

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**JULY 09, 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 JULY 09, 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 July 09, 2024, to order @ 6:00 PM.

**2. INVOCATION**

President Burkett led the invocation.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Jones 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)**

Open Statement from President Burkett

As President of the Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District, I am spearheading a transformation towards modernization and increased professionalism within the district. Our mission is clear: to provide the tax-paying citizens with a superior flooding and drainage system, effectively addressing decades of overdue policy reforms.

While our methods, Partnerships, and policies may evolve, one thing remains steadfast: my commitment to delivering projects and improvements that are data-driven, cost-effective, and maximize taxpayer dollars. Our focus is on achieving the most impactful results to reduce water surface elevation, provide relief throughout the city and district, and leave no stone unturned in our quest for progress.

Under my leadership, we will exercise prudence and diligence in the allocation of taxpayer funds, ensuring

that every dollar spent is a dollar well-invested. Unnecessary tax increases and premature financial burdens on our citizens for district projects will be a thing of the past. We will be meticulous in our financial planning, prioritizing projects that offer tangible benefits within a reasonable timeframe.

I pledge unequivocally to prioritize the personal safety, property protection, and financial security of our taxpayers in all board decisions. Our flood and drainage policies will be guided by this unwavering commitment to safeguarding the well-being of our community members.

While we maintain a neutral stance on development, our primary goal is to deliver effective flooding and drainage solutions that align with our core principles. Our decisions will be driven by the welfare of our residents, with financial considerations taking a secondary role to achieving our stated objective.

Budgeting, prioritization, scheduling, and construction will be carried out in alignment with the principles to ensure the success of our mission. Together, we will be working to build a stronger, safer, and more resilient community.

A. Peggy Zahler

B. Don Johnson – Great time to see how the systems worked after the storm. When he was out and about, he stated everyone asked him what about the plug on Clear Creek. He asked the Board to look at it again and to take ownership.

Eustance Family – Lives in the neighborhood adjacent to the new development on Wilderness Trails and is concerned about flooding. Stated that their roads were impassable through the storm and never was like this before. Asked the Board to review the drainage plans in detail.

Michael Ross – He stated there is a lack of data on the streams, rainfall and that he would like to see GCCDD start gathering data and analysis the data and make decision from the data.

Brian Smith – Lives in Mission Estates and is concerned about North Eagle ditch. Seems it fills up faster and drains slower. He thinks new developments are impacting this area.

## **5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

A. Discussion & Possible Action on Stedman West/ Legacy Development – Drainage Impact Study – WGA Consulting Engineers.

MOTION TO Discuss – Director Jones made a motion to discuss. Director Girouard seconded the motion. President Burkett explained that this area effects the Dickinson Bayou watershed and Box Ditch and that there required to detain the natural flow.

MOTION Director Jones made a motion to approve the Stedman West/ Legacy Development – Drainage Impact Study – WGA Consulting Engineers. Director Girouard seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion & Possible Action on COF Utility Relocates over Clear Creek – Revised Final Drainage Plan – Kimley – Horn.

MOTION Director Gibson made a motion to approve the COF Utility Relocates over Clear Creek – Revised Final Drainage Plan – Kimley – Horn. Director Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Discussion & Possible Action on the economic language on the GCCDD Mission Statement.

MOTION to discuss – Director Jones recommended changing the mission statement to our mission to reduce the probability of flooding throughout the District by enhancing drainage systems while preserving the natural beauty of our creeks and replace the current mission statement that reads the mission of Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District (the District) is to improve safety, quality of life and economic growth for its

community by improving drainage and preserving the natural esthetics of its creeks and waterways. The District will cooperate with other governmental entities to prevent flooding and achieve its goals.. Through these efforts, we will increase the safety of our residents, elevate our quality of life, and preserve a community worthy of future generations. Director Gibson stated that he does not want anyone to think GCCDD is anti-business. Director Girouard agreed to make the changes to remove the word economic.

MOTION Director Jones made a motion to Table the change to the economic language on the GCCDD Mission Statement. Director Girouard seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the July 09, 2024, Bills
- B. Approval of the June 11, 2024, Minutes

MOTION President Burkett made a motion to approve the July 09, 2024, Bills & June 11, 2024, Minutes with the corrections on the June 11, 2024, minutes on item E. Director Jones 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 an update on the meeting with League Cities West Development TAC.

### **A. SUMMARY OF PRELIMINARY PLATS & PLANS SIGNED SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING**

- a. G240069 Lakes at Westland Ranch Section 5 Preliminary Plat. Signed 6/18/2024
- b. G240074 Muldoon Pkwy Phase IV Preliminary Plat. Signed 6/18-2024
- c. G240075 Magnolia Bayou Phase III Preliminary Plat. Signed 6-18-2024
- d. G240070 Westland Ranch Winfield Parkway Phase I Preliminary Plat. Signed 6/18/2024
- e. G240071 Westland Ranch Winfield Parkway Phase II Preliminary Plat. Signed 6/18/2024

## **10. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

- a. City Council Liaison Report. Councilman Griffon gave an update on the storm and city projects.
- b. City Engineer Report. Jil gave a report on the storm and city projects
- 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 – Announced the employment of Samantha Haritos. He stated that he was proud of the board and all that attended the meeting.

Director Johnson – No Report.

Director Girouard -

Director Jones - Asked about microphones for the board. He stated that people lack trust in GCCDD because of the lack of information. He said that GCCDD needs to explain the process and show everyone how everything works and that if you don't trust the local officials then make changes.

Director Gibson – Gave a report on the FM1959 project.

**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 551.074 – PERSONNEL MATTERS EMPLOYMENT OF EXECUTIVE STAFF & OPERATIONS MANAGER REVIEW.**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL RECONVENE INTO AN OPEN MEETING**

**13. ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS THE EMPLOYMENT OF EXECUTIVE STAFF & OPERATIONS MANAGER REVIEW.**

B. MOTION Director Jones made a motion to approve the EMPLOYMENT OF EXECUTIVE STAFF & OPERATIONS MANAGER REVIEW. Director Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTEST:

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Joseph Anderson – Operations Manager

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Rusty Burkett – President