

**Regular Meeting  
Sulphur River Basin Authority  
Special Called Meeting  
Riverbend Water Resources District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2018**

Texarkana Convention Center, Meeting Room 1  
4610 Cowhorn Creek Rd. Texarkana, TX 75503

**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 July 11, 2018, the Chair, Fred Milton, Vice President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**Directors Present:**

Marshall Wood, President  
Fred Milton, Vice President  
Sean Rommel, Secretary  
Sonja Hubbard, Treasurer  
Jim Green, Past President

**Administration Present:**

Elizabeth Fazio Hale, Executive Director/ CEO  
Becky Melton, Financial Director/HR Manager  
David Glass, General Counsel

**Public Present:**

Please see attached sign-in sheet.

The Board of Directors of the Sulphur River Basin was also present. Chairman Chris Spencer called the meeting to order for the Authority. Authority and staff were present as follows:

**Directors Present:**

Chris Spencer  
Brad Drake  
Bret McCoy  
Kelly Mitchell  
Gary Cheatwood

**Directors absent:**

Wally Kraft  
Katie Steadman

**SRBA Staff Present:**

Nancy Rose  
Tim Brown, Legal Counsel

The Texarkana City Council was also present. The council and staff members were present as follows;

**Council Present:**

Bob Brugeman, Mayor  
Jean Matlock, Ward 1  
Mary Hart, Ward 2  
Betty Williams, Ward 3  
Bill Harp, Ward 5

**Council Absent:**

Josh Davis, Ward 6  
Christie Alcorn, Ward 4

**Council Staff Present:**

Shirley Jaster, City Manager  
Kyle Dooley, Deputy City Manager  
Jennifer Evans, City Secretary  
Jeff Lewis, Legal Counsel

**II. Invocation**

Jack Salmon led the invocation.

**III. Public Comment**

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

**IV. Joint Meeting Agenda**

**A. Updates Regarding Projects in the Sulphur River Basin**

Discussion of the current state of Water Planning Activities in Sulphur river Basin, including:

1. Sulphur River Basin Authority (SRBA)

**Chris Spencer** provided information on the Texas Sunset legislation passed in 2017 and the role of the SRBA as a basin quality management entity.

**Bret McCoy and Kelly Mitchell** provided information on the reallocation of Wright Patman Lake as well as a mitigation workshop they attended in Ft. Worth, Texas. Bret McCoy emphasized that Marvin Nichols was not part of the ongoing Corps' Reallocation Study at Wright Patman Lake.

## 2. City of Texarkana, Texas

**Steve Mayo** provided information on working with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) since 2016 on storage fees, cultural research studies and locations of Indian burial grounds, as well as the implementation of the Ultimate Rule Curve (URC). This is a constant source of frustration due to the lack of progress with its implementation.

## 3. Riverbend Water Resources District (RWRD)

**Liz Fazio Hale** provided information on current studies that are being completed by RWRD. One is an update to the Water Availability Model. The last model that was completed was in the late 1990s. Robert J. Brandes conducted the previous study and is also completing the updated study. Another study that is being conducted by Arroyo Environmental and LJA Consultants and LJA Engineering, that began in July 2018, is a Volumetric and Sedimentation Study on Wright Patman Lake. Completion of both of these studies is expected by December 2018.

- B.** Collaboration on moving forward in the Sulphur River Basin, communications with one another, and ways to combine efforts.

**Steve Mayo** asked how the City of Texarkana and Riverbend could have more participation in the on-going efforts of SRBA. He also asked about RWRD being formally involved in a reallocation study.

**Chris Spencer** suggested that all parties stay transparent and keep the needs of all citizens of the region at the forefront, adding that SRBA intended more communications. Another suggestion was that representatives from each entity attend the meetings of the other entities.

