

GREEN DeWITT DRAINAGE DISTRICT

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Green DeWitt Drainage District met in a **Regular** Session on the **21st** of **OCTOBER 2024**, 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:

Larry Coppedge, Director
John Varela, Director

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

1. **ANNOUNCE QUORUM & CALL TO ORDER:**
John Varela called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
NONE
3. **MINUTES:**
Reviewed and discussed minutes for September 23, 2024.

MOTION:

Director Larry Coppedge motioned to accept the September 23, 2024, minutes.
Director John Varela seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

4. **FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENTS & PROJECTS:**
Foreman Ignacio Granado provided the following report:

System Maintenance: Completed another round through the system, addressing all publicly visible areas. Focused on cleaning the remaining channels and initiated trimming tree limbs.

Mechanical Issues: Encountered major mechanical breakdowns; currently awaiting parts for repairs. Performing repairs in-house to save on labor costs.

Training: Started training J. Rodriguez on pesticide sprayer use for small areas. Future tasks include having field personnel watch videos on chainsaw use and maintenance.

Tree Cutting and Cleanup: Began cutting trees and cleaning up areas, including the channel off of Alonzo St. Installed signs in various locations.

Maintenance: Cleared a ditch near Main Street and the railroad tracks; discuss cleaning another adjacent drainage area.

Collaborative Efforts: Working with property owners to maintain cleanliness and manage overgrowth affecting public areas.

5. GM REPORT –

Financial Report:

- Submitted a financial report for the Commissioners Court meeting

Interlocal Agreement:

- Working on an interlocal agreement between the county and the district.

Unemployment and payments:

- 3rd quarter filing with Texas Association of Counties unemployment Upcoming Conferences and Meetings:
- Will attend the Texas Water Commission Association (TWCA) conference Oct 23rd to 25th.

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TAX ROLL

- The District received the tax roll for FY2024 from the DeWitt Tax Assessor's Office. The total tax levy including adjustments is \$495,021.45 for the Green DeWitt Drainage District.

MOTION:

Director John Varela made a motion to accept the 2024 tax roll. Director Larry Coppedge seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

6. ENGINEERING:

- Sent GLO draw request #5 via Aaron Miller in the amount of \$1,212 to pay CivilCorp (our engineering firm working on grant)
- Grant is still in the engineering phase

7. GLO GRANT UPDATE:

Grant Management:

- Attended GLO meeting & assigned a new grant manager, Tori Kilbourne who replaces Ann Lister.
- Grant is still in the Engineering phase and pushing toward the next phase which is the environmental phase.
- Awaiting assessment regarding changes to the scope of work on General Land Office Community Development and Revitalization Grant.
- During a Skype meeting with GLO focus was on the removal of soil for the project, and upcoming site visit. In discussions with Randy Yannick regarding property owners that need to be notified about the soil removal. This mitigation grant will require that we go outside our boundaries.

8. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

NONE

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Discussed and reviewed reports.

MOTION:

Director Larry Coppedge motioned to approve the financial report. John Varela seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

10. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING(S)

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Green DeWitt Drainage District office at 107 N. Gonzales Street, Cuero, Tx 77954.

6 ADJOURN:

Director John Varela motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Larry Coppedge seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:41.

Director

David Guajardo, General Manager