

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
January 27, 2026**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Cameron County Drainage District No. 5 convened on January 27, 2026, 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, Quintin Lorenz, and Eric Flores. President Jennings called the meeting to order and presided.

- Item 1 Pledge of Allegiance
- Item 2 Minutes. The Minutes of January 13, 2026, meeting were presented and reviewed. The motion was made by Jerome Wade seconded by Nicholas Consiglio that the Minutes of the January 13, 2026, meeting be approved. Following a discussion, the motion carried.
- Item 3 Eric Flores, candidate for Texas Congressional District 34, was present to learn about the Drainage District and briefly introduce himself.
- Item 4 No subdivision plats were presented.
- Item 5 May 2, 2026 Election.
Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nicholas Consiglio to adopt the following Election Order:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Texas Water Code and the Texas Election Code, Cameron County Drainage District No. 5 shall hold an election on the first Saturday in May of even-numbered years, at which time the required number of Directors shall be elected to fill the vacancies then occurring on the Board of Directors as provided by law;

WHEREAS, such an election is necessary and should be held on May 2, 2026, in order that two (2) Directors may be elected to membership on the Board of Directors of Cameron County Drainage District No. 5 to fill the place of two (2) Directors now serving whose terms of office will expire on May 13, 2026;

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined and found that in accordance with standing order of this Board, written notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting, including consideration of the setting of said election, was posted at the District's Office at a place convenient to the public, and posted on the District's website, for the period of time and manner as is required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Directors of Cameron County Drainage District No. 5 that:

1. A regular election for the election of two (2) Directors to serve for a term of four (4) years beginning May 13, 2026:

**Place 1
Place 2**

be and it is hereby called and ordered to be held in and for this District, in the manner prescribed by law, on the first Saturday of May, 2026, the same being May 2, 2026.

2. Said election be conducted during the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. to seven o'clock (7:00) p.m. at the office of the District at Palm Valley City Hall, 1313 Stuart Place Road, Harlingen, Texas, a place within the District, in addition to the District's internet website and the District's administrative office, a place within the District and a place which the Board, after considering the requirements of Texas Election Code § 43.031, finds to be a proper place for conducting the election.
3. For the purpose of said election, all the area included within the boundaries of this District shall constitute one (1) election precinct.
4. Said election be held at the aforesaid voting place with the use of paper ballots.
5. Pursuant to Election Code §31.123, Veronica Larraga, an employee of the District, is appointed Agent to perform the duties of the Secretary as required by Election Code §31.122 and §31.123. The agent shall maintain office hours at the District's office for at least three hours each day, during the District's regular office hours, on regular business days, during the period beginning January 14, 2026 and ending on June 15, 2026. The physical address of the District's office is:

221 E. Van Buren, Suite 4
Harlingen, Texas 78550

6. The election shall be conducted by the following hereby designated and qualified officers:

Presiding Judge: Gustavo Garcia a resident of the District
28513 Palm Court Drive, Lot M4
Harlingen, Texas 78552

Alternate Presiding Judge:

Such persons are designated only for this election. If the presiding judge is unable to serve at the election, the alternate presiding judge shall serve as the presiding judge for the election.

7. The presiding judge is authorized to appoint two (2) election clerks.
8. The presiding judge designated for said election shall also serve as the early voting ballot judge and the presiding officer of said early voting ballot board, and shall appoint no less than two (2) other duly qualified members as provided by Texas Election Code Chapter 87.
9. Early voting shall be held as provided by law and shall be conducted by the following hereby designated and qualified officers:

Clerk: Veronica Larraga an employee of the District
21731 South Pomelo Road
Santa Rosa, Texas 78593

Deputy Clerk: Rolando Vela an employee of the District
P.O. Box 533
Sebastian, Texas 78594

- 9.1 The addresses the Early Voting Clerk may receive delivery by common or contract

carrier are:

Mailing address:	Early Voting Clerk
P.O. Box 427	
Harlingen, Texas 78551	
Physical address:	Office of Cameron County Drainage District No. 5
221 E. Van Buren, Suite 4	
Harlingen, Texas 78550	

9.2 Other contract information of Early Voting Clerk:
Phone No: (956) 423-6411
Email address:veronica@ccdd5.org

Provided, however, if the application is transmitted by fax or e-mail to the early voting clerk, the application must also be mailed so that the clerk receives it no later than the fourth business day after the day the clerk receives the faxed or emailed application. That is, an application transmitted by fax or e-mail will be considered complete and timely as long as the original is received by the early voting clerk by the fourth business day after it was submitted by fax or e-mail.

10. Early voting by personal appearance for this said election shall be held at the same location the election is to be conducted as provided above, and said place of early voting shall remain open during the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. and five o'clock (5:00) p.m., which is at least nine (9) hours on each day of the early voting period, which shall begin on April 20, 2026, and continue through April 28, 2026, on each day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or official State holiday. Applications for ballots by mail must be received (not postmarked) no later than April 20, 2026.

