

**Special Called Meeting
Riverbend Water Resources District
Work Session Minutes
August 19, 2020
New Boston Community Center
301 NE Front Street, 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 on August 19, 2020, the Chair, Sonja Hubbard, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Directors Present:

Sonja Hubbard, President
Marshall Wood, Secretary
Van Alexander, Treasurer
Fred Milton, Past President

Directors Absent:

Tina Veal-Gooch, Vice President

Administration Present:

Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/CEO
Tara Houck, Chief Financial Officer
Eli Hunt, Operations Manager
Becky Melton, Executive Assistant/HR Manager

Public Present:

See attached list.

II. Invocation & Pledge

Sonja Hubbard led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration

A. Presentation and discussion of Member Cities' True-Up for use in FY 2019-2020.

Jim Cornelius and J.D. Phillips of Texarkana Water Utilities (TWU), presented the 2019-2020 Member Cities' True-up for use in FY 2020-2021.

J.D. Phillips provided information specific to completed, ongoing, and future projects for TWU.

IV. Riverbend Reports

A. Board Members

No reports.

B. Executive Director/CEO

Kyle Dooley provided information on the following items:

The True-Up is typically approved at the September Board meeting. However, the Board has the opportunity to approve it at the August Board meeting if they desire to do so.

On August 5, 2020 The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) voted to approve Riverbend's application for \$200 Million in funding for a new water treatment facility. The next step will be closing on the first of the bonds before the end of the year in the amount of \$18 Million. In addition, Riverbend will be issuing RFQs for bond counsel, financial advisors, project managers, and other services, involved with moving forward with this project.

Eleven out of 12 Member Entities have executed the Water Supply Contract. The remaining member has an item on their agenda for approval before the end of the month. Oak Grove has their membership into Riverbend as well as the new Water Supply Contract on their agenda for approval as well. This all leads into answering the question about when members can expect to start seeing invoices from Riverbend for their portion of this debt service. Invoices will begin to go out in September and will be due in October. The decisions from the final members are coming just in time for bond closure. Bonds can not be closed until all final commitments are made.

In February the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ) informed Riverbend that the water right application was administratively complete. The completion of the review of that application was stalled due to the stay-at-home orders issued by the governor. Riverbend is asking for 175,000 acre feet in addition to the 180,000 acre feet already available in Wright Patman Lake. The application is now in the Conservation and Environmental review stage of the Technical Review. TCEQ will now run their own model based on all of the information Riverbend turned in with the application. Once this is complete, they anticipate having a draft water rights permit around the beginning of 2021. The next step is providing public notice and acceptance of public comment. Provided there are no comments that would prevent the approval of the application, they expect to have the official approval out within 30 days. If comments prompt further review the process could take longer.

Riverbend is gaining traction with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on the Ultimate Rule Curve. Included in the \$200 Million from TWDB, there is a \$20 Million set aside to conduct the cultural resources study on Wright Patman Lake along with any mitigation that results from implementing the Ultimate Rule Curve that will allow us to raise the lake level that will make the water available to help our region grow. By the end of August, the Contributed Funds Agreement between the City of Texarkana, Texas, the USACE and Riverbend should be executed. The cultural resources study will take 18 to 24 months and mitigation will take an additional 2 to 3 years. The USACE needs to begin the study now to ensure the study and accompanying mitigation are complete by the time the design for the new water intake and treatment plant is complete.

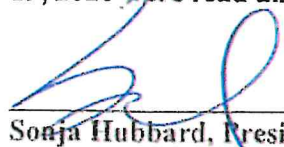
V. Next Riverbend Meetings & Activities:

Riverbend Regular Meeting, Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at Riverbend Offices.

VI. Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, **Sonja Hubbard** adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

The minutes of Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, August 19, 2020 were read and approved on the 26th day of August, 2020.



Sonja Hubbard, President

Attest:



Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/ CEO

Riverbend Water Resources District

Board Meeting

August 19, 2020

10:00 a.m.

No.	Name	Organization	Title	Phone	Email
1	Dale Stewart	Med	Administrative Manager	903-278-3123	Dale.Stewart@med.texas.org
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3	Debra May	Ward	City Secretary	903-278-1571	wmay@wardtexas.org
4	J.A Phillips	TWU	Ex Director	903-794-3400	Phillips@twusa.org
5	Sheryl Collem	CVV	Mayor	903-276-8837	
6	Gary Smith	TWU	Dir. of OTH	903-796-3834	gsmith@twusa.org
7	Math Sorcia	Pop-Dawson	V. Pres. Int	214-773-2300	MathSorcia@popc-dawson.com
8	Shirley Taster	City Terarkana	City Manager	-	
9	Hal Harris	CDWCSC	EM	963-228-5601	
10	Frank Estes	Avery	Private Citizen	918-527-4115	OK400@yahoo.com
11	Shawn Minthub	NRB	City Secretary	428-5596	shawnminthub@nrcity.org
12	Bobby Howard	Bouise Co.	Courty Judge		
13	David Turner	New Boston	Mayor Pro Tem		
14	Jim Cornelius	TWU			
15	Jim Roberts	Alake Village			
16	See Anderson	New Boston	City Council		
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