

**Special Called Meeting
Riverbend Water Resources District
Board Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2015**

Location: 3930 Galleria Oaks, Texarkana, TX 75503

A G E N D A

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum and Certification of Notice

Pursuant to noticed posted on the district website on Wednesday, October 21, Sean Rommel, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:08 p. m.

Directors Present:

Sean Rommel <i>President</i>	Jim Green <i>Vice President</i>	Fred Milton <i>Secretary</i>	Marshall Wood <i>Treasurer</i>
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Directors Absent:

Kelly Mitchell
Member

Administration Present:

Elizabeth Fazio
Chief Operating Officer

Public Present:

Doug Bowers <i>City Manager City of Nash</i>	David Glass <i>Smith Weber LLP District Attorney</i>	Steve Mayo <i>Regional Water Liaison City of Texarkana</i>
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Andrea Williams McCoy
Ward Timber

II. Innovation Sean Rommel, President, leads the invocation.

III. Public Comments

Report on matter of public concern regarding the health of a member of the community - Andrea Williams McCoy.

IV. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration

A. Discussion and possible action regarding September 30, 2015 minutes.

A motion was made by Fred Milton and seconded by Jim Green to approve the September 30, 2015 minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding September 2015 financial statements.

A motion was made by Marshall Wood and seconded by Fred Milton to approve the September financials. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding authorized signatures on financial accounts.

A motion was made by Jim Green and seconded by Fred Milton to remove Scott Albert and add Sean Rommel and Elizabeth Fazio as authorized signatures to the Texar and Texana accounts on behalf of the Riverbend Water Resources District

D. Discussion and possible action regarding job description and posting for Executive Director/ CEO position.

Sean Rommel presented a summary of the job description and posting for the Executive Director/ CEO position. Jim Green provided comments that the board should not spend money on a services for a professional search agency at this time and he recommended utilizing any free listserves, websites, and trade associations to spread the word. Marshall Wood provided comments that the board should consider leaving the application period open for at least two weeks but that a full month might be too long. Sean Rommel instructed that applications should be submitted to a neutral web address and review/compiled by the district's attorney, David Glass.

A motion was made by Fred Milton and seconded by Marshall Wood to allow the President and Chief Operating Officer to post the job description and application to the district's website and any other locations by the end of the week and that the application period be open through Monday, November 16, 2015.

E. Discussion and possible action regarding the FY 2015-2016 budget and supplemental "additional needs" budget.

A motion was made by Jim Green and seconded by Marshall Wood to approve the FY 2015-2016 Balanced Budget.

Liz Fazio presented a Supplemental Budget that provides for additional needs of the district. The major additions include increases in the following areas: consulting, administration, and engineering. The proposal for meeting these additional needs at this time includes multiplying each member entities' percentage of water usage by the additional needs dollar amount. Jim Green provided comments that this increase in budget will be necessary for the district to move forward, if the district wants to continue its aggressive, effective outreach. Fred Milton provided comments that the TAC transfer will not meet all of the district's needs upfront but that over time the district would be able to build reserves. Marshall Wood provided comments that the recent efforts of the district's federal and state consultants (Larry Meyers and Mark Homer) have been a crucial part of moving the district forward in the protection of the region's resources.

Andrea Williams McCoy provided comments that it would be necessary to both federal and state consultants engaged, so that the district can adequately monitor issues with the Corps of Engineers and state legislative interim charges. Steve Mayo provided comments that emphasized the immediacy of engaging the federal consultant, Larry Meyers, and acknowledged that a major share of the supplemental budget would need to be met by the City of Texarkana. Doug Bowers provided comments that there were concerns that this might not be the only time that the district asks for additional funds and suggested that the board consider passing a resolution or reducing to writing that this was intended to be a one-time only ask for additional funds from the member entities.

Sean Rommel suggested that the district work with the member entities to help each adopt the Supplemental Budget and member entities' share into their respective budgets. Marshall Wood provided that the district could invoice the member entities monthly through the FY 2015-2016.

The board would like to consider approving the Supplemental Budget at its next Regular Meeting schedule for Wednesday, November 18, 2015. This will depend on feedback from the next mayors' meeting and approval of the member entities.

