

**Special Called Meeting  
Riverbend Water Resources District  
Work Session Minutes  
July 19, 2023**

Riverbend Water Resources District  
228 Texas Ave, Suite A, New Boston, TX 75570

**M I N U T E S**

**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 10:02 a.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  
Tara Houck, Chief Financial Officer  
Eli Hunt, Operations Manager  
Becky Melton, Executive Assistant/HR Manager

**Public Present:**

See attached list.

**II. Invocation & Pledge**

Van Alexander led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration**

**A. Presentation and discussion regarding the Regional Water System Facilities Fund Budget and Project Update.**

Tara Houck presented the Regional Water System Facilities Fund Budget for review.

Kyle Dooley presented an update on the Regional Water System project. To include additional bonds that will be approved next week. Thus far, we have taken out \$111 million of the \$200 million. The next bond set to be reviewed next week will be for \$14.4 million. Closing should be the last week in August. The first 2 sets of bonds were

60% taxable and 40% tax exempt. This third bond will not likely have tax exempt funds because there were spending requirements that were not met. The bonds taken out next time should have a bigger tax exempt portion to make up for that. Taxable versus tax exempt funds depend on what the money is being spent on. The EID and the EFR will be reviewed by TWDB later this week. The RFQ for design on the new facility has been posted. Proposals are required to be submitted by this Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>. They will be reviewed between now and September.

Ron Humphrey, Mayor of New Boston, asked if Mr. Milton could come to the next city council meeting to explain the increases and how it may affect the citizens of New Boston. Mr. Dooley and Mr. Milton will be there and will bring scenarios on how the new rate may affect water bills. Wayne Dial, New Boston's City Administrator also asked that they explain to citizens how the debt repayment works while the water facility project is ongoing.

No action taken.

#### **B. Presentation and discussion of Member Cities' True-Up for use in FY 2024.**

Tricia Briggs of Texarkana Water Utilities (TWU), presented the 2022-2023 Member Cities' True-up for use in FY 2024.

Gary Smith provided information specific to completed, ongoing, and future projects for TWU.

Kyle Dooley informed the Riverbend board and the guests present that the True-Up document will be further reviewed until it is considered for a vote by the Riverbend board at a regular board meeting to be held on September 27, 2023.

No action taken.

### **IV. Riverbend Reports**

#### **A. Board Members**

No reports.

#### **B. Executive Director/CEO**

Mr. Dooley requested that any questions related to the True-Up, be directed to him and he will relay those questions to TWU for a response. He is available to answer any questions related to the new water facility project and the Facility Fund Budget.

He also requested that all member entities please attend the August board meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> as there will be additional discussion regarding fluoride with Dr. Shambarger.

**V. Next Riverbend Meetings & Activities:**

Riverbend Regular Meeting, Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at Riverbend Offices.

**VI. Adjournment**

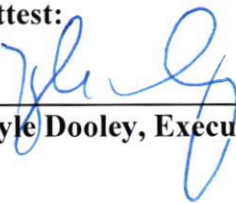
With no additional business to be discussed, **Van Alexander** adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The minutes of this Special Called Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting on July 19, 2023 were read and approved on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.



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**Van Alexander, President**

Attest:



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**Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/CEO**

10:00 a.m.

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