

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

February 22, 2023

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, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Directors Present:

Van Alexander, President
Steve Mayo, Vice President
Fred Milton, Treasurer
Sonja Hubbard, Secretary

Directors Absent:

Tina Veal-Gooch, Past President

Administration Present:

Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/CEO
Eli Hunt, Director of Operations
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. Special Agenda Items for Individual Consideration

A. Oath of office, administered by Judge Bobby Howell, for Director Sonja Hubbard.

Bowie County Judge Bobby Howell administered the Oath of Office swearing in returning director Sonja Hubbard.

V. 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 25, 2023 Regular Called Meeting Minutes.

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

VI. Regional Entity Reports

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

No report. 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.

Sonja Hubbard provided that the Ar-Tex REDI team is still working to develop access to the Texas side property at exit 206 on Interstate 30. They are also work out some issues with broadband internet services.

No action taken.

VII. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration

A. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution approving the first quarter financials of FY 2023.

Tara Houck, Chief Financial Officer, presented the final version of the FY 2021 fourth quarter financials.

A motion was made by **Fred Milton** and seconded by **Steve Mayo** to approve **RESO 20230222-01** approving the first quarter financials of FY 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution approving the first quarter investment report for FY 2023.

Tara Houck, Chief Financial Officer, presented the first quarter investment report for FY 2023.

A motion was made by **Sonja Hubbard** and seconded by **Steve Mayo** to approve **RESO 20230222-02** approving the first quarter investment report of FY 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 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 item pertains to the annual renewal of the District's risk management insurance. We are currently part of the TWCA Risk Management Fund and the plan includes property insurance, workers' compensation insurance, and board insurance.

A motion was made by **Fred Milton** and seconded by **Sonja Hubbard** to approve **RESO 20230222-03** 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.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to enter into an agreement with Voltus, Inc. to enroll in a distributed energy resource agreement.

Kyle Dooley provided that this item pertains to consider signing an agreement with Voltus, Inc. Voltus works with Southwest Power Pool, of which we are a part of that power grid. When the Southwest Power Pool power grid does not have enough capacity, Voltus works with its clients and sends out notification that the grid is overloaded, and those clients then can choose to shift their power use from the grid to generator power. These notifications are typically sent out about 10 minutes before the switch is needed. The duration of the switch is typically 10-15 minutes, and these notifications happen roughly 4 to 6 times a month. Any participation is voluntary and there is no penalty or minimum participation requirement for client to shift load to generators with notification is given. Riverbend receives payment when we participate by shifting electric load from the grid to generator power. At this time, the estimated revenue to us looks to be approximately \$4800/year. Once the new water treatment plant is completed the earning potential increases dramatically.

A motion was made by **Steve Mayo** and seconded by **Sonja Hubbard** to approve **RESO 20230222-04** authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to enter into an agreement with Voltus, Inc. to enroll in a distributed energy resource agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Riverbend Reports

A. Board Members

Fred Milton will be in Washington, D.C. for the latter part of this week as well as next week.