

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS
SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY
RIVERBEND WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT
PUBLIC NOTICE OF JOINT MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017
6:00 P.M.
TEXARKANA CONVENTION CENTER
BALLROOM B
2910 SOUTH COWHORN CREEK LOOP
TEXARKANA, TX 75503**

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 January , 2017, the Chair, Marshall Wood, Vice President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Directors Present:

Marshall Wood, Vice President
Kelly Mitchell, Secretary
Fred Milton, Treasurer
Sean Rommel, Past President

Directors Absent:

Jim Green, President

Administration Present:

Elizabeth Fazio Hale, Executive Director/ CEO
David Glass, General Counsel
Monica Griffin, RWRD Office Manager

Public Present:

Please see attached, Sign-In Sheet.

The Texarkana, TX City Council was also present. Mayor Bob Bruggeman called the meeting to order for the Council. Council and staff were present, as follows:

Council Present:

Bob Bruggeman, Mayor

Jean Matlock, Ward 1

Betty Williams, Ward 3

Dr. Brian Matthews, Ward 4

Christy Paddock, Ward 5

Josh Davis, Ward 6

Council Staff Present:

John Whitson, City Manager

Jennifer Evans

Rea Donna Jones

Jeff Lewis, Legal Counsel

The Sulphur River Basin Authority was not present.

II. Innovation

Council Member Dr. Brian Matthews led the invocation.

III. Public Comments

Public comments were invited at the end of the agenda under Agenda Item V.

IV. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration

A. A History of Leading Up to the Joint Meeting – Steve Mayo

Steve Mayo, Texarkana Regional Water Liaison, provided an overview of events leading up to the joint meeting. Currently, all the Bowie and Cass County cities have good inter-relationships and are stronger as they work together.

Marshall Wood, Board Member of Riverbend, provided comments that pre-dating Texarkana's request to have a joint meeting with Sulphur River Basin Authority (SRBA), it was actually a suggestion made by a previous SRBA board member representing Texarkana a couple of months before the Texas Sunset Commission was to release their report. Mr. Wood also stated that when we talk about partnering with SRBA and others, we need to look at all the partnerships that exist and the possibility of other partners. For instance, about a year and a half ago, we stumbled across the JCPD Funding Agreement that provides for a 80/20 split of water developed in the Sulphur River Basin by SRBA. According to that agreement 80% of water developed by SRBA shall be sent/given to the

JCPD entities out of the basin and 20% of water developed by the SRBA can remain in the basin for in-basin use. The JCPD stands for the Joint Committee for Program Development and is made up of five funding partners from the metroplex including City of Dallas, City of Irving, North Texas Municipal Water District, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, and Tarrant Regional Water District. Mr. Wood noted that Riverbend recognizes the needs of the metroplex but that working with the locals will be a key component to providing water to those outside of the region. Mr. Wood emphasized that working together would require honesty, transparency, and sincerity, particularly with respect to who will be the local sponsor for future water rights out of Lake Wright Patman. His request was that Riverbend be at the table and an equitable partner in those matters.

Sean Rommel, Board Member of Riverbend, provided comments that Riverbend is actively seeking and available for partnerships. Riverbend is not just waiting for things to happen, it is proactively seeking solutions. Riverbend has had an active dialogue with the region's citizens and our state and federal leaders, as well as the US Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Rommel emphasized that Riverbend is open to partnerships and extending an olive branch, but Riverbend is here to support and establish northeast Texas as the owner and the representative entity representing stakeholders in the management of our local resources.

Marshall Wood, Board Member of Riverbend, provided further comments that he believed that the institution of SRBA puts good people in impossible situations because it is an entity that does not have independent funding and has a contract to take water from one area of the state and give it to someone else other than the local population.

Steve Mayo, Regional Water Liaison, provided comments that this is why SRBA was put under Sunset Review by the Texas Legislature.

