

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JUNE 11, 2024

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

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 JUNE 11, 2024, AT 6:00 PM AT THE DISTRICT'S OFFICE LOCATED AT 1605 WHITAKER DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

President Burkett called the meeting of June 11, 2024, to order @ 6:00 PM.

2. INVOCATION

President Johnson 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)

A. Peggy Zahler

B. Don Johnson thanked everyone for attending and discussing flood concerns. Upcoming meetings the Gulf Coast Protection District, Region 6 San Jacinto, TWDB state flood plan meetings. He stated that detention is needed to mitigate future conveyance projects. He also discusses the flood gates and pumps in Clear Lake for the Ike Dike.

Matt Brown Asked the Board to table items E & F on the agenda until a meeting between League City and

GCCDD is schedule.

Brady Mora Stated he has been studying flood in the area for 50 years. He believes that detention pond doesn't work, and that development needs to slow down. He stated that Clear Creek had maps back in 1821 and that there are 166,000 acres along Clear Creek. He stated he believes in climate change and one way to fight against flooding plant vegetation that absorbs the water.

Don Dickson Stated after Harvey in August 2017, there was an analysis of flows down Clear Creek Basin.

1. Was flow rate selected from that analysis on which to base the engineered design of the Clear Creek Basin to accommodate that flow?
2. Has an engineering firm been selected to design the improved Clear Creek Basin?
3. Has an estimate been prepared for the engineering and construction to improve the Clear Creek Basin from Pearland/Friendswood interface to the Friendswood/League City interface?

Micheal Ross Congratulated the Board and thanked them for changing the meeting time. He asked the Board, before making changes, to consider following the rules and listening to everyone involved. He also informed the Board that if they need help, he is willing to work with the Board.

Citizens from Eagle Lakes Congratulated the Board. He asked to schedule a meeting in the future to discuss the Eagle Lakes retention ponds.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discussion & Possible Action on Unnamed Road/FM 528 – 23 – acre Development – Final Drainage Plan – Odyssey Engineering Group.

MOTION Director Gibson made a motion to approve the Unnamed Road/FM 528 – 23 – acre Development – Final Drainage Plan with the caveat that the flow velocity on the private outfalls C & D be corrected to be 7 fps or less. – Odyssey Engineering Group. Director Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Discussion & Possible Action on Unnamed Road/FM528 – 23 – acre Development – Castle Narnia Way – Final Plat – Beacon Land.

MOTION Director Jones made a motion to approve the Unnamed Road/FM528 – 23 – acre Development – Castle Narnia Way – Final Plat – Beacon Land. Director Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Discussion & Possible Action on Zeller Estates – Final Plat – Pro – Surv.

MOTION Director Gibson made a motion to approve the Zeller Estates – Final Plat – Pro – Surv. Director Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Discussion & Possible Action on Master Plan Update Westland Ranch Revision # 5 – Letter of Authorization – LJA Planning & Landscape Architecture.

MOTION President Burkett made a motion to approve the Master Plan Update Westland Ranch Revision # 5 – Letter of Authorization with the amendment to include the 2024-04 Resolution authorizing the Board President

to sign the Letter of Authorization – LJA Planning & Landscape Architecture. Director Jones seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

E. Discussion & Possible Action on increasing the Drainage Standard in the Drainage Criteria Manual.

MOTION Director Johnson made a motion to discuss. Director Gibson seconded the motion. Director Johnson stated that we already have the standards for ATLAS 14 but that he thinks more needs to be done for future flooding and to perform a study to determine what changes need to be made. Director Gibson stated he would support a study and that believes in climate change. He would like to schedule a meeting to discuss changes with League City and the City of Friendswood. He also stated that if you go too far with changes that you will put yourself out of business. He also suggested that Joseph & Scott review the DCM to see what changes can be made. President Burkett stated that GCCDD needs to lead on the changes because they are coming. That other areas are using the ATLAS 15 standards. He agreed that a meeting needs to be scheduled with the City of Friendswood and League City to discuss changes. Director Jones said he understands that there is an increase in cost between the 100 years vs. 500 years and that he thinks GCCDD needs to be the lead on standard changes and Friendswood is not about minimum standards.

MOTION Director Jones made a motion to Table the increasing of the Drainage Standard in the Drainage Criteria Manual. Director Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

F. Discussion & Possible Action to not allow pumped drainage systems within the District.

MOTION Director Jones made a motion to discuss. Director Johnson seconded the motion. Director Johnson stated his concern is the maintenance of the system and who would be responsible. Matt stated that the developer has ownership, and the city inspects the system once a year. If the developer goes under, they have to put up a bond to cover the maintenance cost. Director Jones had the same concerns that this is a cost forever.

MOTION President Burkett made a motion to approve the not allow pumped drainage systems within the District with the amendment that single family and multi family will not be allowed to use pump systems and commercial development will be on a case-by-case bases. Director Gibson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the June 11, 2024, Bills
- B. Approval of the May 14, 2024, & May 17, 2024, Minutes

MOTION Director Jones made a motion to approve the June 11, 2024, Bills & May 14, 2024, & May 17, 2024, Minutes with the correction to the May 17, 2024, minutes that Director Gibson asked for. Director Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. OPERATIONS MANAGERS REPORT

- A. Project Updates:
GCCDD is mowing throughout the District.
DC Contracting continues the construction on the Detention pond 2 on Castlewood.
DC Contracting continues the improvements at Quakers Landing.
Joseph gave an update on the ongoing projects and future projects.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGERS REPORT

No Report.

9. DISTRICT ENGINEERS REPORT

Scott gave a report on the projects. The Board asked Scott to have a list of the preliminary plats and plans on the agenda for the Board to review.

10. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

- a. City Council Liaison Report. Councilman Griffon gave a project update and said the city is working on the 2024 – 2025 budget.
- b. City Engineer Report.
- c. Planning & Zoning Liaison Report.

11. CITY OF LEAGUE CITY REPORT

- a. City Council Liaison Report.
- b. City Engineer Report. Matt gave a report on Westland Ranch.
- c. Planning & Zoning Liaison Report.

12. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Burkett -stated that GCCDD is committed to Friendswood residents and that GCCDD may not always agree with the city. He agreed with building relationships with local, State & Federal and to work hard to get money for flood control projects and that he was proud of the Board.

Director Johnson – No Report.

Director Girouard -

Director Jones - Reported that GCCDD has a Facebook page and Blog to keep everyone update on GCCDDs ongoing. Report on the Dickinson Bayou boat tour. He stated that GCCDD needs to continue to build relationships with local, State 7 Federal.

Director Gibson – Gave an update on the FM1959 project and shared some pictures to show the progress.

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 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074 – PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL RECONVENE INTO AN OPEN MEETING

13. ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY.

B. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS.

MOTION President Burkett made a motion for the employment of Samantha Haritos in an executive position

with the offer and job description with a start date of July 8, 2024. Director Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION President Burkett moves for adjournment. Director Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

ATTEST:

Joseph Anderson – Operations Manager

Rusty Burkett – President