

**Regular Called Meeting
Riverbend Water Resources District
Board Meeting Minutes**

June 24, 2019

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

MINUTES

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

Pursuant to a notice posted on the District website, the Chair, Fred Milton, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

Directors Present:

Fred Milton, President
Van Alexander, Secretary
Tina Veal-Gooch, Treasurer
Marshall Wood, Past President

Directors Absent:

Sonja Hubbard, Vice President

Administration Present:

Kyle Dooley
Eli Hunt
Becky Melton
Tara Houck

Public Present:

See attached list.

II. Invocation & Pledge

Fred Milton led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

III. Public Comments

Ray Johnston, customer of Riverbend, thanked the staff for their courteous service and also stated that he is very satisfied with the District.

IV. Consent Agenda Items

Items IV.A. and IV.B. were considered under a Consent Agenda for one single motion of approval.

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding May 22, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes.**
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding June 11, 2019 Special Called Meeting minutes.**

A single motion was made by **Van Alexander** and seconded by **Marshall Wood** to approve the Consent Agenda Items as listed above. The motion passed unanimously

V. Regional Entity Reports

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding activities with Sulphur River Basin Authority (SRBA).**

Meg Shelton, Executive Director/CEO of SRBA thanked the Riverbend board and staff for their continued partnership and for the invitation to the open house. She also provided that their strategic plan has been accepted by the board. They are now working on a plan to be better advocate for progress in the region.

No action taken.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding activities with TexAmericas Center.**

No report given at this time. No action taken.

- C. Discussion and possible action regarding activities with REDI.**

Fred Milton provided that he and Jerry Sparks with Military Affairs met with the new Executive Director/CEO and extended an invitation to attend Riverbend meetings and engage with the board on discussions for regional planning.

No action taken.

VI. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration

- A. Discussion regarding an amendment to the contract with Robert J. Brandes Consulting for work to be done on the update of the Water Availability Model.**

Kyle Dooley provided information on an update to the contract on the Water Availability Model. At our May 22nd board meeting, the water availability model update project was discussed in the Executive Director's report. The current contract for this work had an amended completion date of May 31, 2019. After talking with Mr. Brandes, the data gathering and compiling of information is complete. Compiling the data to prepare for submission to TCEQ is expected to take a month. The review time for TCEQ is expected to take a month. Hopefully, the final report will be wrapped up and the update approved by the end of August. The contract with Robert J. Brandes Consulting has been amended to allow for an August 31, 2019 completion date. Both parties agreed and signed this amendment on May 31, 2019.

No action taken.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding a contract with LJA Engineering, Inc. for assistance with submittal of an application for water rights in Wright Patman Lake.

Kyle Dooley provided that Riverbend is in need of engineering services to put together a water rights application for submittal to TCEQ. In November 2018, the Board approved the engineering master list through RESO No. 20181128-04. LJA Engineering, Inc. was one of the firms approved for Federal and State Planning Projects and water rights fall into that category. The engineering services would be paid for on an hourly rate basis, with a cap not to exceed \$50,000. The funds to cover the costs of this project are available within budgeted amounts.

A motion was made by **Tina Veal-Gooch** and seconded by **Van Alexander** to approve **RESO 20190624-01** authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement/contract for engineering services related to the submittal of a water rights application package with LJA Engineering, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding Wright Patman Lake and various regional water issues, including activities in the Arkansas and Texas Legislatures.

Kyle Dooley provided information on HB 1574. It has officially been signed by the Governor. This bill changes RWRD's enabling legislation to clearly define that water supply corporations can now become members along with removing the sit out provision for board members.

No action taken.

VII. Riverbend Reports

A. Board Members

Fred Milton, Van Alexander, and Kyle Dooley attended the TWCA Mid-year Conference in Galveston last week. Mr. Alexander stated that it was a good to network and visit with other entities and get insight on how they are operating.

There is another TWCA Conference in the Fall in San Antonio.

No action taken.

B. Executive Director/CEO

Kyle Dooley provided an update to the TWDB SWIFT Funding Application. The application for the new infrastructure project was turned into TWDB on May 23rd. Last week, Mr. Dooley received an email with the a letter from the TWDB. During a discussion with Luis Farias, Riverbend's project manager at TWDB, it was discussed that, based on our project application, TWDB feels like another funding program, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF), would be a better funding option for our

project. Since that discussion, Mr. Dooley has had the opportunity to talk to Riverbend consultants and to other water district directors and the thought is that SRF funding could be a better option than pursuing SWIFT funding.

Drinking Water SRF funding is an alternate funding program offered by the state through TWDB. It is a partnership with the EPA so there are federal dollars involved as well. Please see the infographic provided. Based on our discussions with TWDB, below are some of the benefits of going with SRF.

- The application can be turned in at any time. TWDB has suggested that Riverbend keep moving on the water supply contracts. Once these are all completed, signed, and approved by each member, along with all the FY18 audits complete, Riverbend would be able to submit an application for SRF funds.
- The application is the same as SWIFT funding with only a couple of more sections to be added. Sections A-E are completed already in the original application and only G and H would have to be completed for submission for SRF funds. Water supply contracts can be completed while the rest of the application is being completed and reviewed.
- The SRF program allows for a year to year submittal instead of a one shot, multi-year submittal allowed for with SWIFT. Instead of having one chance to get the full \$200M from SWIFT, based on how the design and construction process progresses going forward, Riverbend can request smaller amounts as yearly projects are planned.
- The SRF rates are a little lower than SWIFT rates.

TWDB believes that this is a good project and SRF Funds are the funds they are strongly urging Riverbend to apply for.

Van Alexander asked if a formal withdraw of the SWIFT application was necessary. Mr. Dooley stated that as of now, a letter outlining what the board would like for him to do is all that our representative at TWDB is needing.

Marshall Wood expressed his confidence with this outcome. The early push to gather contracts and other documents helped Riverbend get organized for this funding application.

No action taken.

VIII. Executive Session

The board stood at ease beginning at 12:41 p.m.

The board reconvened with quorum and moved into executive session at 12:55 p.m. pursuant to section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to receive legal advice from its attorney.

The board came out of executive session at 1:39 p.m.

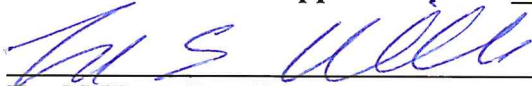
IX. Next Riverbend Meetings

Riverbend Regular Meeting, July 24, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at Riverbend Offices, 228 A Texas Avenue, New Boston, Texas 75570.

X. Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed a motion was made by **Tina Veal-Gooch** and seconded by **Sonja Hubbard** to adjourn the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

The minutes of Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, June 24, 2019 were read and approved on the 24th day of July, 2019.



Fred Milton, President

Attest:



Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/ CEO

Riverbend Water Resources District

Board Meeting

June 24, 2019

12:00 p.m.

No.	Name	Organization	Title	Phone	Email
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4	Sharon Elkins	Rep. Van Dewater	Dist. Mgr.		
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8	Meg Shelton	SRBA	EP		
9	JK Crane	CRP	Dr		
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