

GALVESTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 12

REGULAR CALLED MEETING

January 20, 2020

The Board of Directors (Board) of the Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 12 (District) convened for a **Regular Called Meeting, January 20, 2020**, that was open to the public, at 6:00 p.m. at the District's Office located at 2929 Highway 6, Bayou Vista, Texas. A quorum of the Directors was present.

Position 1	Richard Matthews, President	Present
Position 2	Eric Moeller, Vice President	Present
Position 4	Vacant	Vacant
Position 5	Roy Menotti, Director	Present
Position 3	Roger Domingue, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer	Present

In attendance: Lisa Mairs- US Army Corps of Engineers; Bayou Vista residents-Bill Spenny, Harry Finley, Shari Hensley, Richard White, Momette Davis, Ken Davis, Micah Morris, Sigrun Burke, Bobby Linn, Herb & Chris Roper, Carrie Wortham, Lou Wortham, Elmer Jones, Barbara Bowers, Jeannie & Lloyd Koenig, Barbie Miller, Ed Saconas, Joshua Christie; Omega Bay residents-DJ Matthews, Patty & Tom Shipley, Jim & Laura Lewis, Sam & Cheryl Farrell, Mark Hichens, David Scarberry, Ray Cruse, Doug Boudin, Bill Pierce, Caron Muntzel, Becky Clarke, Sylvia Pinson, Don Eppinette, Cindy & Greg Collins, George & Vickey Glazer, Kenneth Gregory, Patty & Randy Decker, Danny & Darlene Barnes, Georgia & Newman Sharp, Ann & Will Reiser, Yvonne Grayson, Ernie Cassimus, Robert & Fran Michetich, Joe Malcher, William Petty; Michael Bacon-District's Attorney; Lydia Cook-District's Accountant; Operator -Randy Ward and Sharon Ballard-Secretary to the Board.

1. **Call the meeting to order.**

President Richard Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. **First order of business.**

Announcement by the President of the presence of a quorum, that the meeting was duly called, and the notice of the meeting was posted in the manner prescribed by law.

President Matthews announced the presence of a quorum, that the meeting was duly called, and the notice of the meeting was posted in the manner prescribed by law. The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer was said.

Mr. Matthews moved to agenda item #8.

3. **Public Comments-agenda items only.**

Carrie Wortham was concerned that the District was considering not contracting with the Galveston County Tax Assessor for the collection of taxes. Mr. Bacon explained she must have misunderstood, as the District has a contract with the Galveston County Tax Assessor to collect the taxes. Should the taxes become delinquent, Linebarger is the firm who would collect the taxes.

4. **Consider Minutes and other records of previous Board of Director meetings, including but not limited to:**

a) **Regular Meeting of December 16, 2019.**

Roger Domingue made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 16, 2019.

Eric Moeller seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

5. **Accept the resignation of Robert Bassett and discuss the means of filling of his position on the Board which expires May 2020.**

Per Michael Bacon a vote was not required to accept the resignation of Robert Bassett.

6. **Consider adopting the Order Calling Directors Election and matters related to 2020 Directors Election.**

Roy Menotti made a motion to adopt the Order Calling Directors Election and matters related to 2020 Directors Election.

Roger Domingue seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

7. **Bookkeeper's Report, including consideration of the following:**

- a) **Financial Statement and Investment Report for December 2019.**
- b) **Bank transfers.**
- c) **Payment of monthly bills.**

Lydia Cook was present at the meeting but had to leave prior to a discussion on the Financial Statements and the bank transfers to be made. Mr. Matthews briefly reviewed the documents. Roger Menotti made a motion to approve the Bookkeeper's Report, Financial Statement, Investment Report for December 2019 and the payment of monthly bills.

Eric Moeller seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

8. **Presentation regarding Watershed Protection Plan for Highland Bayou, Highland Bayou Diversion Canal, Marchand Bayou, Moses Bayou, And Unnamed tributary of Moses Lake.**

Mr. Matthews briefly discussed the history of the Watershed Protection Plan for Highland Bayou, Highland Bayou Diversion Canal, Marchand Bayou, Moses Bayou, And Unnamed tributary of Moses Lake. The plan will help keep the watershed from being toxic due to building in the next 20 years. Work on the project began 2 ½ years ago. Mr. Michetich with the City of LaMarque and Lisa Mairs with the US Army Corps of Engineers have been involved with the project also. After preparing a scope of work, corrections to said scope of work, discussions with numerous people and agencies, both state and federal, Lisa with the Corps called to report out of 182 applicants, this project was given an award of funding. Memos of Understanding & Interlocal Agreements will be signed once all the details are worked out. The process to have a plan will take between 12 and 18 months. Then the design phase. Texas A & M University will be helping with the feasibility and design phase. It will take between 12 and 36 months to complete. The project will be 65/35 split. The project could be \$13,500,000 maximum. All of MUD #12 is included in the project.

A special meeting will be held in the future with more detailed information. Brief updates will be posted on the District's website and in the Vista Views.

A question was raised that if the funds are accepted would there be stipulations as to the properties being considered public due to the acceptance of federal funding. Lisa Mairs indicated it would not. Michael Bacon explained that if usage doesn't change, then nothing changes, so long as it is restored to what purpose it was previously.

Mr. Matthews moved to item # 9.

9. **Consider the request for funds by the Bayou Vista Water Quality Committee.**

Joshua Christie discussed the request for funds to purchase equipment to monitor water in the canals. There are to be 19 sites monitored- 3 in Omega Bay, 4 in Original Bayou Vista and 12 in Bayou Vista. The data will be shared once a month, possibly in the Vista Views publication. This will be handled by volunteers.

Roger Domingue made a motion to donate \$1,100.00 to the Bayou Vista Water Quality Committee.

Roy Menotti seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

10. **Consider approval of the Resolution of Galveston County MUD No.12 Regarding Tax Assessment and Collection Services provided by Galveston County Assessor and Collector of Taxes.**

Per Cheryl Johnson- Tax assessor this document will only need to be voted on again if there is a change.

11. **Consider approval of the Order Adopting Homestead Exemption and the Order Adopting Residence Homestead Exemption for persons sixty-five or older or disabled.**

Roy Menotti made a motion to approve the Order Adopting Homestead Exemption and the Order Adopting Residence Homestead Exemption for persons sixty-five or older or disabled.

Roger Domingue seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

12. **Consider approval of the Resolution implementing 15% Penalty on 2019 Delinquent Taxes and Contracting with Attorneys to Collect Delinquent Taxes.**

Roy Menotti made a motion to approve the Resolution implementing 15% Penalty on 2019 Delinquent Taxes and Contracting with Attorneys to Collect Delinquent Taxes.

Roger Domingue seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

13. **Operator's Report, including consideration of the following:**

- a) **Water and Wastewater Plant status, including repairs and maintenance, Well Usage Report and Discharge Monitoring Report.**
- b) **Status of District assets, including Vehicle Maintenance Report.**
- c) **Recommendations for service orders and status of outstanding service orders.**
- d) **Recommendations for account services, including disconnection of accounts.**

Randy Ward, the District Operator reviewed the Operator's Report with the Board.

Eric Moeller made a motion to approve the Operator's Report including repairs and maintenance, Well Usage Report, Discharge Monitoring Report, Status of District assets, including Vehicle Maintenance Report, recommendations for service orders and status of outstanding service orders and recommendations for account services, including disconnection of accounts.

Roy Menotti seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

14. **Ratify and possibly approve the informal letter sent to Gulf Coast Water Authority regarding the allocation of rerate water and subsequent formal letter being sent concerning same.**

Roger Domingue made a motion to ratify the informal letter and approve the formal letter sent to Gulf Coast Water Authority regarding the allocation of rerate water and subsequent formal letter being sent concerning same.

Roy Menotti seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

15. **Engineer's Reports**
Approve pay estimates and change orders, approve easements, authorize advertisements for bids and approve recommendation of ward and contracts as necessary.

This was not discussed as there were no representatives from AEI Engineering.

16. **Attorney's Report.**

17. **Public comments- agenda item only.**

Barbie Miller questioned why the report on the canals has not been presented for the residents to see. The presentation had been made in detail at a Board Meeting. She was instructed to contact the office if she would like to review the report.

Lou Wortham requested the name of the other person being considered for the open position so that he could speak with the person. Michael Bacon instructed him that this information could not be provided to him.

18. **Other Matters that may come before the Board.**

There no other matters.

The Board retired into Executive Session with Michael Bacon, the District's Attorney at 8:05 p.m.

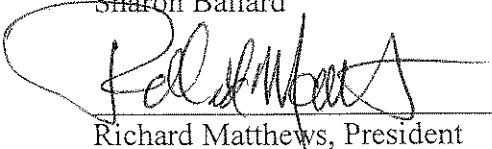
19. **Executive Session.**

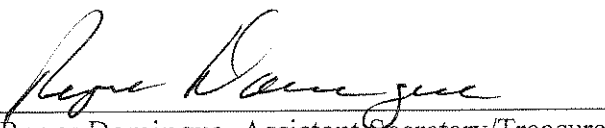
The Board went into Executive Session from 8:05 to 9:15, no action was taken after reconvening and they then adjourned.

20. **Adjournment.**

A motion was made to adjourn and unanimously carried; the Board adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Ballard


Richard Matthews, President


Roger Domingue, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer