

**Regular Called Meeting  
Riverbend Water Resources District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 2022**

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, Van Alexander, Vice President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Directors Present:**

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

**Directors Absent:**

Tina Veal-Gooch, President

**Administration Present:**

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

**Public Present:**

Please see the attached list for additional guests.

**II. Invocation & Pledge**

Van Alexander led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

**III. Public Comments**

None.

**IV. Consent Agenda Items**

Item IV. A. was considered under a Consent Agenda for one single motion of approval.

**A. Discussion and possible action regarding January 26, 2022 Regular Called Meeting Minutes.**

A single motion was made by **Fred Milton** and seconded by **Sonja Hubbard** 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).**

Kyle Dooley provided that at their last meeting North Texas gave a presentation on Bois D'Arc Lake. Construction is almost complete. Their website has been updated to reflect the progress on the lake. Fred Milton asked if the SRBA Board addressed the yeild in the new lake. Mr. Dooley provided that they did discuss that the new drought of record did drop the yeild to lower than was originally expected. No action taken.

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

Kyle Dooley provided that Scott Norton, Executive Director of TAC is travelling and was unable to attend today. Mr. Norton has said that all of their projects are moving forward and prospect activity is still strong.

No action taken.

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

No report. No action taken.

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

### **A. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute an interlocal agreement(s) for risk management insurance with the TWCA Risk Management Fund.**

Kyle Dooley provided that this resolution pertains to the annual renewal of the District's risk management insurance. We are currently part of the Texas Water Conservation Association Risk Management Fund and the plan includes property insurance, workers' compensation insurance, and board insurance. He recommends continuing with the TWCA Risk Management Fund and consideration of approval to renew the policy.

A motion was made by **Sonja Hubbard** and seconded by **Marshall Wood** to approve **RESO 20220223-01** authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute an interlocal agreement(s) for risk management insurance with the TWCA Risk Management Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. Riverbend Reports**

### **A. Board Members**

No reports

**B. Executive Director/CEO**

Kyle Dooley provided the following updates:

There has been a correction to the Riverbend Calendar and Board Meeting Schedule. There was a typo on the date for the Good Friday holiday. It is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April instead of the 1<sup>st</sup>. That has been corrected.

TCEQ & Water Rights Application: Lines of communication are still open between the District and those requesting a contested case hearing. Other than that, no new update.

Industrial Waste Water Plant: We are still working with RRAD to change the existing language in the contract that will cover the payback for the bond to fund the new plant. Since there is discussion to move the industrial plant closer to the new water treatment plant and the fact that construction costs have increased, the Army plans to search all available avenues for funding. Plans are still in the works to move forward.

Regional Water System Project, the Ultimate Rule Curve, Environmental and Cultural Studies: The closing for the second round of bonds will be tomorrow. Pape-Dawson is in the process of submitting some of the final technical memos for Riverbend to review. Completing the review of these documents will get the project to 30% completion of the design and then will allow Riverbend to open up Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for a design firm. The release of the RFQs will also depend on the timeline discussions on the environmental clearances needed between Riverbend and the USACE and between Riverbend and TWDB. This leads to the need to nail down a path forward for the environmental & cultural resources permitting, mitigation and other studies with the USACE because TWDB needs reasonable surety that the environmental permitting will be cleared by the USACE in order to release the design and construction funds for the new water system. These environmental and cultural studies are tied to the implementation of the Ultimate Rule Curve (URC). A new cost estimate for the environmental studies has not yet been released. Calls with the USACE were held in January regarding the the Ultimate Rule Curve and the new water system because it's involved in the permitting needed for the new intake and the new pipe at the lake. Prior to those discussions, the URC and the new intake and pipeline were on separate timelines. USACE regulators have reviewed the project further and since Riverbend has requested to build the intake at its full capacity, they decided that the URC study and implementation of that agreement needed to be in place before they could start looking at the intake because the water must be available in order to build an intake of that capacity. The permitting is not done yet but there are discussions to clear the path forward to release funds for design and construction. A call is scheduled for tomorrow to discuss the Interim Rule Curve, the Ultimate Rule Curve, and the Regional Water System Project.

No action taken.

**VIII. Executive Session**

The board stood at ease at 12:18 p.m.

The board reconvened in Executive Session at 12:26 p.m with quorum pursuant to section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The board came out of Executive Session at 12:52 p.m.

The board reconvened with quorum at 12:53 p.m.

**IX. Next Riverbend Meetings**

Riverbend Regular Meeting, Wednesday, March 23, 2022 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 **Marshall Wood** and seconded by **Marshall Wood** to adjourn the meeting at 12:54 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, held on February 23, 2022, were read and approved on the 23<sup>RD</sup> day of MARCH, 2022.



Tina Veal Gooch, President

Attest:



Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/ CEO

## Board Meeting Attendees - February 23, 2022

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
David Stanley	CP&Y
David Briggs	CDM Smith
Ron Humphrey	City of New Boston
Hal Harris	CBCWSC
Sharon Elkins	Rep. VanDeaver
Bobby Howell	Bowie County
Jamie Shipley	City of DeKalb
Phil Cook	CP&Y
Stephane Beeche	Black & Veatch