B. What is Being Done Right Now Affecting Lake Wright Patman and the Sulphur River Basin and What Are Our Mutual Goals? – Liz Fazio Hale

Liz Fazio Hale, Executive Director/CEO of Riverbend, provided comments on the current state of Water Planning in Sulphur River Basin, including:

1. Status Update on Reallocation of Lake Wright Patman.
 - a. 2016 Region D Plan – The state of Texas undertakes water planning on a cyclical basis every five years through a bottom-up process through 16 regions across the state that incorporate local water supply and demands. Texas' population is expected to increase more than 70 percent between 2020 and 2070. In 2020, there is a potential water shortage of 4.8 million

acre-feet per year and in 2070 a shortfall of 8.9 million acre-feet per year in drought of record conditions.

- b. 2017 State Water Plan – The 2017 State Water Plan identifies more than 2,500 water management strategy projects that would provide additional water supply needed to meet this future demand. The cost for implementing the 2017 State Water Plan is \$63 billion. Each of these projects is to be implemented at the regional level by local entities.
- c. Mediation Agreement between Regions C and D – The state placed a moratorium on funding any projects in Region C or D because of a conflict in the state water plan related to the Marvin Nichols reservoir. The mediation agreement pushed the development of that reservoir back until 2070. Region C agreed to support funding Region D's efforts for funds to be used to look at alternatives to the Marvin Nichols reservoir. Additionally, Region D agreed, as an entity, to not object to the status of Marvin Nichols as a state designated reservoir. Reaching this agreement has enabled both regions to be eligible to receive state funding for water projects.

- 2. Status Update of Sulphur River Basin Feasibility Study, including the current scope of the study, studies conducted/current findings, funding, and timeline of completion. It was believed that the original scope of the feasibility study was to identify all available water to meet the needs of Region C going forward. It has since been narrowed to focus on reallocation within Lake Wright Patman only. Information is continually being sought from the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Sulphur River Basin Authority to more specifically define and detail the scope of the study. Funding for the feasibility study is currently through the metroplex and an entity known as the Joint Committee for Program Development Planning (JCPD). The timeline for completion has not been met (three years) and funding has exceeded \$3 million; therefore, an extension for the study to continue is being sought.

- 3. Status Update on Regional Water Master Plan. – In 2016, Riverbend undertook to develop an extensive Regional Water Master Plan that quantifies this region's actual water demand and supply through population projections, municipal and industrial demands for potable and raw water, agricultural demands, and environmental flow demands. This data is designed to feed directly into the regional water planning process for inclusion in the State Water Plan.

C. How Can We Be Partners Regarding Lake Wright Patman Studies, Better Communicating With One Another and Combining Efforts?

Discussions are moving forward with all entities working together as partners in a collaborative and communicative manner to protect and manage regional water resources, including identifying any opportunities to do joint studies, projects, etc. Meetings continue with the local area mayors. These meetings help to foster trust and keep all cities moving in the same direction. Riverbend is continuing to move forward with its goal of protecting Wright Patman's water rights.

V. Further Public Comments

George Frost, Region D Water Board Vice Chairman, provided comments that his family's local stakeholder interests have existed back to 1850's. Local planning process and regional planning was created in the late 1990's. Since Riverbend is onboard, we do not feel alone anymore at the state level and in communications with the state.

Gabe Tarr, TexAmericas Board Member, provided comments that TAC does not have enough available infrastructure to provide raw water to support industrial development. Recently, one company was going to employ 1200 and put \$8B in economic infrastructure into the region, but we did not have enough readily available water infrastructure, they did not select to locate the company here. Mr. Tarr noted that Riverbend has had its own growing pains but we now have a professional organization with board members that understand the need to unite and to develop and manage our water resources.

Michael Green, 17 year resident in Texarkana area, provided comments related to Marvin Nichols reservoir and that area residents would be losing a lot of land if this reservoir were to be constructed.

