

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

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**MAY 17, 2024**

Those Present: Board Members  
Rusty Burkett, David Johnson, Kim Girouard, Jason Jones, Jim Gibson

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GALVESTON COUNTY CONSOLIDATED DRAINAGE DISTRICT ON MAY 17, 2024, AT 8:00 AM AT THE DISTRICT'S OFFICE LOCATED AT 1605 WHITAKER DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS.**

**1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

President Burkett called the meeting of May 17, 2024, to order @ 1:00 PM.

**2. INVOCATION**

Bobby Kirkpatrick led the invocation.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Burkett 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)** Kevin Holland congratulated the new board members. And asked the board to please take the time in reviewing plans.

**5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

A. Discussion & Possible Action on changing the GCCDD's meeting day and time to the first Tuesday after the first Monday of the month at 5:30 pm.

MOTION TO DISCUSS Director Girouard made a motion to discuss. Director Jones seconded the motion. Director Gibson stated that the would be better for the residents if it was at 6:00 pm and suggested that there should be frequent workshops.. President Burkett and the other board members

agreed, and President Burkett stated that he polled people and that the meeting will be better if they are held the second Tuesday of the month.

MOTION President Burkett made a motion to approve the changing of the GCCDD's meeting day and time to the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Director Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Discussion & Possible Action on initial preliminary plan reviews done by the District's Engineer and Operations Manager and the final plans approved by the Board of Directors.

MOTION President Burkett made a motion to approve the initial preliminary plan reviews done by the District's Engineer and Operations Manager and the final plans approved by the Board of Directors with the caveat that the preliminary signature block be update. Director Girouard seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Discussion & Possible Action on a 10% Homestead exemption effective for this year 2024 taxing season and moving forward.

MOTION TO DISCUSS Director Gibson stated he was for the homestead exemption and would like to see how it impacts the budget and that the homestead exemption cannot be reduced or abolished if approved. Director Johnson stated he consulted with tax people that gave him some good advice and that he supported the homestead exemption. Director Jones stated that homestead exemption would not take way from the revenue and if we need more funding the board could consider a bond. Director Girouard stated that she supports the homestead exemption. President Burkett stated that he wants residents to pay lest taxes this year than last year.

MOTION Director Jones made a motion to approve the 10% Homestead exemption effective for this year 2024 taxing season and moving forward. Director Gibson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Discussion & Possible Action on conducting a further overview audit of GCCDD.

MOTION TO DISCUSS Director Girouard made a motion to discuss. Director Johnson second the motion. All directors agreed that this would be a good tool for the new board members to get to know the investment side of GCCDD. Director Gibson stated that it would be a good learning tool to review the existing 2023 audit for the Board.

MOTION Director Girouard made a motion to approve the conducting of a further overview audit of GCCDD. Director Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- E. Discussion & Possible Action for the Board to give GCCDD Board President authority to increase media presence online and other mechanisms of outreach in print, to inform district residents of GCCDD board activities and projects.

MOTION Director Girouard made a motion to discuss. Director Johnson seconded the motion. President Burkett stated that he would like to work with Derek on improving the outreach to the community by upgrading the website, live streaming the meeting to keep the public informed. Director Gibson said he thought public information is wonderful and asked the President to put a list together and bring back to the Board before moving forward. Director Johnson agreed that supports open communication. Director Jones said he thought it

would be good so the public could know what projects are on and the progress. Director Girouard stated that when she was running for GCCDD that a lot of the public didn't know about GCCDD.

MOTION Director Jones made a motion to approve the Board to give GCCDD Board President authority to increase media presence online and other mechanisms of outreach in print, to inform district residents of GCCDD board activities and projects. Director Gibson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- F. Remove from the Table for consideration Variance Request for – SLI Baseball Training Facility – Requesting a variance to the districts rule that does not allow improvements within a detention facility or maintenance berm of a detention facility – Civil Systems Engineering, Inc.

MOTION Director Jones made a motion to discuss. Director Girouard seconded the motion. The board asked Scott if anything would be built within the detention facility and Scott said no. The Directors thought that it would be a good use for the detention facility.

MOTION Director Jones made a motion to approve the Variance Request for – SLI Baseball Training Facility – Requesting a variance to the districts rule that does not allow improvements within a detention facility or maintenance berm of a detention facility – Civil Systems Engineering, Inc. Director Girouard seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- G. Remove from the Table for consideration SLI Baseball Training Facility – Preliminary Drainage Plan – Civil Systems Engineering, Inc.

MOTION Director Gibson made a motion to approve the SLI Baseball Training Facility – Preliminary Drainage Plan – Civil Systems Engineering, Inc. President Burkett seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- H. Remove from the Table for consideration Variance Request for Jeter Funeral Home Development – Requesting to not be required to obtain a preliminary or final drainage plan from the district in order to remove and replace existing impervious cover as long as there is not net increase in impervious cover.

MOTION Director Giouard made a motion to discuss. Director Gibson seconded the motion. President Burkett stated that GCCDD needs some proper paperwork to show the drainage. The board recommended that if they get all the paperwork requested that they would be alright with the project.

MOTION President Burkett made a motion to approve the Variance Request for Jeter Funeral Home Development – Requesting to not be required to obtain a preliminary or final drainage plan from the district in order to remove and replace existing impervious cover as long as there is not net increase in impervious cover. Director Jones seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- I. Drainage presentation by Samantha Haritos with K – Friese.

## **6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT**

Director Burkett – Thanked everyone for attending the meeting and that it was a historic meeting and proud of the board.

Director Johnson – Love all the discussions and stated that GCCDD needs to work on a regional plan

for flood control.

Director Girouard - Thanked everyone for attending. She also stated that GCCDD needs to be watching for the development of the Grand Parkway on Dickinson Bayou.

Director Jones - Thanked everyone for attending and that he and Rusty attend the republican outreach meeting.

Director Gibson – Thanked everyone for attending and that appreciated all the discussion at todays meeting.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION President Burkett moves for adjournment. Director Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

ATTEST:

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Joseph Anderson – Operations Manager

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Rusty Burkett – President