

DeWITT COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1

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DeWitt County Drainage District No. 1 met in **REGULAR** session on **AUGUST 17, 2021** at **11:00 A.M.** in the Conference Room of the District's office at **107 N. Gonzales Street**, Cuero, Texas, with the following members present:

Director Joseph Olive
Director John Varela
Director Doug Sethness (by phone)

Staff: Ryan Parker, Office Manager
Ignacio Granado Jr., Crew Foreman

ANNOUNCE QUORUM & CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Olive called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

MINUTES

MOTION: On Motion by Mr. Varela and second by Mr. Sethness, the District approved the following minutes:

June 29, 2021	Special Meeting
July 23, 2021	Regular Meeting
August 6, 2021	Special Meeting

FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENTS & PROJECTS

Crew Foreman Ignacio Granado gave updates on recent work in the Maintenance department, such as routine mowing, weed eating and litter pickup in the District's channel system, and noted that recent weather patterns have held up regular work. Mr. Granado also discussed new hires, repairs and maintenance for the Grasshopper mower, and expressed an interest in taking classes in the future for things like CPR & First Aid and small engine repair.

Mr. Granado also requested approval for a quote from Lantz Tire to make repairs to the utility trailer, in the amount of \$417.99.

MOTION: On Motion by Mr. Varela and second by Mr. Sethness, the District approved the quote from Lantz Tire for repairs to the utility trailer.

GM REPORT

No action taken.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS

Mr. Sethness gave updates regarding structural damage on a portion of the Valley Channel following heavy rainfall earlier this summer.

No action taken.

ENGINEERING

No action taken.

2021 TAX RATE

Mr. Sethness requested that Mr. Parker confirm with the correct Voter-Approved Tax Rate for 2021 with Tax Assessor-Collector Ashley Mraz.

MOTION: On Motion by Mr. Sethness and second by Mr. Varela, the District proposed a revenue increase of 0.09874 per \$100 in valuation for 2021 and will hold a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for 2021 on September 9, 2021, at 11 A.M. at the conference room of the District's office located at 107 N. Gonzales St, Cuero TX 77954.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP

No action taken.

GRANT UPDATES

District discussed its current projects and corresponding grants including the Texas Water Development Board's Flood Infrastructure Funding Grant ("TWDB FIF") and the Texas General Land Office / Texas Department of Emergency Management ("GLO/ TDEM") grant.

No action taken.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

District discussed placing an ad in the Cuero Record for a Deputy General Manager, and potentially for a Project Manager.

No action taken.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

District reviewed a mileage reimbursement and expense report for which Mr. Sethness attended the Regional Flood Planning Group meeting in Wimberley on August 4, 2021, in the amounts of \$101.92 (mileage) and \$55.72 (meals), for a total of \$157.64.

MOTION: On Motion by Mr. Varela and second by Mr. Olive, the District approved the reimbursements to Doug Sethness.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING(S)

Next SPECIAL Meeting will be September 9, 2021 at 11 A.M.

Next REGULAR Meeting will be September 28, 2021 at 11 A.M.

Public Hearing regarding Tax Rate for 2021 will occur at the SPECIAL Meeting scheduled for September 9, 2021 at 11 A.M.

ADJOURN

MOTION: On Motion by Mr. Olive and second by Mr. Varela, the District adjourned the meeting at 11:47 A.M.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner
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Ryan Parker
Records Management Officer