

**Minutes
Of the
GALVESTON COUNTY
CONSOLIDATED DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JULY 11, 2023

Those Present: Board Members
Rusty Burkett, Kevin Holland, Theresa Gustafson, Jim Gibson, Lonnie Moffitt

Employees:
Kathy Grace – Administrative Manager
Joseph Anderson – Operations Manager
Scott Sheridan – District Engineer

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GALVESTON COUNTY CONSOLIDATED DRAINAGE DISTRICT ON JULY 11, 2023, AT 8:00 AM AT THE DISTRICT'S OFFICE LOCATED AT 1605 WHITAKER DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

President Holland called the meeting of July 11, 2023, to order @ 8:00 AM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joseph Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 3. CITIZENS COMMENTS (Members of the public are invited to give comments at this time, lasting no longer than 3 minutes. Comments may be general in nature or may address a specific agenda item, and should be directed at the entire Board, not individual members of Board or staff. Any speaker making personal attacks or using vulgar or profane language shall forfeit his/her remaining time and shall be seated)** Kathy Rogers asked the Board to consider the homestead exemptions and asked the Board to look into bonds for future projects and she thinks the citizens of Friendswood would support bonds and she would like the Board to have a meetings at 6:00pm. Don Johnson gave an update on the Ike Dike.

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Review & Take Action on Westland Ranch Section 4 – Final Plat – LJA Engineering.

MOTION Director Gibson made a motion to approve the Westland Ranch Section 4 – Final Plat – LJA Engineering. Director Burkett seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Review & Take Action on Magnolia Bayou Drive Phase 2 – Final Plat – LJA Engineering.

MOTION Director Burkett made a motion to approve the Magnolia Bayou Drive Phase 2 – Final Plat – LJA Engineering. Director Gibson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Review & Take Action on Friendswood Trails Section 3A & 4A – Preliminary Plat – LJA Engineering.

MOTION Director Burkett made a motion to approve the Friendswood Trails Section 3A & 4A – Preliminary Plat – LJA Engineering. Director Gustafson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

D. Review & Take Action on Thomas Manor – Preliminary Drainage Plan – Everest Design Group LLC.

MOTION Director Moffitt made a motion to approve the Thomas Manor – Preliminary Drainage Plan – Everest Design Group LLC. Director Gibson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

E. Review & Take Action on Georgetown Detention Basin – Final Drainage Plan – Pape – Dawson Engineers.

MOTION Director Gibson made a motion to approve the Georgetown Detention Basin – Final Drainage Plan – Pape – Dawson Engineers. Director Burkett seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

F. Remove from the table for consideration the Homestead Exemptions.

Director Burkett made a motion to Remove from the table for consideration the Homestead Exemptions. Director Gibson seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION Director Burkett stated he checked with GCAD about the deadline to approve the homestead exemption and it would be July 20, 2023. Director Burkett stated that he is in favor of a 10% homestead exemption and that GCCDD raised taxes in the past years and that giving the homestead exemptions it would not deplete the funds and it's the right thing to do. Director Gibson said the GCCDD has been working with HCFC on the crossing to the Banfield property and other future projects as of the expansion of the Forest of Friendswood detention pond, Whitaker Basin expansion and buying property for future detention and that he is not for the homestead exemptions. Director Gustafson at the last meeting she voted to table this item to gather more information and data. She stated that during Harvey that homes flooded within her neighborhood and she is not in favor of a reduction the funding for homestead exemption. Director Moffitt stated that he wants to see project move forward for flood control projects and he is not in favor of the homestead exemptions. President Holland stated the reason for the past increase in taxes was to be able to partnership on the FM 1959 project. If GCCDD would grant the homestead exemptions what projects you don't want to do. He also stated the bonds are to costly to the tax payers and the best way to do projects is by self funding. He also stated that people can listen to the meetings live and would like to hear from people on future projects.

MOTION Director Gibson made a motion to not approve the Homestead Exemptions. Director Moffitt seconded the motion.

The vote was President Holland, Director Gibson, Director Gustafson & Director Moffitt voted no and Director Burkett voted for. The vote fails 4 no's and 1 for.

- G. Approve or Deny the Variance request for 36 Wilderness Trails – The development is requesting to have their preliminary and final plans considered at the same meeting – Architrave Construction & Design.

MOTION Director Gibson made a motion to deny the Variance request for 36 Wilderness Trails – The development is requesting to have their preliminary and final plans considered at the same meeting – Architrave Construction & Design. President Holland seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the July 11, 2023, Bills
- B. Approval of the June 27, 2023, Minutes

MOTION Director Gibson made a motion to approve the June 13, 2023, Bills & to remove the minutes for corrections for June 27, 2023, Minutes. Director Gustafson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. OPERATIONS MANAGERS REPORT

- A. Project Updates:
 - GCCDD is mowing throughout the District.
 - DC Contracting continues the improvements on Mary's Creek at the Baptist Church.
 - DC Contracting continues the improvements on Mary's Creek at Royal Court.
 - DC Contracting continues the improvements on Mary's Creek.
 - DC Contracting started the Castlewood projects.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGERS REPORT

Kathy reported that the agendas and meeting minutes are on the GCCDD website for people to review.

8. DISTRICT ENGINEERS REPORT

Scott gave an update on plan reviews and the Whitaker detention pond.

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

- a. City Council Liaison Report. Councilman Griffon gave an update on City projects.
- b. City Engineer Report. Samantha gave a project update and that she will give a presentation on July 25, 2023 meeting.
- c. Planning & Zoning Liaison Report. No Report.

10. CITY OF LEAGUE CITY REPORT

- a. City Council Liaison Report. No Report.
- b. City Engineer Report. Matt gave a report on the Westland Ranch.
- c. Planning & Zoning Liaison Report.
- d. Peggy Zahler Report – Peggy gave a report on Texas Coastal Study.

11. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Holland – President Holland asked Joseph to get the information from the Mud Gulley study for the Banfield project. He asked about the Eagle Lakes ponds and that him, Director Gibson and Joseph need to sit down to discuss. He also reported that he has a list of the HOA's and he would for the Directors to attend some to hear their concerns.

Director Gustafson - No Report.

Director Burkett - Director Burkett gave a report on the Pearland project and that GCCDD is getting a lot done. He stated that he has concerns about the Board about the election of officers and that he felt like he should have remained the secretary and he made a motion to have a re-election of officers at the July 25, 2023 meeting. Director Gustafson seconded the motion. Director Burkett made a motion to create a U- tube channel for the meetings. Director Gustafson seconded the motion. Director Burkett made a motion to have one meeting a month at 6:00 pm. There was not a second so the motion failed. President Holland said that these items will be on the next agenda.

Director Moffitt - No Report

Director Gibson – Director Gibson reported how good it is to be able to have relationship with HCFC. Director Gibson reported that President Holland and his self had a good meeting with HCFC on the FM 1959 project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.072 – DISCUSSION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL RECONVENE INTO AN OPEN MEETING

12. ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION President Holland moves for adjournment. Director Burkett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

ATTEST:

Joseph Anderson – Operations Manager

Kevin Holland - President