

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
May 27, 2025**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Cameron County Drainage District No. 5 convened on May 27, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. at the office of the District pursuant to notice duly given as required by law. Present were Directors Steven Jennings, Jerome Wade, and Nicholas Consiglio, General Manager Rolando Vela, Assistant General Manager Veronica Larraga, District Attorney Buddy R. Dossett, District Engineer Jack L. Brown, Special Projects Director Bryanna Woodman, and GIS Specialist Eloy Macias. Also in attendance were Alan Moore, Israel Aguilar, and Mauro Garza. President Jennings called the meeting to order and presided.

Item 1 Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2 Minutes. The Minutes of May 6, 2025, meeting were presented and reviewed. The motion was made by Jerome Wade seconded by Nicholas Consiglio that the Minutes of the May 6, 2025, meeting be approved. Following a discussion, the motion carried.

Item 3 No one was present to discuss items not on the agenda.

Item 4 Subdivisions.

Dixieland Heights Subdivision (4.68 acres of land out of Blocks 4 and 5, Howard's Dixieland Heights Subdivision No. 1) – Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nicholas Consiglio to approve and sign this subdivision plat. Following a discussion, the motion carried.

Rancho Pizana Subdivision (A 5.0 acre tract of land, more or less out of Block Sixty (60), Briggs and Coleman Subdivision of Survey 271) – Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nicholas Consiglio to deny this subdivision. Following a discussion, the motion carried.

Logans Ranch Subdivision (A 21.43-acre tract of land, more or less, out of Block Twenty-One (21) of the David and Stephenson Subdivision) – Motion was made by Nicholas Consiglio, seconded by Jerome Wade to deny this subdivision. Following a discussion, the motion carried.

Item 5 Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Harlingen Irrigation District No. 1. Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nicholas Consiglio to approve the amendment to the existing Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Drainage District and Harlingen Irrigation District Cameron County Number One to incorporate FEMA Equipment Rates for the FIF Projects.

Item 6 Public Records Request.
Request that the Board Determine that a Waiver or Reduction of the Charge for Copies for Public Records is in the Interest of the Public.

- Item 7 President Jennings called for a motion. No motion was made. No action.
Certificate of Deposit.
Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nicholas Consiglio to approve the renewal of the Certificate of Deposit at First Community Bank for 4 months at 4.1%. Following a discussion, the motion carried.
- Item 8 Appraisal.
Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nicholas Consiglio to engage with Robinson Real Estates Services to appraise a portion of the Longoria property adjacent to Richmond Hills Subdivision, contingent to Mr. Longoria accepting the appraised amount. Following a discussion, the motion carried.
- Item 9 Manager Vela and Assistant General Manager Larraga presented the Board with a maintenance schedule and maintenance updates to the website.
- Item 10 A discussion was held regarding a partnership with the City of Harlingen on drainage improvement projects.
- Item 11 A discussion was held regarding a partnership with the City of Harlingen on drainage improvements to the North Main Drain.
- Item 12 Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) program to stabilize the banks of the North Main Drain channel after the March 2025 event.
Manager Vela stated that based on estimates, it could cost up to 40 million dollars if the steel piling is installed for every linear foot.
- Item 13 Southwest Main Drain.
Mr. Israel Aguilar was present to discuss concerns he has with drainage on Cook Lane at the Southwest Main Drain. The District will explore options to ensure there are no impediments to the drainage in the area and explore making improvements if necessary.
- Item 14 Lozano-Condernation—acquisition of 17 acres more or less, out of Block 14, David & Stephenson Subdivision.
14.1 The District received a counter-offer for the 17 acres.
14.2 Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nicholas Consiglio to reject the counter-offer and take necessary action to acquire property. Following a discussion, the motion carried.
- Item 15 Report
15.1 Manager
15.1.1 A discussion was held pertaining to upcoming meetings and no action was taken.
15.1.2 Legislation – After much lobbying and advocacy to get them passed, the Bills fell short.
15.1.3 Grants – All still pending.

15.2 District Engineer

15.2.1 Combes Expressway Crossing – Engineer Brown reported that we will need a Temporary Construction Easement to stockpile the pipe, on the adjacent property of our drain ditch, that TxDOT is supplying for the expressway crossing at Combes.

15.3 District Attorney

No additional report.

- Item 16 Payment of Accounts, Wages, and Director's Services. The motion was made by Jerome Wade and seconded by Nicholas Consiglio that these checks be issued:

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE

Ck No. 5431	Rolando Vela	\$ 3,658.99
Ck No. 5432	Veronica Larraga	2,224.78
Ck No. 5433	Eloy S. Macias, Jr.	1,961.99
Ck No. 5434	Bryanna Woodman	2,009.87
Ck No. 5435	BCBSTX	5,582.82
Ck No. 5436	Dearborn Life Insurance Company	14.20
Ck No. 5437	Charter Communications	145.59
Ck No. 5438	Scheibe Consulting, LLC	26,703.75
Ck No. 5439	Rolando Vela	1,784.14
Ck No. 5440	Veronica Larraga	102.93
Ck No. 5441	Bryanna Woodman	70.27
Ck No. 5442	CyberNation	8.76
Ck No. 5443	Dossett Trust Account	500.00
Ck No. 5444	Rolando Vela	200.00
Ck No. 5445	Veronica Larraga	200.00
Ck No. 5446	WM Corporate Services, Inc.	3,873.60
TCDRS (ACH Debit)		4,322.27
Electronic Federal Tax Payment System		<u>6,822.17</u>
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FUND		<u>\$ 60,186.13</u>

Following a discussion, the motion carried.

- Item 17 There were no non-action items discussed.

- Item 18 Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Jerome Wade, Secretary

ATTEST:

Steven Jennings, President