

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2015-5:30 pm

Orange County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 Board Room 460 E Bolivar Street, Vidor, Texas

Robert Viator	President
Frank Inzer	Vice-President
Tim Beard-absent	Secretary
Trey Haney	Director
	Director
Norman Blackman	General Manager
David LeJune	Operations Manager
Staff present:	
Karen Sampson	Office Manager
Chris Serres	Financial Director

Others present: Larry Hunter, The Ferguson Law Firm; Jeff Scogin, Carroll & Blackman Consulting Engineers, Inc.; Bobby Rozas, former Board member.

Members of the audience are requested to step outside the Board Room to respond to a page or to conduct a phone conversation.

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PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE DISTRICT TAX RATE FOR 2015

OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

1. Citizens comments

2. Discussion

There were no citizen's comment or discussion

CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing was closed at 5:41 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Robert Viator, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:42 with a quorum present.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Inzer offered the invocation and Mr. Groves led the pledges.

MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Viator welcomed former Board member Bobby Rozas to the meeting. Mr. Viator stated that Mr. Rozas was a valuable member of the Board and wanted to acknowledge his contribution. Mr. Rozas thanked the Board for having him visit and reminisced about the days of sitting on the Board. Mr. Viator asked Mr. Rozas to favor us with one of his famous jokes.

Citizens comment

There were no citizens present.

2. Consideration of and possible action regarding Carroll & Blackman, Inc.'s Monthly Status Report concerning ongoing District projects.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Scogin presented the report regarding the completion of Project C. T-Con is working on the punch list for the project. Mr. Scogin reported that Mr. LeJune was accompanying the inspector on the job, Jim Hughes, to inspect the various project sites.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Groves and seconded by Mr. Haney to approve Carroll & Blackman, Inc.'s Monthly Status Report concerning ongoing District projects, as presented. Motion carried. See attachment.

3. Consideration of and possible action regarding approval of Carroll & Blackman, Inc., monthly invoices for District projects as listed:

Invoice No. 21991 for General Services in the amount of \$1,700.50. This is a Grand Total of \$1,700.50.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Blackman presented the invoice. Mr. Blackman stated this invoice included meetings with Toby Davis regarding the Trihalomethanes and the Surplus Funds projects.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion

A motion was made by Mr. Inzer and seconded by Mr. Haney to approve Carroll & Blackman, Inc., monthly invoices for District projects as listed: Invoice No. 21991 for General Services in the amount of \$1,700.50. This is a Grand Total of \$1,700.50, as presented. Motion carried. See attachment.

 Consideration and possible action regarding approval/amendments to the minutes of the September 14, 2015 regular meeting.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion

A motion was made by Mr. Groves and seconded by Mr. Inzer to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 regular meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

5. Consideration of and possible action regarding a RESOLUTION providing for the reimbursement to the District's operating accounts from the anticipated Surplus Bond Funds account for costs incurred by the District in efforts to reduce trihalomethanes in the water supply to meet TECQ water quality requirements.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Viator read the RESOLUTION into the record.

Mr. Haney asked for clarification of the Resolution. Mr. Blackman explained the resolution allows the District to be repaid monies spent prior to TCEQ approval of spending funds for Trihalomethane reduction efforts.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion

A motion was made by Mr. Groves and seconded by Mr. Haney to approve a RESOLUTION providing for the reimbursement to the District's operating accounts from the anticipated Surplus Bond Funds account for costs incurred by the District in efforts to reduce trihalomethanes in the water supply to meet TECQ water quality requirements, as presented. Motion carried. See attachment.

Board Members comments.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Groves enjoyed making the motion and Mr. Haney agreed. Mr. Inzer appreciated the refreshments always supplied for the meetings.

7. Consideration and possible action regarding General Manager's monthly status and financial report.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Blackman presented the status report. Mr. Blackman updated the ongoing topics. Mr. Blackman informed the Board the Trihalomethane issue was still ongoing. The newest water tests at each facility now had elevated numbers regarding Trihalomethanes. The District is almost ready to order the rental of the TTHM analyzer for running tests throughout the month to determine the levels under all conditions.

Mr. Blackman informed the Board the next Trihalomethane letter will go out on Thursday October 22, 2015.

Mr. Blackman informed the Board that TCEQ had sent the District a letter informing us of their intention to have a notice of enforcement against the District regarding the Trihalomethane elevated numbers for the last 3 testing cycles.

Ms. Serres presented the financial report. The billing numbers are up from the first two months of the Budget year. Ms Serres presented the Statement of Account balance report and the Budget Comparison report and ending with the Interest for the month.

Mr. Lejune presented the Field and LPSS reports.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Groves and seconded by Mr. Inzer to approve General Manager's monthly status and financial report, as presented. Motion carried. See attachment.

8. Consideration of and possible action regarding payment of the District's monthly bills.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion

A motion was made by Mr. Inzer and seconded by Mr. Haney to approve payment of the District's monthly bills, as presented. Motion carried. See attachment.

9. Consideration of and possible action regarding selection of a health insurance policy for employees of the District.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Haney recommended the United Healthcare Silver Plus AARV medical insurance package at a cost of \$660.61 per employee per month. The Dental Insurance with this plan is at a cost of \$30.25 per employee per month. The Life/ADD insurance with this plan is \$10.50 per employee per month.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Haney and seconded by Mr. Inzer to approve selection of a health insurance policy for employees of the District, as presented and recommended. Motion carried. See attachment.

10. Consideration of ratifying action taken during Board meeting of September 14, 2015, to approve the 2015 Assessed Tax Roll, in the amount of \$0.38726 per \$100 value for Orange County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1, as certified and submitted by Lynda Gunstream, Orange County Tax Assessor/Collector.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Blackman informed the Board this item had been on the agenda and just needs to be ratified at this meeting, due to an error in the publising of the Notice of the Public Hearing

Mr. Viator asked for a motion

A motion was made by Mr. Groves and seconded by Mr. Inzer to ratify and approve action taken during Board meeting of September 14, 2015, to approve the 2015 Assessed Tax Roll, in the amount of \$0.38726 per \$100 value for Orange County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1, as certified and submitted by Lynda Gunstream, Orange County Tax Assessor/Collector, as presented. Motion carried. See attachment.

11. Adjournment.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Inzer and seconded by Mr. Haney to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6.40 P.M.

Robert Viator, President

Frank Inzer, Vice President