F. Discussion and possible action regarding Lake Wright Patman and various regional water issues with Steve Mayo.

Steve Mayo provided an update on the request for SRBA to pass a resolution recognizing and supporting the City of Texarkana, TX and Riverbend Water Resources District as the local sponsors of current and future water allocations from Lake Right Patman. Steve Mayo has now made two requests to be on the SRBA agenda to address this matter. SRBA's attorney has indicated that such a resolution would be in conflict with contracts that the SRBA and Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex have executed. Steve Mayo does not believe that any action

by SRBA can bind the water resources of the entire basin, especially as they related to Lake Wright Patman.

Liz Fazio provided an update that the cities of Maud, Atlanta, and New Boston have passed resolutions in support of the City of Texarkana, TX and Riverbend Water Resources District as the local sponsors of current and future water allocations from Lake Right Patman. The City of Texarkana has placed the joint resolution on their agenda and will hold a public hearing on the resolution at their next meeting.

G. Discussion and possible action regarding update on transfer of TexAmerica's Center wet utilities.

Liz Fazio provided an update to the board regarding the transfer of TexAmerica's Center wet utilities. Several items were covered, including:

1) **TWDB Bond Issuance** - Riverbend continues to work with financial advisors and bond counsel to complete the bond process for a series of bonds through TWDB. Lots of work is going into developing an accurate pro forma and evaluating all of the possible assumption. TWDB estimates that the approval of issuance of these bonds will be on the December 7, 2015 board agenda.

2) **Private Bond Issuance** - The district has asked Regions Bank to hold open their offer for the financing of bonds for Riverbend. Regions has indicated that they would hold open the offer through the end of the year.

3) **Review with the U.S. Army** - Riverbend continues to work with TexAmerica's Center to make sure that the approval process goes smoothly for all parties, particularly with the U.S. Army Headquarters.

H. Discussion and possible action regarding update on Region C and Region D mediation for the Texas Water Development Board 2017 State Water Plan (2016 Regional Plans).

Liz Fazio provided an update on the Region C and Region D Regional Water Plans conflict. The mediation went very well. The regions agreed that there would not be a regional conflict for the purposes of the 2017 State Water Plan under the following conditions (in summary):

1) Region C would agree to move the need for Marvin Nichols to the year 2070;

2) Region C would agree to support Region D in obtaining funds from the TWDB for the purpose of reviewing Region C studies and for the recommendation of strategies to meet Region C demands;

3) Region D, as an entity, would agree not to challenge the unique reservoir site designation of Marvin Nichols; and

4)

Andrea Williams McCoy provided comments this mediation is effective only for this five-year planning cycle and that Region C could always come back in the next planning cycle and move the need for Marvin Nichols up to 2040.

I. Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of a strategic advisory committee.

Marshall Wood presented the need for appointment of a strategic advisory committee to the Riverbend board. The board agreed to seek out interested persons from a cross-section of community interests including, but not limited, to business, industry, environmental, education, etc.

A. Directors

Fred Milton provided comments thanking Walt Sears with Northeast Texas Municipal Water District for his extensive time providing resources to the district and his continued advisory role. Fred Milton also wanted to thank the various elected officials such as Representative David Simpson, who had also taken interest and provided support for northeast Texas regional water issues.

B. Administration

Liz Fazio presented that that the board should consider going to electronic transmission of the agenda and agenda packet materials. Current costs of printing materials for each meeting can be upwards of \$150.00. This is a cost that could be reduced.

VI. Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.** at 3930 Galleria Oaks, Texarkana, TX 75503.

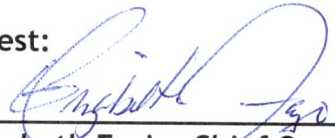
VII. Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, a motion was made by Fred Milton and seconded by Jim Green to adjourn the meeting at 1:14 p.m. The motion approved unanimously.

The previous minutes of Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, October 27, 2015 were read and approved on the 18th day of November, 2015.



Sean Rommel, President

Attest: 

Elizabeth Fazio, Chief Operating Officer
Riverbend Water Resources District