

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
August 25, 2025**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Cameron County Drainage District No. 5 convened on August 25, 2025, at 8:12 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 (via telephone), 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 and Michael Gorges.

- Item 1 Pledge of Allegiance

- Item 2 Minutes. The Minutes of August 12, 2025, meeting were presented and reviewed. The motion was made by Jerome Wade seconded by Steve Jennings that the Minutes of the August 12, 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.
 - 4.1 CIRCLE S. ESTATES (Being a 5 acres tract of land out of Lot 6, Survey 40, Stuart Place Subdivision) - Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Steve Jennings to deny this plat. No cross-section was provided. Following a discussion, the motion carried.
 - 4.2 PALOMA RANCH SUBDIVISION PHASE II (14.86 acres being the remainder of Paloma Ranch Subdivision Phase I) – Motion was made by Jerome Wade seconded by Steven Jennings to deny this subdivision. Following a discussion, the motion carried.
 - 4.3 LOS ARROYOS SUBDIVISION (A 77.89 acre tract of land being a part or portion of Block 15 and all of Block 16, Harlingen Land and Water Company Subdivision) – This subdivision will be annexed by City of Harlingen and they will claim the detention. A license agreement is needed for construction plans. Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded Steven Jennings to deny this plat. Following a discussion, the motion carried.

- Item 5 Memorandum of Understanding – City of Harlingen Joint Projects
Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Steven Jennings to authorize Attorney Dossett to review the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Harlingen and the District, and make necessary changes to comply with the District’s system. Following a discussion, the motion carried.

- Item 6 Budget and Total Tax Rate.
 - 6.1 A Public Hearing was held concerning the proposed tax rate for the tax year 2025. The required notice was published in the Valley Morning Star on Saturday, August 16, 2025, for the required period of time.
 - 6.2 Manager Vela presented the proposed budget for the Construction and Maintenance Fund and the Interest and Sinking Fund. After discussion, motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Steven Jennings to adopt

the budgets. Following a discussion, the motion carried. The budgets adopted are as follows:

**CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
PROPOSED BUDGETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

		2025-2026 CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FD.
REVENUE:		
Current taxes		4,524,942
Delinquent taxes		78,540
Supplementals		4,900
Penalty & Interest		55,692
Less: Discounts		(83,500)
Errors & adjustments		(46,009)
Collection expense		(38,369)
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	\$	4,496,196
Plat review fees		3,000
Donated ROW & Ditches		-
Permit Income		-
Grant Income		
Interest income		200,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	4,699,196
EXPENDITURES:		
Appraisal District fees		68,175
Audit expense		13,000
Board meetings expense		24,540
Capital Outlay: Right of Way		
Local Projects/Grants		6,538,435
Car Allowance		4,800
Contractual Services		24,000
Drainage ditch maintenance		750,000
Election expense		50,000
Environmental compliance		10,000
General engineering		50,000
Health Insurance		51,700
Insurance and bonds		3,500
Interlocal Agreement		45,000
Legal		6,000
Office expense		20,000
Payroll taxes		27,601
Promotions		10,000
Rent		25,500
Retirement expense		33,285
Salaries		350,000
Travel and education		15,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	8,120,536
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER		

(UNDER EXPENDITURES)	\$ (3,421,340)
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	<u>9,022,920</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCE	<u><u>\$ 5,601,580</u></u>

**CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
INTEREST & SINKING FUND BUDGET
FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

REVENUE

Current taxes	\$ 210,014
Delinquent taxes	500
Supplementals	-
Penalty and interest	1,200
Less:	
Discounts	(4,500.00)
Errors and adjustments	(1,900.00)
Collection expense	<u>(2,099)</u>
NET TAX REVENUE	\$ 203,215
 TOTAL REVENUE	 <u>\$ 203,215</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Bond principal	\$ 200,000
Paying agent fees	<u>175</u>
	200,175
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,040
 Estimated Fund Balance October 1, 2025	 <u>20,015</u>
Estimated Fund Balance September 30, 2026	<u><u>\$ 23,055</u></u>

- 6.3 Manager Vela explained that the rate would increase by one cent (\$.01) for a total of \$0.142783 per one hundred (\$100) dollar valuation as proposed at the August 12, 2025 board meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Steven Jennings and passed, to adopt the following resolution setting the tax rate for the 2025 tax year for the Construction and Maintenance Fund and the Interest and Sinking Fund .

