

**Regular Called Meeting  
Riverbend Water Resources District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 28, 2021**

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, Sonja Hubbard, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

**Directors Present:**

Sonja Hubbard, President  
Tina Veal Gooch, Vice President  
Van Alexander, Treasurer  
Fred Milton, Past President

**Directors Absent:**

Marshall Wood, Secretary

**Administration Present:**

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

**Public Present:**

Please see the attached list for additional guests.

**II. Invocation & Pledge**

Sonja Hubbard led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

**III. Public Comments**

None.

**IV. Consent Agenda Items**

**A. Discussion and possible action regarding June 23, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes.**

A single motion was made by **Fred Milton** and seconded by **Van Alexander** to approve the Consent Agenda Item as listed above. The motion passed unanimously.

## **V. Regional Entity Reports**

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

Chris Hartung, SRBA Interim Executive Director, provided that the SRBA board is researching more suitable locations near Sulphur Springs or Mt. Vernon to hold their board meetings. Mr. Hartung also plans to address transparency with the board and discuss recording their meetings so as to increase that transparency.

No action taken.

### **B. Discussion and possible action regarding activities with TexAmericas Center (TAC).**

Scott Norton, TAC Executive Director, was not able to attend today's meeting but he did provide an update that Kyle Dooley relayed to the board. The TAC board closed on the sale of a 165 acre tract of land. The name of the manufacturing company has not yet been released to the public. In addition, the spec building is moving along and has an estimated completion date of early September. Business Facilities announced their annual ranking yesterday. In the industrial park rankings, TexAmericas Center ranked 5<sup>th</sup> among all other industrial parks. This is the 17<sup>th</sup> year that rankings have been published and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year they have included industrial parks in those rankings. Last year TAC ranked 8<sup>th</sup>. The Governor's office will put a press release regarding this ranking. Recognition in this prestigious publication will push TAC further to the forefront regarding economic development.

No action taken.

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

Sonja Hubbard met with Rob Sitterly regarding the new manufacturing companies mentioned in the TAC report. The Texas side property has been cleared and there have been a couple companies interested in seeing the property on the Arkansas side. Economic development is moving forward.

No action taken.

## **VI. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration**

### **A. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution approving a revision to the second quarter FY 2020-2021 Investment Report.**

Tara Houck provided that a correction needed to be made to the Investment Report presented at the April 28<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

A motion was made by **Van Alexander** and seconded by **Tina Veal Gooch** to approve **RESO 20210728-01** approving a revision to the second quarter FY 2020-2021 Investment Report. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution approving the third quarter FY 2020-2021 Financial Statements.**

Tara Houck presented the third quarter FY 2020-2021 Financial Statements.

A motion was made by **Van Alexander** and seconded by **Tina Veal Gooch** to approve **RESO 20210728-02** approving the third quarter FY 2020-2021 Financial Statements. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution approving the third quarter FY 2020-2021 Investment Report.**

Tara Houck presented the third quarter FY 2020-2021 Investment Report.

A motion was made by **Fred Milton** and seconded by **Van Alexander** to approve **RESO 202100728-03** approving the third quarter FY 2020-2021 Investment Report. The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Riverbend Reports**

**A. Board Members**

No reports.

No action taken.

**B. Executive Director/CEO**

Kyle Dooley provided the following updates:

Regional Water System Project: VT Madhavan with Pape-Dawson provided an update on project progress. Mr. Madhavan stated that a workshop on July 14, 2021 was held to discuss the regulatory framework for water treatment. Another workshop to discuss the program schedule as well as discuss risk management is scheduled for today at Riverbend from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Productive meetings have also been held with the Army Corps of Engineers. The Program Management Plan has been turned over to Riverbend for review. An ad has been posted on the Riverend website to procure services from PR Firms, survey firms, as well as water sampling firms. Several technical memos, manuals and other documents related to the program are currently being developed for review by Riverbend. Mr. Dooley also provided that Pape-Dawson has been also been working with TAC to nail down a site for the water treatment facility. The intake location has also been discussed and a final location has been proposed. We are still on schedule to have 30% of the design plans completed by the end of December 2021. There is an advisory committee made up of a representative from each member city that is set up to have direct input and get updates on the Regional Water System Project.

TCEQ Water Rights Application: June 27<sup>th</sup> started the thirty-day comment period regarding our application for water rights in Wright Patman Lake. That comment period closed yesterday. Early comments were not concerning. Two comments came from the City of Sulphur Springs and Sulphur River Municipal Water District asking for clarification on

seniority of their water rights. North Texas, Upper Trinity and the City of Irving will be contesting the water rights. TCEQ will compile the comments for Riverbend so that Riverbend can prepare a response.

Ultimate Rule Curve and Cultural Resources Study: The invoice has been paid in full. That needed to be complete before they could publish the RFP to bring on the consultant that will complete the study. They anticipate that they will have someone on board to begin the study in September 2021. There is some crossover with the individuals that are working on the Cultural Resources Study also working with Riverbend on the water treatment permitting.

Region D: Next meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Region 8 Educational Service Center in Pittsburg, TX. This is the preplanning meeting to allow for public comments related to the new planning cycle.

No action taken.

### VIII. Executive Session

The board stood at ease beginning at 12:40 p.m.

The board reconvened in Executive Session at 12:45 p.m with quorum pursuant to sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The board came out of Executive Session at 1:30 p.m.

### IX. Next Riverbend Meetings

Riverbend Special Called Meeting and Work Session, Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Riverbend Offices, 228 A Texas Avenue, New Boston, Texas 75570.

Riverbend Regular Meeting, Wednesday, August 25, 2021 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 **Van Alexander** to adjourn the meeting at 1:32 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**The minutes of Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, July 28, 2021 were read and approved on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.**

  
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Sonja Hubbard, President

Attest:

  
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Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/ CEO

## Board Meeting Attendees - July 28, 2021

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
VT Madhavan	Pape-Dawson
Eugene Chung	Pape-Dawson
Charley Moon	Freese & Nichols
David Briggs	CDM Smith
David Pinkins	Kimley Horn
Chris Hartung	SRBA
Phil Cook	CP&Y
Matt Garcia	Pape-Dawson
Elizabeth Blackwadder	Black & Veach
Paco Guerrero	Pape-Dawson
Jennifer Glaess	Pape-Dawson
Sheryl Collum	Wake Village
David Vallejo	CDM Smith
Chris Noe	Pape-Dawson