

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
FORT BEND COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT -  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

I, Laura Richard, duly elected County Clerk and Clerk of Court, Fort Bend County, Texas do hereby submit the Official Minutes of Drainage District Board of Directors meeting held on the 28th day of July, 2020.



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**LAURA RICHARD, COUNTY CLERK**

Now, therefore, be it resolved upon the motion of Commissioner Meyers seconded by Commissioner Morales, duly put and carried, it is ordered to accept as presented for record the attached minutes approved on this the 4th day of August, 2020.



County Judge KP George

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**KP GEORGE, CHAIRMAN**

**DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES**

**DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS, THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BY TELEPHONE AND/OR VIDEO CONFERENCE**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 28TH DAY of JULY, 2020, The Drainage District Board of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a scheduled meeting with the following present:

KP GEORGE	COUNTY JUDGE
VINCENT MORALES	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
GRADY PRESTAGE	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
ANDY MEYERS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
KEN R. DEMERCHANT	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
LINDA WILLIS FOR 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 KP George at 2:51 p.m.

**2. Approve minutes of meeting held on July 14, 2020.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve minutes of meeting held on July 14, 2020.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

3. **Take all appropriate action on request to purchase one (1) Tiger Bengal Slope Mower, Boom Reach from Tiger Corporation, utilizing Sourcewell Contract No. 052417-TGR for an amount not to exceed \$53,378.40. (Fund: Advance Funding Resolution)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to purchase one (1) Tiger Bengal Slope Mower, Boom Reach from Tiger Corporation, utilizing Sourcewell Contract No. 052417-TGR for an amount not to exceed \$53,378.40. (Fund: Advance Funding Resolution)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

4. **Take all appropriate action on request to purchase two (2) John Deere utility tractors from Deere & Company, utilizing Houston-Galveston Area Council Contract Number HGAC-GR01-18, for an amount not to exceed \$144,121.74. (Fund: Advance Funding Resolution)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to purchase two (2) John Deere utility tractors from Deere & Company, utilizing Houston-Galveston Area Council Contract Number HGAC-GR01-18, for an amount not to exceed \$144,121.74. (Fund: Advance Funding Resolution)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**Agenda Items 5 and 6 were approved together.**

5. **Take all appropriate on RFP 20-093 for Grant Application Writer for Fort Bend County Drainage District.**
6. **Take all appropriate action on RFP 20-094 for Grant Administration Services for Fort Bend County Drainage District.**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to appoint Commissioner Meyers, Commissioner DeMerchant, Mark Vogler and Jaime Kovar to a committee that will come back to the court with a recommendation amongst the services and potential grant writer that the court could consider.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**Item 5 & 6 continued - Grant Application Writer/Administration:**

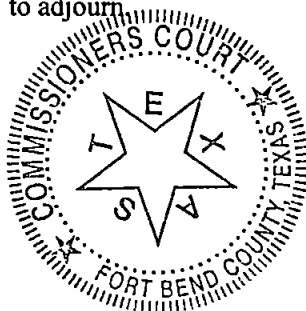
Mark Vogler, General Manager/Chief Engineer provided background on this item. After the 2015, 2016 and 2017 storms in the County, there was significant damage to infrastructures, specifically drainage infrastructure. The County sought out grants to make repairs and were able to get federal funding sources to repair approximately \$78.6 million worth of damage to infrastructure. This consisted of 15 different projects. The County also has grant applications out for an additional \$157 million worth of projects, which includes the elevating of a road for evacuation and other drainage and flood control projects and structures. The 2019 Drainage Bond funding was approved and is the money used for the County's share of covering these grants. Recently, the federal government has come up with new grants totaling \$4.3 billion, which applies to areas damaged in 2015, 2016 and 2017 storms. These funds do not have to be used for specific damage resulting from those storms. They can be used to provide improvements or to prevent or reduce damage that may result from future storms or disasters. The County staff, which is multiple departments, are working on a list of potential projects which can be funded under this grant project. To date, there is a list of about 56 individual projects. Some of these projects are very significant in cost and have multiple sub project areas within them. The application for each of these grants will be scored by the general land office and is based on a defined criteria. A score of 65 must be made to get the grant or foot in the door. Each entity has a limited number of applicants to submit under each of the funds. These funds are broken up into 2015, 2016 and 2017. The group is also pushing for joint projects between entities. The County needs a grant writer with extensive background in this field to ensure the applications are very competitive. The values of grants the County is applying for are in the hundreds of millions of dollars and managing these grants requires a vast knowledge of funding rules and a great deal of reporting. Documentation is necessary, not only early on, but for the long haul, even after the completion of construction. The value to adhere to the strict requirement associated with individual grants could mean loss of funds not used but also could require the County or the Drainage District to repay any portion of funds already extended. There is a need of a grant writer and Administrator to keep the County competitive in acquiring grants and help to assure requirements associated with the grants are achieved through the completion of respective projects.

Commissioner Prestage asked if Mr. Vogler is running out of time, to come back to the Drainage District Board of Directors with some type of recommendation for a consultant to put the application together for the Brazos River Erosion project right away under a separate funding source.

**7. Adjournment.**

The Drainage District Board adjourned at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,  
to adjourn



I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.

*Laura Richard*

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Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas