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Green DeWitt Drainage District

Special Meeting Minutes July 20, 2026 — 1:14 PM Adjournment

1. Opening Prayer

The meeting opened with prayer.

2. Call to Order & Quorum Announcement

A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order.

Present at the meeting: Doug Sethness, President

Larry Coppedge, Vice – President

*John Varela – Secretary (ABSENT)

Staff: David Guajardo, General Manager

Pat Trevino, Office Manager

Ignacio Granado, Foreman

3. Public Comment

NONE

4. Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget Review / Workshop

The Board conducted an extended workshop reviewing the draft FY 2026–2027 budget.

Budget vs Actual Review

- District projected to finish **\$90k–\$100k under budget** for FY 2025–2026.
- Discussion on conservative budgeting vs. under-utilization of engineering funds.

- Agreement to remove:
 - **\$85,000 “other income”**
 - **\$25,000 watershed contribution**
- Salary categories clarified; QuickBooks line-item inconsistencies noted.

Operational Costs

- Fuel line item may require adjustment.
- Copier replacement discussed; mid-sized unit recommended.

Engineering & Surveying

- Five-year staged plan for channel clearing, surveying, and re-engineering.
- Doug emphasized the need to increase engineering activity due to repeated under-budget trends.

5. Southwest Engineering –

Doug - We agreed that we would go ahead and accept Southwest Engineering as our consultant. If I can get a motion on that

Motion to accept Southwest Engineering as our consultant

Larry - I move that Southwest Engineering be our consultant for engineering projects.

Doug -And I'll second it. So, we have a motion and a second to accept the proposal of Southwest Engineering to become our engineer. Are there any more questions or discussion? Hearing none, all in favor say aye. Aye. It is voted on unanimously, so Southwest Engineering will be awarded contract to be our engineer.

The Board continued discussing engineering priorities, including future coordination with TWDB, GLO, and the county once the classification map is complete.

Southwest Engineering Contract Discussion

Doug: “Before we move any further into the budget workshop, we need to address the item concerning Southwest Engineering. We’ve talked several times about the classification map they’re preparing — identifying which parts of our system are true creek beds and which are drainage ditches.

That map is important. It’s what we need to show the Corps of Engineers that most of our system is *not* a natural creek and shouldn’t be regulated like one. It’s also what we need to show the state and TWDB when we ask for help.

“We’ve waited long enough. We need to formally approve contracting Southwest Engineering to finish this map. If we’re going to make progress on anything — gauges, channel improvements, even the levee discussions — we need solid engineering data. Southwest already knows our system.”

"Yeah, we need something official. We can't keep talking about it without having the map in hand. And once we have it, we can finally give Dawn Buckingham and TWDB the numbers they've been asking for. They can't help us until we give them something concrete."

David Guajardo (General Manager): "Just to clarify for the Board — the estimate Southwest gave us for completing the classification map is around **\$5,000**. That includes the mapping, documentation, and the breakdown of ditch vs creek.

"This approval would be **only** for the map. Not for any additional engineering or gauge installation work."

Motion to Approve Contract

Larry: "I move that the Board approve contracting Southwest Engineering to complete the drainage-system classification map at an estimated cost of \$5,000."

Doug: "I'll second."

Doug: "Motion has been made and seconded. All in favor?"

Board Members: "Aye."

Doug: "Any opposed?" (*None*)

Doug: "Motion carries. Southwest Engineering is approved to begin work on the classification map. David, coordinate with them and bring back the deliverable's timeline at the next meeting."

5. Southwest Engineering (General Discussion Continues)

6. Adjournment

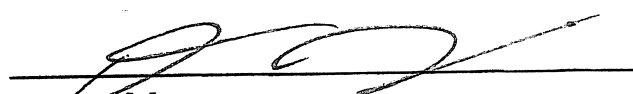
Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Vote: All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at **1:14 PM**

APPROVED THIS 28 DAY OF July 2026



Director

date: 7-28-26



General Manager
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