

**Regular Called Meeting
Riverbend Water Resources District
Board Meeting Minutes
June 22, 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, Tina Veal-Gooch, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Directors Present:

Tina Veal-Gooch, President
Fred Milton, Secretary
Steve Mayo, Treasurer

Directors Absent:

Van Alexander, Vice President
Sonja Hubbard, Past 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

Fred Milton led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

III. Public Comments

None.

IV. Special Agenda Items

A. Presentation of the Regional Leadership Award to Marshall Wood for his leadership and dedication to Riverbend and to regional water development.

Tina Veal Gooch and Kyle Dooley presented Mr. Wood with the Regional Leadership Award. Mr. Wood has been part of the Riverbend board since 2009. His dedication to regional water development has been instrumental in the success of Riverbend and all that has been accomplished to date. Kyle Dooley thanked Mr. Wood for his invaluable advice and his availability to help and be involved where he is needed. Mr. Wood expressed his appreciation and honor to be recognized by the Riverbend Board.

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding May 25, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes.

The minutes did have two minor corrections to be made before approval. Tina Veal Gooch was listed as present, and she was absent. In addition, Steve Mayo was present to accept the appointment to the Riverbend Board.

A motion was made by **Fred Milton** and seconded by **Steve Mayo** to approve the Consent Agenda Item, with corrections as listed above. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Regional Entity Reports

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

Kelly Mitchell, SRBA board member, provided an SRBA update. A meeting was held yesterday in Mount Pleasant. They discussed interbasin transfers as mentioned in section 11 of the Texas Water Code. The SRBA board believes this issue will arise as we look at other reservoirs in the basin that may move water out of the basin.

No action taken.

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

No report. No action taken.

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

No report. No action taken.

VII. 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 for employees' health benefits with TML Health Benefits Pool.

Kyle Dooley provided information on the renewal of the TML Coverage. Staff has received the proposed employee medical insurance plan from TML Health Benefits Pool, which would become effective on 10/1/22 for the new fiscal year. There are four new plan options

that are being offered by TML for consideration for this upcoming year or we can stay with the current plan. All plan options would be an increase when compared with the total cost from the previous year. Those options, and the current plan costs, are shown in the agenda packet. For all four options, the out-of-pocket cost and/or the deductible costs would go up. The premium cost also increases between 1.93%-9.89% depending on which option is selected. Staying with the current plan would increase the premium 13%, but it holds out-of-pocket and deductible costs at the same rate as this current year. After reviewing the options, staff recommends staying with the current plan for the upcoming year to keep the out of pocket and deductible costs the same for the employees next year. The current dental and vision plans will remain unchanged for this upcoming plan year.

A motion was made by **Steve Mayo** and seconded by **Fred Milton** for approval of **RESO 20220622-01** authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute an interlocal agreement for employees' health benefits with TML Health Benefits Pool. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to enter into negotiations for the acquisition of land in connection with the construction of a regional water system.

Kyle Dooley provided information on a land purchase. Riverbend is currently working on the required properties that will need to be acquired to construct the regional water treatment facilities. We are coming to the point in the process that we may be able to start coming to agreements with property owners and have the need to sign contracts with them to get that property in hand. This item would grant the Executive Director the authority to sign agreements to acquire the property. It would also limit that authority as only up to the budgeted amount for the project, which is currently \$800,000.

A motion was made by **Fred Milton** and seconded by **Steve Mayo** to approve **RESO 20220622-02** authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to enter into negotiations for the acquisition of land in connection with the construction of a regional water system. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Riverbend Reports

- A. Board Members

No reports.

- B. Executive Director/CEO

Kyle Dooley provided the following updates:

Kim Keefer with Pape-Dawson provided the following update on the Regional Water System Project:

- Documentation that is required for selection of the design consultants for the next phase of work is complete. This includes preparing a TWDB-appropriate advertisement and