**Steve Mayo** emphasized that it's more than just communication, it is formal, meaningful representation at the table.

**Kelly Mitchell** informed us that while SRBA will remain transparent, some of the meetings they have with the USACE are not officially open meetings and therefore are not open to the public. Mr. Mitchell also brought up funding for the SRBA. They have a need for a bigger budget. Currently, the SRBA is funded by the Dallas-Ft. Worth metroplex which is outside of the river basin. **Bret McCoy** stated that the funding from the metroplex is a cause for citizens within the basin to distrust the SRBA.

## V. Public Comments

**James Carlow, Bowie County Judge** stated how proud he is to see the SRBA, RWRD, and the City of Texarkana, Texas working together for the betterment of the region for the first time.

**David Nabors, Paris, Texas** wants to see the entities continue to work together to protect our basin from outside forces.

**Gary Van Deaver** reinforced Judge Carlow's sentiments on keeping the lines of communication open between the entities, as well as with the elected officials.

**Curtis Hairston, Maud, Texas** expressed a desire to incorporate wildlife easements as opposed to taking land for mitigation.

**Nancy Clements, Cass County, Texas** stated that she has been fighting for our region along-side Ward Timber and other landowners against SRBA for many years. She is very glad that RWRD is involved as a local representative.

**VI. Next Regular Meeting:**

Riverbend Special Called Meeting and Work Session, Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Riverbend Offices

Riverbend Special Called Meeting and Work Session, Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:00p.m. at New Boston Community Center.

Riverbend Regular Meeting and Town Hall, Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 6:00p.m. at Texarkana Convention Center.

Riverbend Work Session, Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 10:00a.m. at Riverbend Offices.

Riverbend Regular Meeting, Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at Riverbend Offices.


**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 2:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

With no additional business to be discussed, Chris Spencer adjourned the meeting for the Sulphur River Basin Authority at 2:05 p.m.

With no additional business to be discussed, Bob Bruggeman adjourned the meeting for the City of Texarkana, Texas at 2:05 p.m.

The minutes of Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, July 17, 2018 were read and approved on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.



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Marshall Wood, President

Attest:



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Elizabeth Fazio Hale, Executive Director/ CEO

Riverbend Water Resources District

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1:00 p.m.

No.	Name	Organization	Title	Phone	Email
1	Gary Chealwood				
2	Dolores Chestwood				
3	Emily Diggard's				
4	Tommy Smith				
5	<del>Chelsea Shellenbarger</del>	<del>Sup</del>		903-846-5371	<del>NANABERRY@windstream.net</del>
6	<del>Mary Clement</del>			903-826-5232	
7	David + Shannon Adams		Part Tx	903-784-3142	RDWRG
8	Cheri Strad	GPI		903-796-1404	
9	Johnny + Linda Mann				
10	Sharon Etkins	Rep Van Deamer	Dist. Dir.		
11	Gary VanDeamer	State Rep			
12	Lanny Buch	KSA			
13	Shirley Jaster	City		903-798-3949	
14	Kyle Dooley	CITY		(903) 798-3943	
15	Mark Mapston	Landowner			
16	John G. Adams	City of Muskogee	City Secretary	903-798-3930	
17	Jeff Lewis	" " "	City Attorney		
18	CAROL PATTERSON	REDI			
19	Debra Barkley	REDI			
20	JAMES CARTER	Bowling Co.			

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1:00 p.m.

No.	Name	Organization	Title	Phone	Email
1	Robert Bunch	City of Nesk	Mayor		
2	Markus Ruggad	Bowie Co.			
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Riverbend Water Resources District  
July 17, 2018

PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

Name: CURTIS HAIRSTON

Representing:

Self

Entity/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 3070 FM 2624

MAUD, TX 75567

Phone: 903-585-3334

Email: GRANDYDAD@ATT.NET

Agenda Item or Topic to be Discussed:

TOPIC OF WILD LIFE EASEMENT

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SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING  
JOINT MEETING WITH CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS & RWRD  
INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 17th, 2018

NAME: Sandy Cash

ADDRESS: 213 CRME. 2120 Talce, TX

PHONE NUMBER: 903-717-1349

E-MAIL ADDRESS: skacash@aol.com

SUBJECT TO DISCUSS: \_\_\_\_\_

No comments

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