

MINUTES OF WILLACY COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1

On August 25, 2021 the Board of Directors of Willacy County Drainage District No. 1 met at the District's office in Lyford, Texas, after having given notice thereof as provided by law, with the following person's present, to-wit:

Terry Galle, President
Glenn Wilde, Vice President
Charles Chappell, Director
B. R. Dossett, Attorney

Melvin Gay, Secretary
Dan Klostermann, Director
Thomas Zdansky, Director
Paul Greenhill, Manager

Absent: Daniel Vassberg

Glenn Wilde, Vice President called meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and presided, at the request of President Galle.

1. Minutes. The minutes of the August 11, 2021 meeting were presented and reviewed. The motion was made by Thomas Zdansky, and seconded by Charles Chappell, that the minutes of the August 11, 2021 meeting be approved. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
2. Public Comment Period. There was no audience. No one submitted a public comment.
3. Public Hearing on Proposed 2021 Tax Rate. Vice President Wilde opened the public hearing on the 2021 Proposed Tax Rate. It was noted that the Notice of the Public hearing was published in the August 18, 2021 edition of the Raymondville Chronicle and on the District's website. No one appeared. It was noted that the proposed budget requires the tax rate for calendar year 2021 be \$0.25 per \$100 valuation. The public hearing was declared closed.
4. Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022. The budget proposed at the August 11, 2021 meeting was presented. The motion was made by Melvin Gay and seconded by Dan Klostermann, that the following Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 be adopted:

Revenues:	2022
Tax Revenues	\$1,578,202
Interest-Bank	\$ 3,704
Penalty & Interest	\$ 20,881
Machine Hire	\$ 22,860
Administrative	\$ 43,541
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 14,684</u>
	\$1,683,872

Expenditures:	2022
Engineering Fees	\$ 3,000
Building Maintenance	\$ 2,500
Salaries	\$ 340,000
Election Expense	\$ 350
Accounting	\$ 5,500
Legal	\$ 15,000
Insurance	\$ 87,500
Tax Collection	\$ 31,000
Appraisal District	\$ 21,000
Telephone	\$ 5,000
Operating Supplies	\$ 75,000
Travel Meals	\$ 2,500
Payroll Taxes	\$ 30,000
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 35,000
Utilities	\$ 4,500
Ditch Maintenance	\$ 50,000
Professional Dues	\$ 1,000
Advertising	\$ 350
Office Supplies	\$ 10,000
Computer Consultant & GIS	\$ 8,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 6,000
Postage	\$ 450
Retirement Fund	\$ 10,500
Capital Expenditures	\$ 200,000
Infrastructure Repair & Replacement	<u>\$ 739,722</u>
	\$ 1,683,872

It was noted that \$200,000 is dedicated for Capital Expenditures, and \$739,722 is dedicated for Infrastructure Repair and Replacement, and that the District's share of the replacement cost of Wier No. 4, discussed under agenda item 8.1, will be 4.5%. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

5. Tax Rate for 2021. The motion was made by Thomas Zdansky and seconded by Charles Chappell that **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WILLACY COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1** that a tax rate of \$0.25 per \$100 valuation is adopted for calendar year 2021. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
6. Financial. Dedication of funds to Capital Expenditures and Infrastructure Repair and Replacement. This item was placed on the agenda in error. No discussion. No action.
7. Equipment
 - 7.1. Brush Cutters. The motion was made by Terry Galle and seconded by Melvin Gay to purchase one Mowermax 2021 brushcutter through Buy Board contract No. 611-20 totaling \$196,086.00. There will be no trade-in. The boom mower will be removed

from the oldest brush cutter and the tractor will be dedicated to pulling the pull mower. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.


- 7.2 Excavators. Manager Greenhill recommended that the District purchase one additional long reach excavator. A Buy Board contract will be considered at the next Board meeting.


8. July 2021 Rainstorm.

- 8.1 Hidalgo-Willacy Joint Venture Drain—Weir No. 4 failure. Pursuant to the agreement with Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 and the El Sauz Ranch, the District's share of the cost will be 4.5% of the replacement cost after credit for grants. HCDD#1 has not advised when work will commence. It was noted that a grant paid most of the \$2 million replacement cost of the last weir that failed. It was also noted that of the five weirs in the District, Weirs 2, 3, and 4 have failed
- 8.2 Pumps. The gates at the floodway had to be closed. Both of the Santa Monica Pumping Station pumps and the two new pumps at Gate 626-L(Smith Gate) and Gate 628-L (Lateral A) were all put into service. This was the first rain event after both of the Santa Monica pumps were rebuilt and the first rain event that the new pumps were used. All of the pumps worked flawlessly and the two new pumps were a noticeable improvement. It was noted that getting to and from the new pumps is a problem because there is very little caliche on the levees. The new pump to be installed at Gate 630-L (Fred Gate) is scheduled to be delivered at the end of August.
- 8.3 Drain G—installation of 5 foot x 5 foot box culverts at F.M. 1018. TxDOT has advised that work on F.M. 108 is scheduled to commence in November 2021.
- 8.4 The new flap gate installed where Lateral Q intersects F.M.1420 made a major improvement, also

9. Next Board meeting. Manager Greenhill advised that the next Board meeting will be held on September 15, 2021 instead of September 8, 2021.

- 10 Adjournment, There being no other matters to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.


Glenn Wilde, Vice President


Melvin Gay, Secretary