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING
THE ANNUAL TAX RATE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026
FOR CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5**

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

COUNTY OF CAMERON }

WHEREAS, CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5 is a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District has set the fiscal year of the District as being from October 1st through September 30th of the following year, and

WHEREAS, the District is required to set a tax rate each year under Sections 56.241 and 56.242 of the Texas Water Code, and

WHEREAS, the District has issued and has outstanding 1994 Unlimited Tax Bonds which require the District to levy a property tax for the Interest and Sinking fund sufficient for the retirement of said bonds, and the payment of interest thereon, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5, THAT:

Section 1. The tax rate for the year ending September 30, 2026, is set at a total of Fourteen and two thousand seven hundred eighty three ten thousands (\$.142783) cents.

Section 2. The tax rate for the Construction and Maintenance Fund is set at Thirteen and six thousand four hundred fifty ten thousands (\$.136450) cents.

Section 3. The tax rate for the Interest and Sinking Fund is set at Six thousand three hundred thirty three ten thousands (\$.006333) cents.

Adopted this the 25th day of August 2025, in regular session of the District.

Steve Jennings, President

ATTEST:

Jerome Wade, Secretary

Item 7 Ponds at Harlingen Country Club.

Michael Gorges was present to request that the District maintain the ponds on the golf course. The ponds are privately owned. Attorney Dossett recommended that the Town of Palm Valley gather ownership information and Engineer Brown recommended Harlingen Country Club obtain an estimate for cost per cubic foot of water storage from Ferris, Flinn & Medina, LLC.

Item 8 Report

8.1 Manager

8.1.1 Manager Vela reported that the Southwest Main drainage improvements should be completed within the next week.

8.1.2 Manager Vela reported that the Irrigation District has cleared the storage location next to the open drain in Combes to store the pipes

- being donated by TxDOT. Manager Vela will coordinate with TxDOT regarding the delivery of the culverts.
- 8.1.3 Manager Vela submitted the following shovel ready projects to Representative Oscar Longoria's office: Excavation of 13 acres on Breedlove that the District owns, widening of Elmore Crossing in Combes, and boring of pipes under expressway at Combes.
- 8.1.4 Manager Vela reported that we received the preliminary feasibility study on the alternate channel.
- 8.2 District Engineer
No additional report.
- 8.3 District Attorney
No additional report.

Item 9 Payment of Accounts, Wages, and Director's Services. The motion was made by Jerome Wade and seconded by Steven Jennings that these checks be issued:

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FUND

Ck No. 5528	Rolando Vela	\$	3,658.99
Ck No. 5529	Veronica Larraga		2,224.78
Ck No. 5530	Eloy S. Macias, Jr.		1,961.99
Ck No. 5531	Bryanna Woodman		2,009.87
Ck No. 5532	BCBSTX		1,999.63
Ck No. 5533	Dearborn Life Insurance Company		14.20
Ck No. 5534	Charter Communications		145.59
Ck No. 5535	WM Corporate Services, Inc.		766.77
Ck No. 5536	Scheibe Consulting, LLC		27,172.19
Ck No. 5537	Scheibe Consulting, LLC		10,000.00
Ck No. 5538	Scheibe Consulting, LLC		15,000.00
Ck No. 5539	Rolando Vela		200.00
Ck No. 5540	Veronica Larraga		200.00
Ck No. 5541	Rolando Vela		544.80
Ck No. 5542	La Feria Irrigation District # 3		11,910.00
Ck No. 5543	La Feria Irrigation District # 3		125,000.00
TCDRS (ACH Debit)			4,322.27
Electronic Federal Tax Payment System			6,731.77
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FUND		\$	<u>213,862.85</u>

Following a discussion, the motion carried.

Item 10 There were no non-action items discussed.

Item 11 Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Jerome Wade, Secretary

ATTEST:

Steven Jennings, President