10.1 The mailing address of the Clerk to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent is:

Early Voting Clerk
P.O. Box 427
Harlingen, Texas 78551

10.2 The physical address of the Clerk to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be delivered is:

Office of Cameron County Drainage District No. 5
221 E. Van Buren, Suite 4
Harlingen, Texas 78551

10.3 A completed, scanned application for a ballot by mail containing an original signature shall be transmitted to: veronica@ccdd5.org

11. Candidates shall file an application with the Secretary of the Board or the Agent appointed pursuant to paragraph 5 hereinabove to have his or her name printed on the election ballot. Such application must be signed by the candidate or by at least ten (10) qualified electors of this District. The first day to file an application for place on the ballot is January 14, 2026, and must be filed no later than five o'clock (5:00) p.m. on February 13, 2026, as required by law:

11.1 Mailing address: Secretary
P.O. Box 427
Harlingen, Texas 78551

11.2 Physical address: Office of Cameron County Drainage District No. 5
221 E. Van Buren, Suite 4
Harlingen, Texas 78550

11.3 Email Address: veronica@ccdd5.org

12. Applications for a place on the ballot shall be substantially in the form attached hereto.

13. The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall conduct a drawing for the order in which names of the candidates for the above-mentioned election are to be printed on the ballot and shall post notice of the time and place of said drawing and mail notice of the date, hour, and place of the drawing to each candidate at the address stated on the application for a place on the ballot not later than the fourth (4th) day before the drawing in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 52.094 of the Election Code.

14. Notice be given of this election by a method as prescribed by Section 4.003(1)(B) of the Texas Election Code.

15. A Writ of Election and notice of appointment shall be delivered as prescribed by law to the Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge no later than March 4, 2026.

16. Notice of this election be given as prescribed by Section 85.007(c) Texas Election Code, by posting continuously for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the first hour that early voting is conducted in the same manner Notices of Meeting of the Board are posted.

17. It is further found and determined that notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting was posted in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 52.094(c) of the Election Code, and Section 551.043 of the Government Code.

After consideration of the above Resolution and Order, it was moved and seconded that the same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted AYE: Nicholas Consiglio, Steve Jennings, and Jerry Wade; and the following voted NO: None.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2026.

Steve Jennings, President, Board of Directors
Cameron County Drainage District No. 5

CERTIFICATE

The above and foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the resolution calling and ordering an election, as adopted by the Board of Directors of Cameron County Drainage District No. 5, as the same was and appears of record on the official minutes of the regular meeting of said Board held on January 27, 2026.

Jerry Wade, Secretary, Board of Directors
Cameron County Drainage District No. 5Item

Item 6 Maintenance Update – Zone 1
Manager Vela provided an update on the maintenance that was just completed in Zone 1.

Item 7 Report

7.1 Manager

7.1.1 Manager Vela reported that Stacey Steinback with the Texas Water Association (TWA) and Bryan McMath with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) will be in the Rio Grande Valley on February 3. They will be at the District office at noon.

7.1.2 DC Trip – Manager Vela reported that the trip has been postponed and the Department of Homeland Security still has grants on hold.

7.2 District Engineer

7.2.1 BUS 77/UPRR Crossing Drainage Improvements - Engineer Brown reported he sent the construction plans to Scheibe Consulting, LLC in Austin.

7.2.2 FIF Grants – Engineer Brown reported that he applied for the railroad permits for the Murphy and Southfork FIF Project and for the Sibley FIF Project.

7.3 District Attorney

7.3.1 Attorney Dossett reported that he will be working on revised Interlocal Agreement for Harlingen Irrigation District and La Feria Irrigation District.

Item 8 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 FUND

Ck No. 5677	BCBSTM	\$ 4,308.39
Ck No. 5678	Dearborn Life Insurance Company	14.20
Ck No. 5679	City of Palm Valley	45,000.00
Ck No. 5680	La Feria Irrigation District No. 3	13,311.00
Ck No. 5681	La Feria Irrigation District No. 3	3,528.00
Ck No. 5682	La Feria Irrigation District No. 3	504.00
Ck No. 5683	Harlingen Irrigation District No. 1	1,076.51
Ck No. 5684	Harlingen Irrigation District No. 1	946.80
Ck No. 5685	Scheibe Consulting, LLC	24,861.60
Ck No. 5686	Scheibe Consulting, LLC	22,530.00
Ck No. 5687	Scheibe Consulting, LLC	10,461.25
Ck No. 5688	Scheibe Consulting, LLC	17,799.25
Ck No. 5689	Scheibe Consulting, LLC	14,384.75
Ck No. 5690	Scheibe Consulting, LLC	11,810.00
Ck No. 5691	Rolando Vela	200.00
Ck No. 5692	Veronica Larraga	200.00
Ck No. 5693	WM Corporate Service, Inc.	382.37
Ck No. 5694	Veronica Larraga	204.94
TCDRS (ACH Debit)		4,741.97
Electronic Federal Tax Payment System		7,437.62
ACH Debit (Salaries) 01/30/2026		<u>11,186.57</u>
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FUND		<u>\$ 194,889.22</u>

Following a discussion, the motion carried.

Item 9 There were no non-action items discussed.

Item 10 Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Jerome Wade, Secretary

ATTEST:

Steven Jennings, President