

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

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 FEBRUARY 13, 2024, 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 February 13, 2024, to order @ 8:00 AM.

2. INVOCATION

Bobby Kirkpatrick led the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Holland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. 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) Don Johnsson explained to the Board that they should be filling out time sheets and that it's a privilege to be able to serve on the Board and get paid. Kathy Rogers asked the Board to consider having GCCDD as an election voting place since there are not many locations. Jason Jones stated that decisions on the Board need to be about policy & not differences. David Johnson announced that he is running for the GCCDD Board and will make decisions as an elected Board member and not an appointed member. Dave Smith talked about politics influence and that elected officials are to serve the people and to up hold the policy.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discuss & Take possible action on the Board President's conduct as it relates to Board Policy Manual Section 7.8, entitled "Responsibilities."

MOTION Director Burkett made a motion to discuss the Board President's conduct as it relates to Board Policy Manual Section 7.8, entitled "Responsibilities." Director Gustafson seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION Vice President Gibson stated that he would ask President Holland and Director Burkett the same question and asked them to answer. The question is what was asked before the meeting before the outburst. Director Burkett stated that he has compassion and forgive President Holland but the behavior has occurred 3 times. That this type of conduct cannot be tolerated, and that the President needs to lead by example, and everyone is responsible for their actions. The Board needs to have sound logical thinking and decisions. Director Burkett stated he hated to expose what is going on at GCCDD. Director Burkett stated that Director Gustafson and Gibson witnessed the outburst and did nothing. Director Burkett said he would not vote on any tax increases or Board appointments. He asks why there was such a large crowd today and hoped it was for the crowd wanting a change. Director Burkett answered Vice President Gibsons question by stating that he asked President Holland if he was going to contact the attorney for an email that Director Gustafson sent to the Board members. Director Burkett said President Holland said that he took care of it and calm down. Then the verbal outburst started. President Holland answered the question and stated he was signing checks and then Director Burkett asked him if what are you doing about Director Gustafson. President Holland said he has already taken care of the matter and Director Burkett said he would make him go to the attorney. President Holland stated the Director Burkett called him an old fat ass. President Holland stated once the outburst was going on that Director Burkett turned toward the audience and there was just a few people and Director Burkett looked embarrass. Director Burkett stated that President Holland told him to quit being so sensitive. President Holland closed with the truth will sit you free. Director Moffitt stated that the leadership training the board attended that he thought it would help at the time. Director Moffitt stated he was appointed to finish the term. Director Moffitt stated that 2 of the outbursts was President Hollands word against Director Burkett's. Director Moffitt stated the board cannot function like this and they are here to help with flooding issues. Director Moffitt stated that everyone reacts differently. Director Moffitt stated that on day one Director Moffitt attacked another Board member. Director Gustafson stated she had a coworker in the audience and was trying to explain to him this is not how it is at meetings. And that she subsequence to get into the argument and the inappropriate language. She also stated that there will be a Sargent at arms in the future. She also stated that that she Agreed with Director Moffitt on the number one function of the board is flooding issues. Director Gibson stated that he enjoys being on the board to help with flooding issues and that current distractions are taking toll on the flooding issues. Director Gibson stated that he wants to protect the income of GCCDD. He stated he reached out to Director Burkett on the homestead exemption and offered a one-year deal that he declined. Director Gibson told Director Burkett if he can't get along with President Holland then he should consider resigning his position and run against President Holland. Director Burkett stated so I'm the bad guy. He also stated that 3 verbal profanity outbursts are against the policy. Director Burkett said the outburst with then Director Harris was over the homestead exemptions And that the deal Director Gibson offered was an 8% increase on the taxes and that he wants to decrease taxes. Director Burkett said he was offended by Director Gibson asking him to resign and that Director Gibsons son works for President Holland and are closes. Director Gibson stated that he didn't like the attack and that he didn't ask him to resign and told him he should consider it if he wants to have President Holland removed from the board. Director Burkett stated he is getting tired of being the whipping post at all the meetings. Director Moffitt stated that Director Burkett has voted 98% with the Board and another time he votes against is when it comes to taxes and changing the meeting times. President Holland stated that the email that Director Gustafson sent out was not a violation. Director Gustafson stated that Director Burkett voted 96% with the board and she regrets that Director Burkett feels like he is the whipping post. Director Burkett said he does not want sympathy he wants changes.

MOTION Director Burkett made a motion to renominate the board position to remove President Holland as President. There was not second so the motion failed.

- B. DISCUSSION – Forest of Friendswood Detention Pond Expansion – Review options moving forward

with the USACOE.

