

**Special Called Meeting
Riverbend Water Resources District
Board of Directors' Work Session
With the City of Texarkana, Texas
Monday, January 29, 2018 at 5:30p.m.
City of Texarkana, Texas City Hall, 2nd Floor
220 Texas Boulevard, Texarkana, Texas 75501**

MINUTES

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 23, 2018, Bob Bruggeman, Mayor of Texarkana, Texas, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Bob Bruggeman
Josh Davis
Bill Harp
Mary Hart
Jean Matlock (Present Later at 5:45 p.m.)
Betty Williams

Council Members Absent:

Christie Alcorn

Administration Present:

City Manager Shirley Jaster
Deputy City manager Kyle Dooley
Secretary Jennifer Evans
TWU General Manager J.D. Phillips
Jeff Lewis, General Counsel
Steve Mayo, Regional Water Liaison
Jim Powell
J.W.Bramlett
Lisa Thompson

Pursuant to a notice posted on the District website on January 26, 2018, Marshall Wood, President of Riverbend Water Resources District, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Directors Present:

Marshall Wood, President
Fred Milton, Vice President

Kelly Mitchell, Treasurer
Jim Green, Past President

Directors Absent:

Sean Rommel

Administration Present:

Elizabeth Fazio Hale, Executive Director/ CEO

II. Invocation & Pledge

None.

III. Opening Remarks by Mayor

- A. Mayor Bruggeman welcomed all in attendance and reminded everyone that the last council meeting held on January 22, 2018 had an agenda item related to the development and location of a new water intake structure at Lake Wright Patman. Council had questions and Mr. Mayo was not in attendance at that council meeting. Council decided to postpone the vote on that agenda item and host this workshop to gain additional insight.
- B. Mr. Mayo said he had additional information to share with the city attorney and city council and therefor asked for a closed session.

IV. Executive (Closed) Session

Mayor Bruggeman stated that additional legal matters needed to be brought to the attention of the council before proceeding with the agenda item. Participation of the appointed regional water liaison and former mayor, Steve Mayo, would be necessary to the legal matter under consideration.

The City Council then convened into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with the city attorney on additional legal matters regarding the agenda item pertaining to the water intake structure at Lake Wright Patman.

Riverbend Water Resources District stood at ease.

The City Council returned from closed session at 6:40 p.m.

V. Agenda Items for Discussion with the City Council of the City of Texarkana, TX

A. Discussion on the History of Riverbend

Liz Fazio Hale provided information on history of Riverbend Water Resources District.

Marshall Wood expressed a need for trust and open communications from the City of Texarkana, Texas moving forward with the regional water process.

Kelly Mitchell provided information on existing regional water infrastructure and capacity issues.

B. Discussion on Water Intake Structure at Lake Wright Patman

Liz Fazio Hale and Steve Mayo provided the following information: Riverbend is a good choice to facilitate the intake structure project overall. While water rates remain low for citizens, infrastructure is aging rapidly so there is much work to be done. It is vitally important to keep the process moving forward in order to meet the growing region's future water needs. Riverbend has been working diligently to represent the city's interests and asked the council for its support.

Texarkana City Council response in Summary: There is a need for solid understanding before casting a vote on a matter that will affect Texarkana for the next several decades. New council members should be fully informed in order to understand why the joint resolution is before the council. The council has a huge responsibility and accountability to its citizens. The council shares the mission of Riverbend and is willing to work together. The council thanked Riverbend for its patience, enduring work and service on its behalf.

Steve Mayo gave his assurance to facilitate better future communications. It is important that new council members are comfortable with their decision making. The city Council and Riverbend are on the same team and each want the process to be done right.

VI. Mayor's Closing Remarks

Mayor Bruggeman thanked all in the audience for attending the meeting which included:

Mayor Ruth Penny Bell, Texarkana, Arkansas

Terri Peavy, Ward 6 Director

Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO, TexAmericas Center

Jimmy Cochran, Mayor, Hooks, Texas

Tom Whitten, Bowie County Commissioner

Van Alexander, Budget Advisory Committee Member, Texarkana, Texas

VII. Adjournment

With no additional business to discuss a motion was made by Jim Green and seconded by Fred Milton to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

The minutes of Riverbend Water Resources District Special Work Session, January 29, 2018 were read and approved on the 20th day of February, 2018.

Marshall Wood

Marshall Wood, President

Attest:

Elizabeth Fazio Hale

Elizabeth Fazio Hale, Executive Director/ CEO