

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**  
**GALVESTON COUNTY WATER CONTROL**  
**AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**Tuesday, August 30, 2022**  
**2320 Falco Street**  
**Dickinson, Texas**  
**12:00 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 session, open to the public, on the 30th day of August, 2022, at 2320 Falco Street, Dickinson, Texas, thereof, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the board, to wit:

<b>Ron Morales</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>Shamarion M. Barber</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>Doreen E. Bridges</b>	<b>Secretary-Treasurer</b>	<b>ARRIVED AT 1:15 P.M.</b>
<b>John W. Mitchiner</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>Jeffrey Spriggins</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>

Also, present were: General Manager Ivan Langford; Keith Morgan; Aurora Amaro; Laura Garza; Nancy Click; Dylan Caldwell; John Campbell; Angela Maloney; and Jamie Boudreaux of Galveston County W.C.I.D. No. 1; Ryan Nokelby, PE of HDR Engineering, Inc.; Scott Bounds, Attorney of Olson & Olson LLP; Chad Nobles of Ameresco; Jason Gray, Managing Principal of Willdan; and Dan Jackson, Vice President of Willdan.

Guest(s): Garland Copelin; and Gerhard Meinecke.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT.**

The meeting was called to order by President Morales at 12:00 p.m. All said members were in attendance with the exception of Secretary-Treasurer Bridges who arrived late, and a quorum was established by President Morales.

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice President Barber led those present in the Lord's Prayer. Director Mitchiner led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1. Open Public Hearing to receive input on the proposed 2022 Tax Rate.**

The public hearing opened at 12:04 p.m. to receive input on the proposed 2022 Tax Rate.

Mr. Meinecke expressed his concern about the time of the public hearing and his concern about citizens not being available to attend at this time of day. He also stated that the District should hold another public hearing at a more convenient time. He also stated that there was very little explanation as to why the tax rate was increasing.

Mr. Copelin questioned where the proposed tax rate was advertised. He stated that he could not find it online.

**2. Close Public Hearing.**

The public hearing closed at 12:08 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA**

**3. Discuss and take action on adopting Ordinance No. 2022-02 Fixing the Tax Rate and Tax Levy for Debt Service and Maintenance for the Galveston County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 for the Tax Year Ending the 31st day of December, 2022, upon all taxable property in said Galveston County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas; providing for a homestead exemption; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for notice to taxpayers' right to rollback election.**

A motion was made by Vice President Barber and seconded by Director Spriggins to adopt Ordinance No. 2022 – 02 Fixing the Tax Rate and Tax Levy for Debt Service and Maintenance for the Galveston County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 at a rate of \$0.035681 for Debt Services and \$0.100000 for Maintenance for a total tax rate of \$0.135681 for the Tax Year Ending the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2022, upon all taxable property in said Galveston County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas providing for a homestead exemption; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for notice to taxpayers' right to rollback election. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Presentation of Water Rate Study by Willdan.**

Mr. Dan Jackson, Vice President of Willdan and Mr. Jason Gray, Managing Principal of Willdan, gave a presentation of the Water Rate Study.

Mr. Jackson and Mr. Gray answered Board of Directors' questions and concerns.

There was no action taken.

**5. Discuss and review the Employee Pay Plan.**

General Manager Ivan Langford gave an overview of the current Employee Pay Plan.

There was no action taken.

The Board of Directors took a break at 1:12 p.m., and the Board of Directors returned to the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

Secretary-Treasurer Bridges arrived at the Board meeting at 1:15 p.m.

**6. Discuss and review General Fund Expenditures for the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 Budget.**

General Manager Ivan Langford addressed the Board of Directors concerning the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 Budget.

Chief Financial Officer Aurora Amaro gave an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023, and she asked each Department Head to go into the detail of their department's budget.

Each Department Head reviewed their Budget Detail Sheets which included each line item and a brief description of expenses only covering in detail expenses that changed by \$5,000.

Human Resources Nancy Click reviewed Department 01 detail sheets and answered the Board of Directors' questions and concerns. She reviewed some line items and noted any increase or decrease and explained in detail.

Chief Financial Officer Aurora Amaro addressed the Board of Directors. She reviewed Department 02 detail sheets and answered the Board of Directors' questions and concerns. She reviewed some line items and noted any increase or decrease and explained in detail.

Water & Wastewater Superintendent reviewed Department 06 and Department 24 detail sheets and answered the Board of Directors' questions and concerns. He reviewed some line items and noted any increase or decrease and explained in detail.

Superintendent of Plant Operations Dylan Caldwell addressed the Board of Directors. He reviewed Department 35 detail sheets and answered the Board of Directors' questions and concerns. He reviewed some line items and noted any increase or decrease and explained in detail.

Chief Financial Officer Aurora Amaro reviewed Information Technology - Department 07 detail sheets and discussed the significant increases and decreases.

Chief Financial Officer Aurora Amaro addressed the Board of Directors on the Capital Outlays – Department 10 detail sheets and discussed the significant increases and decreases. Water & Wastewater Superintendent Keith Morgan discussed Line Item 01-0806-10-00 (Land) which is the acquisition of a +- 17,181 square foot residential lot, located at 3002 Shadowlane Drive with a budgeted amount of \$60,000.

Chief Financial Officer Aurora Amaro addressed the Board of Directors on the Refuse – General Fund 04.

The Board of Directors took a break at 3:04 p.m., and the Board of Directors returned to the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Chief Financial Officer Aurora Amaro briefed the Board on Maintenance Operations – General Fund 09 projects. Mr. Ryan Nokelby, PE of HDR Engineering, Inc. discussed Line Item 01-0426-00-00 (Grants Fees) which is budgeted for \$181,080.

Chief Financial Officer Aurora Amaro addressed the Board of Directors on the Self-Insured Insurances – General Fund 07.

Chief Financial Officer Aurora Amaro reviewed the Fund Balances, Debt Service and Bond Series.

Chief Financial Officer Aurora Amaro answered Board of Directors' questions and concerns.

There was no action taken.

#### **CLOSING COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION**

There were no closing comments, announcements and/or recognition.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

  
Secretary for the Board of Directors