

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5  
September 12, 2023**

The meeting was convened at 9:30 A.M. on September 12, 2023, in accordance with the notice posted at the offices of the District at 221 E. Filmore, Harlingen, Texas.

Present at the meeting were Directors Steve Jennings, Jerome Wade, and Nicholas Consiglio. Others in attendance were Engineer Jack L. Brown, Attorney Buddy R. Dossett, General Manager Rolando Vela, Assistant General Manager Veronica Larraga and Eloy Macias. Also in attendance was Alan Moore, Tom McLemore, Roberto Lopez, Juan Salinas, and Nancy Tapia.

- Item 1 Pledge of Allegiance
  
- Item 2 After discussion, motion was made by Jerome Wade seconded by Nicholas Consiglio and passed, that the **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2023**, be approved.
  
- Item 3 No one was present to discuss items not on the agenda.
  
- Item 4 After discussion, the following action was taken on subdivision plats:
  - 4.1 LOGAN’S RANCH SUBDIVISION (18.05 ACRES OF LAND OF BLOCK 21, DAVID & STEPHENSON) - Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nicholas Consiglio and passed to approve the preliminary plat.
  - 4.2 CORSIF ACRES SUBDIVISION (BEING 3.73 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF BLOCK NUMBER TWO (2) F.Z. BISHOP OF SUBDIVISION OF SECTION NO. 39) – Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nicholas Consiglio and passed to approve the preliminary plat.
  
- Item 5 Auditing Services
  - 5.1 Mr. Roberto Lopez with Roberto Lopez, CPA P.C. presented and discussed auditing services he and his staff could provide to the District. After discussion, motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nicholas Consiglio and passed to select Roberto Lopez, CPA P.C. to perform auditing services for the budget fiscal year ending on September 30, 2023, for \$12,000.
  
- Item 6 Drone Mapping
  - 6.1 Scot Arnold with 360 Drone Mapping, LLC presented the work he performed on the North Main Drain. A discussion about the benefits this service would provide to the district followed.
  
- Item 7 Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nicholas Consiglio and passed to hire EarthCo as the testing lab for the North Main Drain Bank Stabilization.

- Item 8 Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nicholas Consiglio and passed to authorize the purchase of business cards for the Board of Directors.
- Item 9 Projects
- 9.1 Combes Relief Project
- a. Discussion and possible action on calling the Combes Drainage Improvements a 6 Phase Project – No action was taken.
  - b. Expressway Crossing Improvements – Consideration and possible action on authorizing the submission of a grant application to TDEM for the crossing improvement project. – No action was taken.
- 9.2 FM 508 Crossing Improvements – Motion was made by Nicholas Consiglio, seconded by Steve Jennings and passed to approve an Interlocal Agreement with City of Combes.
- 9.3 FM 508 Crossing Redesign Fees – Redesign fees were reduced from \$42,000 to \$15,000. Motion was made by Nicholas Consiglio, seconded by Steve Jennings and passed to approve paying redesign fees of \$15,000.
- Item 10 Grants
- 10.1 Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)/USDA – The sheet pile has been delivered. Work has commenced setting the sheet pile.
- 10.2 Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF)/TWDB – 60% to 70% of the environmental phase is complete. In the meantime, we are working on construction plans.
- Item 11 Report
- 11.1 General Manager –
- a. TDEM – Wilson Concrete Lining Application – The Board had previously authorized Staff to submit a grant application. Engineer Brown estimated the cost to be greater than \$3,200,000. In light of this, Manager Vela is recommending that the District not proceed with this grant application. The TDEM fund has a little under \$7 million for projects, and TDEM would not fund a project that takes up almost half of its available funds.
  - b. Procurement of grant administration services for FEMA project – BUS 77 & UPRR Crossings Project – The TDEM Staff advised Manager Vela that the District may hire a consultant to administer the grant. It will not cost the drainage district for a consultant to be hired. Part of this project includes \$128,000 for these professional services.
  - c. Palm Valley Drainage Project – Manager Vela attended the budget workshop that Palm Valley held on August 26, 2023. He represented to them the drainage district’s \$200,000 contribution. City of Palm Valley was able to make up the difference to be able to award the \$1.9 million contract for this project. There will be an item on their September 13 meeting to award this contract.
- 11.2 District Engineer – No additional report.
- 11.3 District Attorney – No additional report.
- Item 12 Motion was made by Nicholas Consiglio, seconded by Steve Jennings and passed, to approve the following claims that were signed out of meeting:

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FUND

Ck No. 7060	Steve Jennings	\$	415.58
Ck No. 7061	Jerome Wade		415.58
Ck No. 7062	Nicholas Consiglio		415.58
Ck No. 7063	Buddy R. Dossett		470.00
Ck No. 7064	Harlingen Irrigation District No. 1		2,083.37
Ck No. 7065	Veronica Larraga		2,061.53
Ck No. 7066	Rolando Vela		3,296.37
Ck No. 7067	Eloy S. Macias, Jr.		1,747.67
Ck No. 7068	Scheibe Consulting, LLC		2,932.50
Ck No. 7069	Scheibe Consulting, LLC		10,721.25
Ck No. 7070	Scheibe Consulting, LLC		3,457.50
Ck No. 7071	Alan Moore		1,000.00
Ck No. 7072	Cameron Appraisal District		10,544.50
Ck No. 7073	AIM Media Texas		1,042.80
Ck No. 7074	Harlingen Irrigation District No. 1		66,457.10
Ck No. 7075	Rolando Vela		696.95
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FUND			<u>\$ 107,758.28</u>

- Item 13 Motion was made by Steven Jennings, seconded by Nicholas Consiglio and passed to authorize Manager Vela to make an offer of \$360,000 for 89.94 acre tract of land situated in a 205.43 acre tract, Survey 28 and for District to provide survey.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on September 12, 2023.

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Jerome Wade, Secretary

ATTEST:

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Steve Jennings, President