MOTION Director Burkett made a motion to Table the Forest of Friendswood Detention Pond Expansion – Review options moving forward with the USACOE until there is more information gathered. Director Gibson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Review & Take Action on Westland Ranch Section 6 A – Preliminary Plat – LJA Planning & Landscape Architecture.

MOTION Director Burkett made a motion to approve the Westland Ranch Section 6 A – Preliminary Plat – LJA Planning & Landscape Architecture. Director Moffitt seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

D. Review & Take Action on Westland Ranch Section 6 B – Preliminary Plat – LJA Planning & Landscape Architecture.

MOTION Director Gibson made a motion to approve the Westland Ranch Section 6 B – Preliminary Plat – LJA Planning & Landscape Architecture. Director Burkett seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

E. Review & Take Action on Westland Ranch Section 8 – Preliminary Plat – LJA Planning & Landscape Architecture.

MOTION Director Burkett made a motion to approve the Westland Ranch Section 8 – Preliminary Plat – LJA Planning & Landscape Architecture. Director Gibson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

F. Review & Take Action on Westland Ranch Section 9 – Preliminary Plat – LJA Planning & Landscape Architecture.

MOTION Director Moffitt made a motion to approve the Westland Ranch Section 9 – Preliminary Plat – LJA Planning & Landscape Architecture. Director Gustafson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

G. Review & Take Action on Friendswood Scoop Shop Regional Detention Request – This development would like to purchase of 0.12 ac-ft stormwater detention – Shellmark Engineering, LLC.

MOTION Director Burkett made a motion to approve the Friendswood Scoop Shop Regional Detention Request – This development would like to purchase of 0.12 ac-ft stormwater detention – Shellmark Engineering, LLC. Director Gustafson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

H. Review & Take Action on Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District's 2024 Design

Criteria Manual Updates – Daniel Scott Engineering, LLC.

MOTION Director Gustafson made a motion to approve the Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District's 2024 Design Criteria Manual Updates – Daniel Scott Engineering, LLC. Director Burkett seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- I. Review & Take Action on the proposed fee schedule for Engineering Services from Daniel Scott Engineering, LLC.

MOTION President Holland made a motion to approve the proposed fee schedule for Engineering Services from Daniel Scott Engineering, LLC. Director Gustafson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- J. Review & Take Action on the Interlocal Agreement Between Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District and the City of Friendswood for the Deepwood Flood Control Project.

MOTION Director Burkett made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement Between Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District and the City of Friendswood for the Deepwood Flood Control Project. Director Moffitt seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- K. Review & Take Action on Westland Ranch Section 2 – Final Plat – LJA Engineering.

MOTION Director Gibson made a motion to approve the Westland Ranch Section 2 – Final Plat – LJA Engineering. Director Burkett seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- L. Review & Take Action on K – Friese & Associates Engineering Professional Services Agreement.

MOTION President Holland made a motion to approve the K – Friese & Associates Engineering Professional Services Agreement. Director Burkett seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the February 13, 2024, Bills
- B. Approval of the January 23, 2024, Minutes

MOTION President Holland made a motion to approve the February 13, 2024, Bills & January 23, 2024, Minutes. Director Gustafson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. 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 construction on number 3 detention pond off of Castlewood projects.
The barge continues to remove trees along Clear Creek.
DC Contracting continues the improvements at Quakers Landing.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGERS REPORT

. Reported on the annual audit.

9. DISTRICT ENGINEERS REPORT

Scott gave a report on the projects.

10. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

- a. City Council Liaison Report.
- b. City Engineer Report. Jil gave a report on the city projects.
- c. Planning & Zoning Liaison Report.

11. 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.

12. REGIONAL FLOOD PLAN CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Peggy Zahler. Thank the board for everything they do and consider League City when making decisions. She also reported on the San Jancito, TWDA, CCWSC, DBWSC, Gulf Coast Protection District and the IMAC meetings.

13. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Holland – Reported that the FM 1959 should start construction on February 19, 2024. Also reported on the HCFC clear creek study.

Director Gustafson - Thank Joseph for the drainage presentation at Rotary. She also stated that its honor and privilege to be appoint to the board and that with her engineering background she has a lot to offer to the board. She announced that she will be running to be on the GCCDD Board.

Director Burkett - No Report.

Director Moffitt - No Report.

Director Gibson – No Report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL CONVENE INTO CLOSED MEETING, PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV'T CODE SECTION 551.072 – DISCUSSION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL RECONVENE INTO AN OPEN MEETING

14. ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Director Moffitt moves for adjournment. Director Gustafson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

ATTEST:

Joseph Anderson – Operations Manager

Kevin Holland – President