

MINUTES OF WILLACY COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1

On September 13, 2023, 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	Melvin Gay, Secretary
Charles Chappell, Director	Thomas Zdansky, Director
Paul Greenhill, District Manager	
B. R. Dossett, Attorney	

Absent: Daniel Vassberg, Dan Klostermann, and Glenn Wilde

Terry Galle, President, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and presided.

1. Minutes. The minutes of the August 23, 2023, meeting were presented. The motion was made by Charles Chappell and seconded by Thomas Zdansky that the minutes of the August 23, 2023 meeting be approved. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
2. Public Comment Period. No one appeared. No comments were submitted by email or fax.
3. Consider and take action on purchase of 2023 Mower Max and disposal of John Deere 6145 tractor with Tiger Slope Mower attachment. Manager Greenhill recommended that the John Deere 6145 tractor with Tiger Slope Mower attached be replaced and proposed that the District purchase a MowerMax through Buy Board at a cost of \$179,358.65 with a trade-in allowance of \$60,000 for the John Deere. The motion was made by Melvin Gay and seconded by Charles Chappell to purchase 2023 Mower Max, Quote No. 4229, Buyboard contract No. 611-20 totaling \$179,358.65 including \$60,000.00 trade in allowance for John Deere SN 1L06145MAGH871779 with Tiger Mower attachment. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried. Tentative delivery is December.
4. Lateral G Status Report.
 - 4.1 County widening and improvement between east line of Block 28, GCIC and U.S. Highway 77 / I-69.
 - (a) 1000 feet east of Simo Road and upgrade of Simo Road Crossing. Work has not commenced.
 - (b) 1000 feet west of Simo Road. Work has not commenced.
 - (c) Removal of high points between FM 1018 and 1000 feet east of Simo Road. Work has not commenced.
 - (d) Simo Road crossing upgrade. Work has not commenced.
 - (e) Piping 120 feet west of U.S. 77 / I-69. HCDD#1 has not set the date that its work on this segment of the project will commence.

4.2 Willacy County widening and improvement of segment between FM 1018 and Hidalgo Main Drain and construction of Detention Basin south of FM 1018 [Joint Flood Control Project TWDB application No. 40069].

(a) Status Report: Since the August 9, 2023 meeting, the District has approved the design plans, and the design plans have been submitted to TWDB for approval. It is anticipated the earliest that TWDB will complete its review of the design plans and respond is March 2024..

(b) Consider and take action on any matters, if any, required of the District respecting the grant. No discussion. No action required.

4.3 Construction of Detention Basin south of FM 1018. No action taken

5. Hidalgo-Willacy Joint Venture Drain – Weir No. 4 failure.

5.1 Status report. Work in progress. The north ditch wall connection to the center water breaker structure is almost ready for the pouring of concrete. Manager Greenhill expressed his concern that it appears that the structure will be anchored to the sides of the drain channel in a manner very similar to the structure that failed. He noted that HCDD## did not submit the plans for the review and approval of the WCDD#1.

5.2 Consider and take action on any matters required of this District for the replacement of Wier No. 4. No discussion. No action.

6. Physical Plant:

6.1 Construction of Equipment Shed. Bids not presented. No action.

6.2 Roof Extension to North Maintenance Building. Bids not received. No action.

7. USDA Grant.

7.1 Status report. Issaac Huacuja with Garver Engineering reported preparation of the application for the grant to fund the District's Master Drainage Plan is in progress. Attorney Dossett noted that the power point presentation presented at the August 11, 2023 meeting is needed for the District's records and that the District has not received it. Mr. Huacuja promised to provide the power point presentation to the District.

7.2 Consider and take action on any matters required of the District respecting Grant.
No action taken

8. Reports: Receive reports and make decisions respecting the subject of such reports including:

8.1 Manager:

(a) Work accomplished since last meeting. Continuing with ditch mowing and excavating cleaning on Willacy Main Drain.

(b) Willacy County Drainage District No. 2. Progress report on Willamar Drain widening project presented.

8.2 Attorney. All matters discussed under other agenda items.

9. Financial Reports:

9.1 Receive and Review financial reports for August 2023.


9.2 Approval for payment of accounts for August 2023. Expenditures were presented for the month of August 2023 totaling \$121,944.15 beginning with check #3425 and ending with check #3449, and wages for September 2023 be approved as presented. The motion was made by Thomas Zdansky and seconded by Melvin Gay that these payments for month of August 2023 be approved:

WCDD #1 Payroll	#3447	\$ 35,000.00	Wages for September
AT&T	#3426	\$ 243.30	Telephones
Alamo Iron Works	#3427	\$ 23.47	Supplies
Alamo Lumber	#3428	\$ 318.69	Supplies
Atmax Equipment Co.	#3429	\$ 1,922.00	Machine supplies
City of Lyford	#3430	\$ 72.46	Water/Sewer
Culligan	#3451	\$ 40.00	Water Dispenser Rental
Dossett Law Office	#3433	\$ 150.00	September Retainer
Diego's Tire Service	#3432	\$ 40.00	Tire Repair
Dossett Law Office	#3433	\$ 570.00	Legal Fees
Gerber Life Insurance	#3434	\$ 1,046.90	Life Insurance
Guardian	#3435	\$ 380.78	Employee Paid Insurance
Hidalgo County Drainage Dist#1	#3436	\$ 47,676.35	2022 & 2023 1 st Half Ditch Maint.
Holt	#3437	\$ 4,365.68	Machine Repair
Johnny's True Value	#3439	\$ 462.43	Supplies
John Deere Financial	#3438	\$ 14,446.88	Repairs
Linde Gas & Equipment	#3440	\$ 399.00	Supplies
O'Reilly Auto Parts	#3441	\$ 212.99	Supplies
Raymondville Chronicle	#3442	\$ 735.00	Advertisement & Tax Rate Ad
Reliant	#3443	\$ 227.50	Electricity
SANTCANT Services	#3444	\$ 300.00	Website IT Maintenance & Retainer
SANTCANT Services	#3444	\$ 610.00	Services for Computer & Trip
VTX Telecom, LLC	#3446	\$ 178.78	Phone & Internet
Stella Vela	#3445	\$ 84.00	Office Maintenance
Willacy County	#3448	\$ 4,983.33	Health Insurance
Xerox	#3449	\$ 532.50	Copier Rent - 2 Months
Anderson Equipment	#3450	\$ 6,006.09	Repairs
Total for August 2023		\$121,944.15	

Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

10. Take up such other matters as may properly be brought before the Board.

11. Adjournment. Motion made by Charles Chappell to adjourn seconded by Melvin Gay to adjourn meeting at 11:10a.m. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.


Terry Galle, President


Melvin Gay, Secretary