

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5  
October 24, 2023**

The meeting was convened at 9:30 A.M. on October 24, 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, and Assistant General Manager Veronica Larraga.

- 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 October 10, 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:  
  
No subdivision plats were presented.
  
- Item 5 Drone Services
  - 5.1 Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nicholas Consiglio and passed to approve agreement with 360 Drone Mapping, LLC and to authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement in addition to the President.
  
- Item 6 Projects
  - 6.1 Combes Relief Project
    - a. Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nicholas Consiglio and passed to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract For F.M. 508 Crossing and Construction of Two Drain, dated October 24, 2023 between CCDD5 and the City of Combes and to authorize both the President and/or General Manager to sign said contract.
    - b. Expressway Crossing - Manager Vela reported that we will not be submitting grant application to Texas Division of Emergency Management for the Expressway Crossing at this time.
    - c. Open Drain Excavation - Manager Vela reported that excavation will commence the first week in November. The Irrigation District crews are currently working on the Adams Gardens project and have not been available.
  - 6.2 Detention Basin and Connecting Drain of west side of Expressway
    - a. Acquisition of real property. Manager Vela met with Oscar Tapia and Harlingen CISD Superintendent to let them know the Drainage

District is interested in purchasing property from the school district to construct a detention basin.

6.3 District Office. In addition to renovating current office space, another option would be for the District to explore relocating to a different office and address.

Item 7 Purchase of 89.94 acre tract of land situated in a 205.43 acre tract, Survey 28 from Abundant Life Assembly of God Church of Harlingen. Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nicholas Consiglio and passed to formalize offer of \$360,000 and authorize Board President to sign Farm and Ranch Contract.

Item 8 Grants

8.1 Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)/USDA – Engineer Brown reported that the sheet piling has been set.

8.2 Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF)/TWDB – We are still waiting on the environmental studies.

Item 9 Report

9.1 Manager

a. North Main Drain Palm Valley Drainage Project– Update on the restraining order.

b. Audit for 2022 – 2023 Fiscal Year. Manager Vela and Assistant General Manager Larraga met with staff from auditor’s office to discuss the upcoming annual financial audit.

c. Murphy Diversion Channel – Manager Vela and Engineer Brown met with Daniel Castro regarding right of way the District is interested in purchasing from him. We are waiting to hear back from him. A meeting with Maria Campbell regarding right of way the District is interest in purchasing from her was also held. We need to have her property surveyed and staked.

9.2 District Engineer – No additional report.

9.3 District Attorney

a. Attorney Dossett reported that he will be filing an Eminent Domain Annual Report.

b. Attorney Dossett reported that Election 2024 season opens up December 18, 2023. He has sent election documents to the District for proper posting.

c. Attorney Dossett is working on the conveyance of drains to District by Harlingen Irrigation District No. One, Cameron County.

Item 10 Motion was made by Jerome Wade, seconded by Nicholas and passed, to approve the following claims:

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FUND

Ck No. 7098	Rolando Vela	\$	3,587.32
Ck No. 7099	Veronica Larraga		2,153.73
Ck No. 7100	Eloy S. Macias, Jr.		1,900.35
Ck No. 7101	BCBSTX		5,677.44
Ck No. 7102	Ancillary Billing Department		14.20

Ck No. 7103	Scheibe Consulting, LLC	6,505.75
Ck No. 7104	Scheibe Consulting, LLC	4,748.75
Ck No. 7105	Scheibe Consulting, LLC	29,370.00
Ck No. 7106	La Feria Irrigation District No. 3	3,405.99
Ck No. 7107	WM Corporate Services, Inc.	1,020.88
Ck No. 7108	Rolando Vela	1,025.27
TCDRS (ACH Debit)		3,597.89
Electronic Federal Tax Payment System		<u>5,402.66</u>
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FUND		<u>\$ 68,410.23</u>

Item 11 There were no non-action items discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 a.m. on October 24, 2023.

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Jerome Wade, Secretary

ATTEST:

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Steve Jennings, President