

## **MINUTES OF WILLACY COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Willacy County Drainage District No. 2 convened on August 11, 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

Dennis Hoot, Director

Buddy Dossett, Attorney

Paul Greenhill, WCDD No. 1, District Manager

J. T. Mayo, Jr., Vice President

Ernesto Zamora, Director

Absent: Gary Palousek

President DeWitt called meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. and presided.

1. Minutes. The minutes of the May 26, 2021 meeting were presented. The motion was made by J. T. Mayo, Jr. and seconded by Dennis Hoot to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2021 meeting. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
2. Public Comment Period. No one appeared, and no comments submitted.
3. Budget. Budget for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022. It was noted that the budget proposed for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and the tax rate proposed for 2021 must each be given preliminary approval, and final approval given at a subsequent meeting held no less than five days after the required Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate published in the newspaper. The proposed budget was presented and reviewed. The motion was made by Dennis Hoot and seconded by J. T. Mayo, Jr. that the proposed budget be given preliminary approval and that final approval of the budget be considered at a meeting be held on August 25, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
4. Tax Rate for 2021. It was noted that the proposed budget requires the tax rate for 2021 be \$0.10459 per \$100 valuation. The motion was made by J. T. Mayo, Jr. and seconded by Ernesto Zamora that (1) for 2021, it is proposed that the District adopt a tax rate of \$0.10459 per \$100 valuation, (2) the required Public Hearing on Tax Rate be held during the August 25, 2021 meeting, and (3) the required Notice of Public Hearing be published as required by law. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
5. Resolution that the manager of Willacy County Drainage District No. 1 is the person designated to calculate the Districts No New Revenue Tax Rates and Voter Approval Rates and to certify the Tax Rate Calculation. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
6. Willacy County Drainage District No. 2 Regional Detention Facilities--Texas Water Development Board Detention Facilities Project Number 40088. Project Engineer, Isaac Huacuja, reported that the grant has been fully funded and presented the project time line. The planning phase must be completed no later than January 31, 2022. The USDA has advised that it may be interested in providing funds for the project.

- 6.1 **Revision of Detention Plan.** The Project Engineer will study the Busse detention basin to determine if it is practical, feasible, economical, and in the best interest of the District to acquire the Busse detention basin. The Board directed that the Engineer to consider widening the Willacy Main Drain between F.M. 1420 and the outfall since the District owns a 200 foot right-of-way.
  - 6.2 **Acquisition of land for detention Basins.** The Busse's have not communicated their decision on the request that they donate their detention basin to the District. A discussion followed about the status of the reacquisition of the Busse detention basin. In addition to widening the Willacy Main Drain between FM. 1420 and the outfall, the Project Engineer will study other locations where detention basins can be constructed.
7. **Reports.**
    - 7.1. **Manager**
      - (a) Overall lateral maintenance. Report on work accomplished since the last meeting presented.
      - (b) Willamar Drain – Highway 186 raising project update. TxDOT still has not advised when work will commence. Manager Greenhill reported that TxDOT has commenced improving Highway 186, starting at I-69/U.S. 77 and is of the opinion that TxDOT will include the raising as part of that project.
      - (c) July 2021 Rainstorm update. The new culverts and upgraded culverts installed at Highway 186 and FM 1420 worked well during the event.
    - 7.2. **Attorney.** All matters discussed under other agenda items.
  8. **Amendment of Enabling Statute.**
    - 8.1 **Status.** The Governor signed the Act on June 14, 2021. The Act became effective when signed by the Governor.
    - 8.2 **Resolutions thanking Senator Lucio and Representative Guillen.** Motion made by Ernesto Zamora and seconded by J. T. Mayo, Jr. to approve resolution thanking Senator Lucio, Representative Guillen and their staff for getting the Amendment of Enabling Statue passed. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
  9. **Financial.**
    - 9.1. **Investment Office Report for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021** was presented by Paul Greenhill, Manager and investment officer for Willacy County Drainage District No. 1. The motion was made by Dennis Hoot and seconded by Ernesto Zamora to accept the report as presented. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
    - 9.2. **Monthly Reports.** Financial reports for months of June 2021, totaling \$7,000.55, July 2021 totaling \$9,142.92 and August 2021 totaling \$3,538.49 were presented and reviewed.
    - 9.3. **Approve payment of accounts for months of June 2021, July 2021 and August 2021.** The motion was made by Ernesto Zamora and seconded by Dennis Hoot to approve expenditures for June totaling \$7,000.55, beginning with check #2297 and ending #2300, expenditures for July totaling \$9,142.92 beginning with check #2301 and ending with check #2304, and expenditures for month of August totaling \$3,538.49 beginning with check #2305 and ending with check #2307. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

June

Buffo & Berkman	#2297	\$ 3,500.00	2020 Audit
Dossett Law Office	#2298	\$ 150.00	June Retainer
SANTCANT Services	#2299	\$ 300.00	June Retainer
Willacy County Drainage District No. 1	#2300	<u>\$ 3,050.55</u>	May Admin Fees
Total		\$ 7,000.55	

July

Dossett Law Office	#2301	\$ 150.00	July Retainer
SANTCANT Services	#2302	\$ 3,292.46	July Retainer & New Computer
Willacy County Drainage District No. 1	#2303	\$ 3,098.73	June Admin Fees
Willacy County Appraisal District	#2304	\$ 2,601.73	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Alloc.
Total		\$ 9,142.92	

August

Dossett Law Office	#2305	\$ 150.00	August Retainer
SANTCANT Services	#2306	\$ 320.00	August Retainer
Willacy County Drainage District No. 1	#2307	<u>\$ 3,068.49</u>	July Admin Fees
Total		\$ 3,538.49	


10. Seal. It was noted that Texas Water Code Section 49.061 requires that the Board adopt a seal for the District. Self-inking seals are now superior to the old embossed seals. The motion made by Dennis Hoot and seconded by Ernesto Zamora that in addition to the embossed seal adopted when the District was created, that is self-inking seal be adopted for Willacy County Drainage District No. 2.

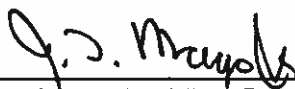


Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

11. Take up matters brought before board: None

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

  
 John Lee DeWitt, President

  
 J. T. Mayo, Jr., Vice President