<u>Purpose</u>: The following guiding principles are intended to serve as a reference tool for the Board of Directors and residents of Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 19 ("LID 19") to establish priorities and goals and to assist in future policy-making decisions affecting LID 19. The guiding principles may be subject to change by approval of the Board of Directors.

Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 19

Guiding Principles

Adopted October 24, 2019

LID 19's primary purposes and priorities are to:

- 1. Maximize flood prevention and control within LID 19 within the constraints of available financial and operational resources.
- 2. Maintain levees and other related flood-protection infrastructure in excellent condition.
- 3. Identify and execute projects efficiently to improve flood prevention and control within LID 19.
- 4. Engage qualified providers and vendors of services (engineering, operating, accounting, legal, etc) necessary for LID 19 operations and conduct periodic evaluation of the competitiveness and quality of services provided.
- 5. Manage and monitor LID 19's finances, including active review of budgets, expenditures, revenues, and long-term financial planning.
- 6. Consider ways to accomplish cost savings while maintaining quality of services or products to potentially reduce LID 19's tax rates.
- 7. Maintain effective communications with LID 19 residents and other governmental entities, including Fort Bend County, Missouri City, Sugar Land, and other levee improvement districts, during both normal operations and during severe weather or potential flood events.
- 8. Monitor potential changes in federal and state laws and regulations and evaluate any potential impact on the LID 19's residents.
- 9. Minimize or avoid expenditures or resources that do not relate to legally binding requirements or issues unrelated to flood control and water management, such as "quality of life" or "convenience" issues.