

**Special Called Meeting
Riverbend Water Resources District
Board Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2019**

228 Texas Avenue, Suite A, New Boston, Texas 75570

M I N U T E S

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

Pursuant to an emergency notice posted on the District website, the Chair, Fred Milton, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Directors Present:

Fred Milton, President
Sonja Hubbard, Vice President
Tina Veal-Gooch, Treasurer
Marshall Wood, Past President

Directors Absent:

None

Administration Present:

Elizabeth Fazio Hale, Executive Director/ CEO
Tara Houck, Senior Accountant
David Glass, General Counsel

Public Present:

See attached list.

II. Invocation & Pledge

Fred Milton led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

III. Public Comments

Fred Milton recognized all guests present including Representative Gary Van Deaver.

IV. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration

A. Discussion and possible action regarding a Texas legislative update with Representative Gary Van Deaver

Representative Van Deaver provided an update on the current legislative session. The budget has passed in the House and is now up for consideration in the Senate.

He informed the board that House Bill 1574 regarding the sit-out provision for the Board of Directors of Riverbend as well as the inclusion of water supply corporations becoming members of Riverbend, is on the calendar for a vote and he does not see any reason why it would not pass.

Marshall Wood thanked Representative Van Deaver for taking the time to meet with him and Sonja Hubbard. Mr. Wood was appreciative of the communication with the Board and for hearing their concerns.

Fred Milton expressed his appreciation for cooperation in going forward with water rights applications, bond issuance, and other items as they arise.

No action taken.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution amending the Riverbend Water Resources District Bylaws concerning District Audits.

Tara Houck, Senior Accountant, read the Riverbend Bylaws. Specifically, the change to Article 12-Uniform Financial Reporting.

A motion was made by **Marshall Wood** and seconded by **Sonja Hubbard** to approve the amendment of the Riverbend Water Resources District Bylaws. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of an increase of annual compensation for Executive Director/CEO.

A motion was made by **Marshall Wood** and seconded by **Tina Veal-Gooch** to move discussion and possible action on Items VI.C, D and E to Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of an increase to Meyers & Associates, LLC for additional consulting services.

No action taken.

E. Discussion and possible action regarding search and/or appointment of Interim or Full-Time Executive Director/CEO and/or appointment of General Manager.

No action taken.

V. Executive Session

The board stood at ease beginning at 2:20 p.m.

The board reconvened with a full quorum and moved into executive session at 2:25 p.m. pursuant to sections 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Further discussion of Items VI.C-E. was held at this time.

The board came out of executive session at 3:18 p.m.

A motion was made by **Marshall Wood** and seconded by **Sonja Hubbard** to offer the current Executive Director/CEO the following:

Acceptance of her resignation with an effective date thirty (30) days from March 27, 2019 which would be close of business April 26, 2019. Under the current contract an increase in salary to \$225,000 annually, effective March 28, 2019 through April 26, 2019. Beginning April 27, 2019 through June 15, 2019, Riverbend would employ Mrs. Fazio Hale as an independent contractor based upon her salary on the date of separation of employment plus compensation in kind for any benefits to which she would have been entitled under her current contract during the period in which she is employed as an independent contractor.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Next Riverbend Meetings

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at Riverbend Offices, 228A Texas Avenue, New Boston, Texas.

VII. Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed a motion was made by **Marshall Wood** and seconded by **Sonja Hubbard** to adjourn the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

The minutes of Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, March 29, 2019 were read and approved on the 17th day of April, 2019.


Fred Milton, President

Attest:


Elizabeth Fazio Hale, Executive Director/ CEO

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