

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
August 11, 2023**

The meeting was convened at 9:30 A.M. on August 11, 2023, in accordance with the notice posted at the offices of the District at 221 East 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, and Assistant General Manager Veronica Larraga. Also in attendance was Alan Moore.

- Item 1 Pledge of Allegiance
- Item 2 After discussion, motion was made by Jerome Wade seconded by Steve Jennings and passed, that the **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 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 CORSIF ACRES SUBDIVISIONB – Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Steve Jennings and passed to deny this plat. The engineer has not made the changes that were proposed.
- Item 5 Budget and Tax Rate
 - 5.1 Motion was made by Nicholas Consiglio, seconded by Jerome Wade and passed, to approve a proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, consider and set proposed tax rates for the year 2023, and set a date for a public hearing for August 22, 2023, on the proposed budget and tax rates.
- Item 6 North Main Drain:
 - 6.1 Wilson Road Concrete Lining – Manager Vela will be meeting with Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) next week to discuss progress on grant application for a 75% grant to make concrete lining improvements along North Main Drain from the crossing at Wilson Road to the south.
- Item 7 Projects
 - 7.1 Combes Relief Project - Manager Vela will request a cost estimate from the Harlingen Irrigation District to construct the 50 foot open drain.
 - 7.2 Murphy Diversion Channel – Manager Vela and Engineer Brown will meet with property owner Mr. Castro to discuss the possible purchase of right of way from him to construct an open drain as part of this diversion channel.

- 7.3 Adam Gardens Drain - Adams Garden Drain – The construction plans to install an 80 CFS pump at the Adams Garden Drain Outfall are currently being reviewed by Harlingen Irrigation District and Drainage District # 6. The second phase of these drainage improvements involves installing box culverts at the Outfall. Drainage District # 5 has committed \$250,000 of its local funds: \$75,000 for 80 CFS Pump and \$175,000 for box culverts.
- 7.4 Nixon / FM 508 Crossing
 - a. City of Combes took bids with our 5’x 8’ box culverts as an alternate bid in lieu of the 30” drainage pipe that the City is proposing to install. The low bid came in at \$350,350 for box culverts. We need to meet with City of Combes to discuss additional engineering fees.

Item 8 License Agreements/Rights of Way/Permits/Interlocal Cooperation Contracts
 8.1 Palm Valley Drainage Project – Lowest bid came in at 2.9 million dollars, more than double what was budgeted for this project.

Item 9 Grants
 9.1 Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)/USDA – We are still waiting for the sheet piles to be delivered.
 9.2 Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF)/TWDB – We are 60% to 70% complete on the environmental phase. In the meantime, we are working on construction plans.
 9.3 TWDB (Telemetry Stations) – Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nick Consiglio and passed, to authorize Scheibe Consulting, LLC to apply for a grant through Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for telemetry stations.

Item 10
 10.1 General Manager – No additional report.
 10.2 District Engineer – No additional report.
 10.3 District Attorney – Attorney Dossett reported that we should have the District boundary map filed with the County Clerk.

Item 11 Motion was made by Nicholas Consiglio, seconded by Jerome Wade and passed, to approve the following claims that were signed out of meeting:

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FUND

Ck No. 7033	Steven Jennings	\$ 277.05
Ck No. 7034	Jerome Wade	277.05
Ck No. 7035	Nicholas Consiglio	138.53
Ck No. 7036	Scheibe Consulting, LLC	16,807.50
Ck No. 7037	Scheibe Consulting, LLC	5,907.50
Ck No. 7038	Buddy R. Dossett	470.00
Ck No. 7039	Harlingen Irrigation District No. 1	2,083.33
Ck No. 7040	Veronica Larraga	2,061.53
Ck No. 7041	Rolando Vela	3,296.37
Ck No. 7042	Eloy S. Macias, Jr.	1,747.67
Ck No. 7043	Quick Compute, Inc.	125.00
Ck No. 7044	Arroyo Colorado Conservancy	2,500.00

Ck No. 7045	Harlingen Irrigation District No. 1	60,725.44
Ck No. 7046	Harlingen Irrigation District No. 1	11,514.00
Ck No. 7047	Harlingen Irrigation District No. 1	59,256.44
Ck No. 7048	Rolando Vela	831.32
Ck No. 7049	Alan Moore	1,000.00
Ck No. 7050	Buddy R. Dossett	<u>1,580.00</u>
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FUND		<u>\$ 170,598.73</u>

Item 12 There were no non-action items discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m. on August 11, 2023.

Jerome Wade, Secretary

ATTEST:

Steve Jennings, President