1420 crosses the Willamar Drain.

(d) Willamar Drain improvements: TxDOT has completed installation of two 24" RCP culverts on the south west side of Hwy 186 and two 24" RCP culverts on the south east side of Hwy 186 discharging into the Willamar drain.

5.2. Attorney. All matters discussed under other agenda items.

6. Amendment of Enabling Statute. HB 4454 was passed by the House on May 8, 2021, passed by the Senate on May 22, 2021, and sent to the Governor for signing on May 25. The Act will be effective when signed by the Governor.

7. Financial.

7.1. Monthly Reports. Financial reports for month of May 2021 were presented and reviewed totaling \$74,134.25.

7.2. Approve payment of accounts for month of May 2021. The motion was made by Gary Palousek and seconded by Dennis Hoot to approve expenditures for May totaling \$74,134.25, beginning with check #2291 and ending #2295. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.


May

Dossett Law Office	#2291	\$ 150.00	May Retainer
SANTCANT Services	#2292	\$ 300.00	May Retainer
Willacy County Drainage District No. 1	#2293	\$ 2,879.78	April Admin Fees
Willacy County Drainage District No. 1	#2294	\$ 28,370.00	Ditch Maint 2020
Willacy County Drainage District No. 1	#2295	\$ 42,434.47	Ditch Maint 2021
	Total	\$ 74,134.25	

8. Cyber Security Training. At this point, all Board of Directors attended an approved training course via the internet and completed the mandatory Cyber Security Training for 2021.

9. Take up matters brought before board: None

10. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.


John Lee DeWitt, President


Gary Palousek, Secretary