

DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

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

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 11TH DAY of AUGUST, 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
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 1:54 p.m.

2. Approve minutes of meeting held on August 4, 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 August 4, 2020.

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

3. **Take all appropriate action on Second Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County Drainage District and Freese and Nichols, Inc. to increase the scope of services by \$35,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$125,000 for drainage review assistance. (Fund: Drainage District)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Second Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County Drainage District and Freese and Nichols, Inc. to increase the scope of services by \$35,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$125,000 for drainage review assistance. (Fund: Drainage District)

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

4. **Take all appropriate action to propose the 2020 Tax Rate for Fort Bend County Drainage District and take a record vote:**

Proposed Drainage District Maintenance Tax Rate	\$0.013300
Proposed Drainage Interest & Sinking Fund Tax Rate	\$0.003436
Total Drainage District Proposed Tax Rate	\$0.016736

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered, by record vote, the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.0133 for the Drainage Maintenance & Operation Fund and \$0.003436 for the Drainage Interest & Sinking Fund for a total Drainage Tax Rate of \$0.016736, which is effectively a 19.4 percent increase in the tax rate.

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

MOTION PASSES

Commissioner Meyers noted the actual increase in the tax rate is one-tenth of one cent. Because the tax rate is so low, this equates to a fairly high percentage increase.

5. **Take all appropriate action to set public hearing on the proposal to increase the 2020 Tax Rate for Fort Bend County Drainage District, to be conducted on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.; hearing will be conducted in person in the Commissioners Courtroom on the second floor of the Fort Bend County Courthouse at 401 Jackson Street in Richmond, Texas. If an order is issued at the state, local or federal level that limits or prohibits in-person gatherings, the hearing will be conducted remotely by videoconference.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to set public hearing on the proposal to increase the 2020 Tax Rate for Fort Bend County Drainage District, to be conducted on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.; hearing will be conducted in person in the Commissioners Courtroom on the second floor of the Fort Bend County Courthouse at 401 Jackson Street in Richmond, Texas. If an order is issued at the state, local or federal level that limits or prohibits in-person gatherings, the hearing will be conducted remotely by videoconference.

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

6. **Take all appropriate action to set public hearings for the FY 2021 Proposed Budget for Fort Bend County Drainage District to be conducted on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.; hearings will be conducted in person in the Commissioners Courtroom on the second floor of the Fort Bend County Courthouse at 401 Jackson Street in Richmond, Texas. If an order is issued at the state, local or federal level that limits or prohibits in-person gatherings, the hearings will be conducted remotely by videoconference.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to set public hearings for the FY 2021 Proposed Budget for Fort Bend County Drainage District to be conducted on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.; hearings will be conducted in person in the Commissioners Courtroom on the second floor of the Fort Bend County Courthouse at 401 Jackson Street in Richmond, Texas. If an order is issued at the state, local or federal level that limits or prohibits in-person gatherings, the hearings will be conducted remotely by videoconference.

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

7. **Adjournment.**

The Drainage District Board adjourned at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,
to adjourn.

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas

