

**Drainage District No. 4  
Board Meeting  
Date: April 1, 2026**

Board Members Present: (Line through those not present)

Tim Asher  
Emile Henriquez  
Carolyn Cavaliere  
Michael Arnolie, Jr.  
Wendy Bryars

Other Individuals Present: (Line through those not present)

Diana Buras, Bookkeeper  
~~Jason Morgan, Plant Foreman~~  
Frank Welsh, Maintenance Foreman  
Dee Wild, Office Manager

Guest

Diana Velez

Meeting called to order: 6:30 P.M.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes approved

Moved to Accept by: Commissioner Henriquez

Seconded by: Commissioner Bryars

Motion Carried: **Y / N**

**Treasurer's Report:**

For the month of March, the district did not receive a revenue payment for a total year-to-date of \$292,032 against a budget of \$300,000. March expenditures totaled \$10,150 for a total year-to-date of \$113,062 against an operating budget of \$300,000.

The board reviewed the Attestation Questionnaire and approved for signature.

Moved to Accept Treasurer Report by: Commissioner Henriquez

Seconded by: Commissioner Arnolie, Jr.

Motion Carried: **Y / N**

**Plant Foreman's Report:**

- RCI cut levee.
- New fence gate requires repairs, due to lock not operating properly.

**Legal:**

Diana Velez discussed the election process in detail.

**Old Business:**

A five-year plan will be finalized at an updating committee meeting.

**New Business:**

RCI will do eight cuts and one boom cut in 2026 for a total of \$15,644.33. The board discussed the contract.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Henriquez made a motion to accept the RCI contract to make eight cuts and one boom cut in 2026 at a cost of \$15,644.33. Second, by Commissioner Bryars. Motion carried.

Chairman Asher spoke with Mr. Paternostro who owns eighteen acres along the levee by the outlet mall. The district would like to remove the large trees inside the 25-foot by 60-foot section of land to help grass grow on the levee. Mr. Paternostro is investigating having a tree survey done to identify and measure the trees. The City of Slidell requires a \$193.00 fee for any tree cut that is larger than 12-inch diameter. A contract between the Paternostro family and the district would be drawn up for the tree removal. Depending upon the number of trees that require mitigation, either the Paternostro family or both the Paternostro family and the district would cover the cost.

Davis Materials provided a quote to remove trees off levee, install 1,500 yards of material to raise and re-slope levee to proper grade, hydro mulch to prevent erosion, and install limestone from gate to the light pole on top of levee in the amount of \$137,500. Chairman Asher will obtain an additional quote for the work needed on the levee.

Commissioner Henriquez needs the measurements of the current neighborhood sign and the verbiage to be placed on the sign. Mr. Welch will obtain the measurements.

Adjourn: 7:09 p.m. (Time)

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Secretary/Treasurer