

June 1, 2020
San Benito, Texas

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Cameron County Drainage District No. 3 convened on June 1, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., telephonically pursuant to and in accordance with the Governor's disaster declaration, and pursuant to notice duly given as required by law. Present were Ronaldo Garcia, Randall McMurray, and Matthew McCarthy, Directors; Sonia Lambert, Manager; Jack Brown, Engineer; Freddie Ortega, Drain Supervisor; and B. R. Dossett, Attorney. President Garcia called the meeting to order and presided.

1. Public Comment Period. No one appeared.
2. Drain C-Right, Drain D, and Drain F-23. The County of Cameron proposes to submit a grant-loan application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on behalf of the District. The estimated cost of the project is \$8,262,684.00, of which the local match will be 70%, being \$5,539,770.00. TWDB will award a grant for 30%, being \$2,722,914.00, and make an interest free loan for the 70% local match, repayable over 30 years—the annual payments being \$184,659.00. The reason for this special meeting is that the filing deadline is June 15, 2020, and the County needs a decision this week in order to finalize and timely submit the application. Attorney Dossett advised that the Texas Constitution provides that a District can only go into debt payable from taxes if approved by the voters. The election requirement does not apply to debts payable out of revenue. The District's operations being funded by taxes, the exception does not apply. The earliest an election can be held is November 3, 2020; the last day to call the election is August 17, 2020. The alternative would be to pay the District's match with cash. A discussion followed, after which President Garcia invited a motion to accept the County's proposal. No motion being made, President Garcia instructed Manager Lambert to advise the County that the District respectfully declines the County's proposal.
3. Storm Water Modeling. Scheibe Consulting, LLC proposes that the District apply for a TWDB grant to update and expand the District's Hydrologic and Hydraulic Model completed in 2008. The estimated cost is \$1,600,000.00. The grant would cover 90% of the estimated cost, making the District's share \$160,000.00. The motion was made and seconded that Scheibe Consulting, LLC submit an application for a 90/10 TWDB grant to update and expand the District's Hydrologic and Hydraulic Model at the estimated cost of \$1,600,000.00. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
4. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.