

DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 1ST DAY of MAY, 2018, The Drainage District Board of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a scheduled meeting with the following present:

ROBERT E. HEBERT	COUNTY JUDGE
VINCENT MORALES	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
GRADY PRESTAGE	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
ANDY MEYERS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
JAMES PATTERSON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
LAURA RICHARD	COUNTY CLERK
MARK VOGLER	DRAINAGE DISTRICT MANAGER

When the following were heard and the following orders were passed:

1. **Call to Order.**

Call to Order by Judge Hebert at 1:08 p.m.

2. **Approve minutes of meeting held on April 24, 2018.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Patterson
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve minutes of meeting held on April 24, 2018.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

3. **Authorize advertising for requests for qualifications for county-wide watershed study.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize advertising for requests for qualifications for county-wide watershed study.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

Judge Hebert stated this is the first step in performing a county-wide watershed study and is extremely broad based. The study is intended to review the entire 880 plus square miles of Fort Bend County. Streams, creeks, bayous, drainage districts and levee districts will be reviewed. The research on Barker Reservoir will be integrated into the study. Federal and Local regulations will be reviewed to determine if they need to be strengthened. Improvements will be determined and prioritized in the handling of water within the entire watershed which will mitigate the risk of flooding, especially in high rain events. It is anticipated to award the contract by mid-June and the study should be completed in twelve to eighteen months. The court will go to the taxpayers on financing the projects. The Governor has asked this study be funded by the Federal Government. If that were the case, it would have to be managed by the Corps of Engineers, which would add a significant amount of time, and the County does not have the time to wait based on the County's recent track record. The County will move ahead on this study.

4. **Approve transfer in the amount of \$30,000 from Commissioners Court Project account into project account managed by the Drainage District to allocate funds for professional service to evaluate flood recovery from Cypress Creek overflows in unincorporated Fort Bend County and Brazos River flooding in Simonton.**

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Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

Judge Hebert stated these are specialized areas of study that will be incorporated in the overall countywide flood evaluation and watershed study the County will carry out. This study needs to be stepped up and done as quickly as possible.

5. **Adjournment.**

The Drainage District Board adjourned at 1:13 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

May 1, 2018



I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.

Laura Richard

Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas