

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5  
March 12, 2024**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Cameron County Drainage District No. 5 convened on March 12, 2024, at 9:30 p.m. at the office of the District pursuant to notice duly given as required by law. Present were Directors Jerome Wade and Nicholas Consiglio, General Manager Rolando Vela, Assistant General Manager Veronica Larraga, District Engineers Jack L. Brown and Eric Schiebe, District Attorney Buddy R. Dossett, and GIS Specialist Eloy Macias. Also in attendance was Alan Moore. Vice-President Consiglio called the meeting to order and presided.

- Item 1            Pledge of Allegiance
- Item 2            Minutes. The minutes of the February 27, 2024 meeting were presented and reviewed. The motion was made by Jerome Wade and seconded by Nicholas Consiglio that the Minutes of the February 27, 2024 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      HAND VILLAGE. being 15.62 acres out of Block Two (2), Wilson Tract Subdivision. Final plat not presented. It was noted that there is no District drain in the subdivision but that the Developer plans to discharge storm water from the subdivision into the Roosevelt Lateral Drain by constructing a 24 inch diameter pipe in the Hand Road right-of and if allowed by the City, a down drain license will be required. The motion was made by Jerome Wade and seconded by Nicholas Consiglio that the plat of Hand Village be given preliminary approval. Following a discussion, the motion carried.
- 4.2      AGAVE ESTATES, being 15.76 acres, being all of Block 4, a part or portion of Blocks 3, 5 and 17, Stuart Place Subdivision of Survey 42. Final plat not presented. It was noted that there is no District drain in the subdivision. The motion was made by Jerome Wade and seconded by Nicholas Consiglio that the plat of Agave Estates be given preliminary approval. Following a discussion, the motion carried.
- Item 5            District Depository. The motion was made by Jerome Wade and seconded by Nicholas Consiglio that First Community Bank be designated the District's local depository and that Manager Vela be authorized to initiate the actions necessary to transition from PNC Bank to First Community Bank. Following a discussion, the motion carried.
- Item 6            Reports
- 6.1      Manager
- (a)      FIF Projects. Eric Scheibe estimates that the environmental studies for the following projects will be completed in these time frames:

- i) Murphy-Southfork Laterals Interconnect Project: 2-3 months
- ii) Sibley Lateral Project: 2-3 months
- iii) North Main Drain Channel Lining & Widening Project: 6 months.  
He noted that the estimated cost of the work that needs to be done is \$14 million, but the District has a grant only in the amount of \$7 million, and recommended that the District apply for a \$7 million 90-10 grant. The motion was made by Jerome Wade and seconded by Nicholas Consiglio that Schiebie Engineering be authorized to prepare a grant application for a \$7 million 90-10 grant. Following a discussion, the motion carried.

- (b) TWDB Artificial Drainage District System Study. Manager Vela reported on his meeting with Bryan McMath the with the Texas Water Development Board about the Artificial Drainage District System Study.
- (c) Artificial Drainage Systems Advocay/Promotions.. Manager Vela is scheduled to meet with Jennifer Jackson with the Texas Water Development Board on April 1, to discuss Artificial Drainage Systems Advocay/Promotions. A discussion followed respecting the objectives and realistic recommendations and proposals that should be presented at this meeting.
- (d) Grants-DC Trip. Manager Vels recommended that Board members and he travel to Washington D.C. in April to discuss with our Congressmen and various federal agencies grant funding of District projects. The motion was made by Jerome Wade and seconded by Nicholas Consiglio that Manager Vela be authorized to make the arrangements for the trip. Following a discussion, the motion carried. A discussion followed about the date of the trip, which Directors will be able to attend, and if anyone other than the Directors and Manager should attend..
- (e) Plotter/Scanner. Proposals for leasing and purchasing a plotter/scanner were reviewed. The motion was made by Jerome Wade and seconded by Nicholas Consiglio to purchase one HP Design Jet T850 MFP, 36” plotter/scanner at a cost \$8,795.00, including a two year warranty. Following a discussion, the motion carried.

6.2 Engineer. No additional report.

6.3 Attorney. No additional report.

Item 7 Payment of Accounts, Wages, and Director’s Services. The motion was made by Nicolas Consiglo and seconded by Jerome Wade that these checks be issued:

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FUND		
Ck No. 7229	Steven Jennings	\$ 277.05
Ck No. 7230	Jerome Wade	277.05
Ck No. 7231	Nicholas Consiglio	277.05
Ck No. 7232	Scheibe Consulting, LLC	12,283.75

Ck No. 7233	Buddy R. Dossett	470.00
Ck No. 7234	SOG Properties, LLC	1,700.00
Ck No. 7235	Veronica Larraga	2,153.73
Ck No. 7236	Rolando Vela	3,587.32
Ck No. 7237	Eloy S. Macias, Jr.	1,900.35
Ck No. 7238	Cameron Appraisal District	12,675.50
Ck No. 7239	LRGVDC	300.00
Ck No. 7240	Alan Moore	1,000.00
Ck No. 7241	Harlingen Irrigation District # 1	54,841.29
Ck No. 7242	Texas Municipal League	425.00
Ck No. 7243	Scheibe Consulting, LLC	717.50
Ck No. 7244	Scheibe Consulting, LLC	1,473.25
Ck No. 7245	Charter Communications	98.37
Ck No. 7246	Rolando Vela	<u>578.05</u>
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FUND		<u>\$ 95,035.26</u>

Following a discussion, the motion carried

- Item 8            Executive Session. None.
- Item 9            Action on items in Executive Session. None.
- Item 10          Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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Nicholas Consiglio, Vice President

ATTEST:

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Jerome Wade, Secretary