

**Special Called Meeting
Riverbend Water Resources District
Board Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2023**

228 Texas Avenue, Suite A, New Boston, Texas 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, Fred Milton, Vice President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Directors Present:

Fred Milton, Vice President
Sonja Hubbard, Treasurer
Van Alexander, Past President

Directors Absent:

Steve Mayo, President
Tina Veal Gooch, Secretary

Administration Present:

Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/CEO
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. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to submit a Request for Exclusion from a settlement agreement for a lawsuit pertaining to polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water.**

Kyle Dooley provided that this item pertains to the PFAS class action lawsuit settlement agreements for 3M and DuPont. The settlement agreement for 3M stands at \$10.5-\$12.5B and the settlement agreement with DuPont stands at \$1.185B. RWRD falls within the class affected by these settlements. The opt-out date for 3M it is December 11th. No action was taken at the November board meeting, leaving RWRD in the DuPont lawsuit. New information on the terms of the 3M settlement require further discussion and possible action by the Board. A Request for Exclusion from the 3M suit must be properly served by the deadline imposed by the Court. That deadline is December 11, 2023. In seeking Preliminary Approval of this Settlement Agreement, the Class Representatives will ask the Court to set that deadline ninety (90) calendar days after the date the Notice is mailed. Any Eligible Claimant that has elected to opt out may withdraw its Request for Exclusion at any time prior to the Final Fairness Hearing (scheduled for February 2, 2024), and thereby accept all terms of this Settlement Agreement, including its Dismissal provisions.

A motion was made by Van Alexander and seconded by Sonja Hubbard approving RESO 20231204-01 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to submit a Request for Exclusion from a settlement agreement for a lawsuit pertaining to polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water.

V. Riverbend Reports

A. Board Members

No reports.

B. Executive Director/CEO

VI. Executive Session

The board stood at ease at 10:12 a.m.

The board reconvened in Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. with quorum pursuant to section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The board came out of Executive Session at 10:25 a.m.

The board reconvened with quorum at 10:27 a.m.


VII. Next Riverbend Meetings

Riverbend Regular Meeting, Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at Riverbend Offices, 228 A Texas Avenue, New Boston, Texas 75570.

VIII. Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, a motion was made by Tina Veal Gooch and seconded by Sonja Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, held on December 4, 2023, were read and approved on the 24th day of January 2024.



Steve Mayo, President

Attest:



Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/ CEO