

GREEN DeWITT DRAINAGE DISTRICT

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Green DeWitt Drainage District met in **REGULAR** Session on the **28th of April 2025**, at 11:00 A.M. in the Conference Room of the District's office at 107 N. Gonzales Street, in Cuero, Texas, with the following members present:

BOARD MEMBERS: Doug Sethness, President
Larry Coppedge, Vice President
John Varela, Secretary

Staff: David Guajardo, General Manager
Pat Trevino, Office Manager
Ignacio Granado, Foreman

1. ANNOUNCE QUORUM & CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:
NONE

- 3. MINUTES:** The minutes for March 18, 2025, were reviewed.
MOTION: The March 18, 2025, minutes were approved by Director John Varela with a motion and seconded by Director Larry Coppedge.

4. FACILITIES-MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENTS & PROJECTS:

Ignacio Granado gave the following report for Drainage Maintenance Update – April 28, 2025

- Completed full system cycle; second round underway.
- Mowing 75% complete; vegetation remains healthy.
- Sprayed Valley Channel (Death Valley) to control plant growth.
- RTV equipment is functioning properly, aiding progress.
- Precinct One completed cleanup and repairs at Daule Channel.

- Upcoming focus: tree removal, vegetation treatment, safety training, and facility improvements.

5. GM REPORT:

David Guajardo gave the following General Manager's report for the April board meeting:

- GM completed TDEM Preparedness Identity Management training.
- Public Management & Civil Corp, wetland delineation required for grant advancement.
- GLO monthly updates call; funding options for wetland delineation discussed.
- GM attended the Texas Floodplain Management Conference, attempted CFM exam.
- Special purpose reporting filed with Texas Comptroller.
- Quarterly reporting completed for TAC unemployment fund.
- Communication with Texas Water Association regarding risk assessments.
- North Cuero Watershed meeting; interlocal agreements & emergency action plan updates.
- Risk assessment audit with TWA; recommendations pending.
- GLO call on wetland delineation costs; LEPC meeting attended.
- TWA inventory request; new mower to be added.
- Appraisal District emailed 2025 estimated taxable values.

MOTION: The General Manager's report was approved by Director Larry Coppedge with a motion and seconded by Director John Varela. The motion carried.

6. ENGINEERING:

Covered in the General Manager Report.

7. UPDATE DISTRICT INFORMATION FORM:

The District has updated **Item #3** regarding the **tax levy** on property within the District. The revised tax rate is **\$0.87551 per \$100 of assessed valuation**. This adjustment reflects the latest assessment, and this form will be recorded with the county clerk's office.

8. GLO GRANT UPDATES:

The District is currently in the environmental phase of the grant process, a required step outlined by the General Land Office (GLO). Board President Doug Sethness has opted to consult GLO management regarding the necessity of this phase and has expressed interest in using an environmental specialist selected by the District instead of one provided by the GLO. Director Larry Coppedge supported this inquiry.

The General Manager (GM) emphasized that the timely completion of the environmental phase is crucial for maintaining grant eligibility, warning that further

delays could risk the withdrawal of funding, potentially affecting the District's ability to proceed with the project.

9. IRS RESPONSE:

The Office Manager (OM) informed the board that after a year-long wait, the IRS has finally provided clarification regarding a tax payment issue. Initially, the IRS sent a letter stating that the District had not paid its 941 taxes for April 2024. In response, the OM submitted an 8821 Tax Authorization form, along with supporting documentation and proof of payment covering several months.

10. DIRECTOR'S LOG:

Reviewed, signed, and approved for payment.

MOTION:

The director's log was approved for payment by Director John Varela and seconded by Director Larry Coppedge. The motion carried.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The board reviewed the following reports:

BALANCE SHEET
PROFIT & LOSS
PROFIT & LOSS VS. ACTUAL
TRANSACTION LIST BY DATE

MOTION:

The financial reports were approved by Director John Varela and seconded by Director Larry Coppedge. The motion carried.

12. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2025, at 11:00 am at 107 N. Gonzales St in the Conference room.

13. ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

MOTION: Director Larry Coppedge made a motion to adjourn, and Director John Varela seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

DIRECTOR

DAVID GUAJARDO