

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

**GALVESTON COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

4403 Highway 3

Dickinson, Texas

6:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Galveston County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 of Galveston County, in Dickinson, Texas, met in a **SPECIAL JOINT MEETING** of the Galveston County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, City of Dickinson City Council, Dickinson Economic Development Corporation and Dickinson Management District No. 1, open to the public, on the 29th day of October, 2019, at 4403 Highway 3, Dickinson, Texas, thereof, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the board, to wit:

John W. Mitchiner	President	PRESENT
Shamarion M. Barber	Vice President	PRESENT
William J. Gaffey	Secretary-Treasurer	PRESENT
Garland Copelin	Director	PRESENT
Jeffrey Spriggins	Director	ABSENT

Also, present were: General Manager Russell Grubbs; Keith Morgan; Nancy Click; and Kim Holle of Galveston County W.C.I.D. No. 1.

Guest(s): Mayor Julie Masters, and Council Members Charles Suderman, Sean Skipworth, Wally Deats, and Louis Decker; City Administrator Chris Heard and Planning and Zoning Commission Member Leslie Boudwin; Ron Cox of Ron Cox Consulting; Scott Jones, Chief Executive Officer of the Dickinson Economic Development Corporation; Robert Donley, member of the Dickinson Economic Development Corporation; Dawn King, member of the Dickinson Economic Development Corporation; Chad Rankin, member of the Dickinson Economic Development Corporation; C. Wayne Brown, member of the Dickinson Management District; Mary Dunbaugh, member of the Dickinson Management District; Johnnie Simpson, Jr., member of the Dickinson Management District; Kimberly Westerlage, member of the Dickinson Management District; Joan Malmrose, Executive Director of the Dickinson Historical Society; Mark Townsend; and John Dougan.

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT.

The meeting was called to order by President Mitchiner at 6:30 p.m. All said members were in attendance with the exception of Director Spriggins, and a quorum was established by Nancy Click, Administrative Assistant to the General Manager/Human Resources.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

There was no Prayer or Pledge of Allegiance said.

BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION CONCERNING: Identification, Coordination and Planning with Regard to Common Municipal Issues and Concerns.

Mayor Masters introduced the item and said that she had asked for this Special Joint Meeting as a way for each of these entities to get together and work towards forging stronger bonds. In this manner, the public benefits from our combined efforts, and developers will benefit from streamlining of the development process.

Mayor Masters introduced Ron Cox of Ron Cox Consulting, who facilitated the discussion.

Items discussed included:

- Key responsibilities, budget, jurisdiction, and goals for each entity.
- Cooperation and communication between each entity, including:
 - The importance of having a policy of communicating with each other.
 - Ensuring that policies between entities do not conflict with each other.

During the meeting, the City Council Members, Dickinson Economic Development Corporation Board Members, Dickinson Management District No. 1 Board Members, and Galveston County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 Board of Directors formed small groups to discuss issues and challenges.

Identified issues included:

- Insufficient levels of communication, especially intergroup, inter-entity and public-facing communication.
- Identity issues; the roles of each entity and how they relate to other entities' roles.
- Conflicting goals. The City may wish to develop land south of Dickinson Bayou and West of Interstate 45, but the other entities may disagree or be unable to meet the challenges that such development would pose.
- Provision of solid waste collection services.
- Housing.
- Streets and drainage.

- Lack of a shared vision for the future.
- Land use, including greenfield lots and infilling in established neighborhoods.
- Development of Dickinson Bayou. It currently suffers from a dearth of public access points.
- What is our brand and what is our image? How do we get people travelling on Interstate 45 to stop in Dickinson?
- Alleviate the Hurricane Harvey impact designation.
- Move more quickly on hurricane-damaged houses and businesses to improve their condition and to improve the overall condition of buildings in the city. Maybe an “empty building” fee?

Next steps:

- Inform the media of the meeting’s findings. Media representatives were present in the audience.
- Develop a report.
- Meet again, perhaps quarterly.
- Distribute a membership list to facilitate communication between members.
- Develop a new Comprehensive Plan for Dickinson.
- Establish the vision.
- Prioritize the issues.
- Establish directives and policies to help guide staff.
- Involve additional partners, including, but not limited to, Dickinson Chamber of Commerce, Dickinson Independent School District, and Texas Department of Transportation.
- Chris Heard, Scott Jones, and Russell Grubbs will meet to continue the discussions, pending a future joint meeting of the boards to be held perhaps in January.

Convene into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to Open Meetings Act Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code and/or Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code for consultation with Attorney for pending or contemplated litigation, and/or Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code for deliberations about real property.

Re-convene into Open Session and authorize any necessary action concerning personnel matters and/or pending or contemplated litigation and/or deliberations about real property.

There was no action taken.

2. Discuss and take action on item(s) from Executive Session.

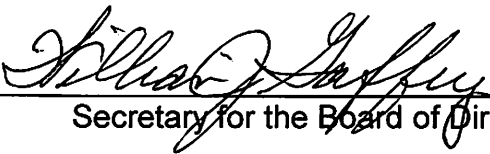
There was no action taken.

CLOSING COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION

There were no public announcements and/or recognition.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.


Secretary for the Board of Directors