

**Special Called Meeting  
Riverbend Water Resources District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2016**

Texarkana City Hall, 220 Texas Blvd., Texarkana, TX 75501

**M I N U T E S**

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

Pursuant to a notice posted on the district website on July 18, 2016, the Chair, Sean Rommel called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Directors Present:**

Sean Rommel, President  
Jim Green, Vice President  
Fred Milton, Secretary  
Marshall Wood, Treasurer  
Kelly Mitchell, Director

**Directors Absent:**

None.

**Administration Present:**

Elizabeth Fazio Hale, Executive Director/ CEO  
Becky Melton, Director of Finance and HR Manager

**Public Present:**

See attached, Sign-In Sheet.

**II. Innovation**

Sean Rommel led the invocation.

**III. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration**

A. Discussion and possible action regarding Regional Water Master Plan.

***Presentation of Riverbend Regional Water Master Planning Process, Objectives, and Stakeholder Participation*** (Susan Roth Consulting and Tony Smith with Carrollo Engineers).

**Susan Roth and Tony Smith** provided a presentation of the Regional Water Master Plan, including Working List of Proposed Participants, Initial Project Goals, Scope of Work,

**IV. Public Comments**

A number of individuals from the community provided question and comments, as follows:

- Looking at growth-rate, individuals would like other factors to be considered in planning such as industry, commercial, and agricultural uses;
- Considering raw water and support for industry;
- Develop a process for anonymous comments on regional planning;
- Working together is so much more productive;
- Allowing Riverbend as a mouthpiece for the entire region is great;
- Addressing capacity issues when growth is coming;
- Examining contractual issues on water supply;
- Considering funds to borrow or for bonding;
- Facilitating a process that will help member entities obtain financing and funding at the state level;
- Supporting rural entities for funding and grants through state agencies and grants;
- Positioning region in as best a strategic position as possible;
- Addressing issues around lack of good water pressure and even worse water pressure; and
- Compiling a comprehensive list of entities identified that should be participating in this process.

**V. Next Regular Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 17, 2016** at 228 Texas Avenue, Suite A, New Boston, Texas 75570.


**VI. Adjournment**

With no additional business to be discussed, a motion was made by **Marshall Wood** and seconded by **Fred Milton** to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

The previous minutes of Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, July 21, 2016 were read and approved on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

  
Sean Rommel, President

Attest:

  
Elizabeth Fazio Hale, Executive Director/ CEO