

# DeWITT COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1

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DeWitt County Drainage District No. 1 met in **SPECIAL** session on **JUNE 29, 2021** at **9:00 A.M.** in the Conference Room of the District's office at **107 N. Gonzales Street**, Cuero, Texas, with the following members present:

Director Doug Sethness  
Director Joseph Olive  
Director John Varela

## **ANNOUNCE QUORUM & CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Sethness called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public present.

## **ENGINEERING**

District discussed Work Order No. 4 – Flood Early Warning System (FEWS) RFP Development, Stream Gage Siting and Construction Phase Services, which is directly involved with the Texas Water Development Board FIF 40040 Grant ("TWDB FIF"). Due to recent structural damage done to the Valley Channel, District resources are less available than initially thought when grant work was in planning stages. Mr. Sethness assured the District that by signing the TWDB FIF grant, the District was not necessarily obligated to begin work on the stream gage project and could decide at a later date to forgo the project and not utilize any grant funds.

District also discussed Work Order No. 3 – Grant Administration Request for Proposals, which is to prepare a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for the selection of a qualified Grant Administration firm that will support the District in administering grants associated with the Flood Early Warning System (TWDB) and the Gohlke Hollow clean-up project (GLO).

**MOTION:** On Motion by Mr. Olive and second by Mr. Varela, the District approved Work Order No. 4, to be completed by November 1, 2021, in the amount of \$39,420.00 with \$100 in allowable expenses.

**MOTION:** On Motion by Mr. Olive and second by Mr. Varela, the District approved Work Order NO. 3, to be completed by August 16, 2021, in the amount of \$2,000.00 with \$750 in allowable expenses.

**TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE FUND CAT 4  
PROJECT 40040**

District discussed signing the Contract Agreement for the TWDB FIF Stream Gage Project. As stated during the Engineering portion of the meeting, the District determined it would be in its best interest to sign the contract agreement now and determine whether to initiate the project at a later date.

MOTION: On Motion by Mr. Varela and second by Mr. Olive, the District agreed to execute the Contract Agreement for the TWDB FIF Project 40040 grant.

**RECESS AT 9:49 A.M. ON JUNE 29, 2021, YEAR TO NEXT BUSINESS DAY**

**RECONVENE ON JULY 6, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.** in the Conference Room of the District's office at 107 N. Gonzales Street, Cuero, Texas, with the following members present:

Director Doug Sethness

Director John Varela

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

**CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM**

Mr. Sethness called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public present.

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

Mr. Parker gave an explanation regarding employee health benefits for the upcoming 2021-2022 renewal. Currently the District allocates \$713 per month, per employee, and employees can choose which plan suits their needs. Mr. Parker also discussed the possibility of the District taking on the Life and Short-Term Disability benefit as a bill instead of a liability which is currently included in the \$713 per month allocation.

MOTION: On Motion by Mr. Varela and Mr. Sethness, the District agreed that \$713.00 would be allocated to each employee for their health care costs, per month, and to also take on the Life and Short-Term Disability benefit as a bill, effective on August 1, 2021.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING(S)**

Next REGULAR Meeting will be July 20, 2021 at 9 A.M.

**ADJOURN**

MOTION: On Motion by Mr. Varela and second by Mr. Sethness, the District adjourned the meeting at 10:36 A.M.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner  
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Ryan Parker  
Records Management Officer