Steve Mayo, Regional Water Liaison, recognized several elected officials present this evening: Judge Becky Wilbanks of Cass County, Judge James Carlow of Bowie County, Mayor Johnny Branson of New Boston, David Turner Council Member of New Boston, and several Commissioners from Cass and Bowie Counties. Mr. Mayo clarified that the Council and Riverbend are not hear to talk about Marvin Nichols, we are in support of reallocation of Wright Patman.

John Whitson, City Manager of Texarkana, Texas, provided comments that the City Council passed a resolution against Marvin Nichols several years back.

Charlene Granbury, Cass County resident, provided comments appreciative that the crowd that has come together. She stated that she does worry about her land as a fourth

generation land owner in the area. Ms. Granbury also stated that we should not be too short-sighted in saying “well that will be 50 years from now” because her family has worked their land for over 50 years and they hope to work it another 50 years. She also commented that she believed that her family would be willing to give some small portion of land again towards water resources but begged that the state not take it all away.

Marshall Wood, Board Member of Riverbend, provided comments about the request for copies of SRBA feasibility studies. He noted that he was uncertain whether all studies had actually been received. It is possible that latest working versions have been received but what about the reiterations?

Sarah Whitaker, representative of International Paper, provided comments that IP provides over 1,000 jobs and supports the efforts being done to address our local water needs from an industrial and municipal standpoint.

Baker Bledsoe, Cass County resident, provided comments on the water storage fees that had not yet been paid by Texarkana. Mr. Bledsoe stated that he believed that whoever needed the water should pay for the water.

Steve Mayo, Regional Water Liaison, clarified that Texarkana was notified of these fees due some time a few years back but that the then administration did not inform the Council. Since that time, Texarkana, Texas has been working with the US Corps to resolve what is due on the water storage fees.

Marshall Wood, Board Member of Riverbend, clarified that the bill for water storage fees has not yet been called “due” by the US Corps. The US Corps is working on the final amount that needs to be paid on the storage fees. With respect to the studies, Mr. Wood respectively disagreed that if we did not pay for them, then we do not get to see them. Mr. Wood stated that public entities have separate open meetings act and transparency requirements.

Nancy Clements, Cass County resident, provided comments that her land borders Lake Wright Patman. She hopes that decisions made about Lake Wright Patman and the development of any waters in the Sulphur River BASin take into account current land owner’s interest.

VI. Next Regular Meeting

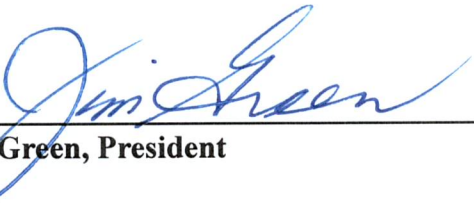
Riverbend Water Resources District will hold a Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 10, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at Riverbend Offices, 228 A Texas Avenue, New Boston, TX 75570.

Riverbend Water Resources District will host a Special Called Meeting for a Town Hall on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Texarkana Convention Center, 2910 So. Cowhorn Creek Loop, Texarkana, Texas. A presentation will be given by Susan Roth. Topic of discussion for this public input session is "Regional Master Water Plan."

VII. Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, a motion was made by **Fred Milton** and seconded by **Kelly Mitchell** to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

The previous minutes of Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, January 10, 2017 were read and approved on the 22nd day of February, 2017.



Jim Green, President

Attest:



Elizabeth Fazio Hale, Executive Director/ CEO

Town Meeting
January 10, 2017
6:00 p.m.

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Town Meeting
January 10, 2017
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3	Deborah Williams	Cann Co.	Judge		
4	TRAVIS RANSON	NONE	none		
5	Sandy Haines	Greentte			
6	BART BRACK	Red Van Dusen			
7	Th Crave	CRP	Dr		
8	Jean Matlock	City	Council Mbr 1		
9	Betty Williams	City Council			
10	Rebecca Jones	Township	Director		
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12	Tony Lewis				
13	James Carlow	Bowie Co.			
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Riverbend Water Resources District

Board Meeting

January 11, 2017

12:00 p.m.

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