

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

April 24, 2024

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, Steve Mayo, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Directors Present:

Steve Mayo, President
Sonja Hubbard, Treasurer
Tina Veal-Gooch, Secretary
Van Alexander, Past President

Directors Absent:

Lynn Davis, Vice President

Administration Present:

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. Consent Agenda Items

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

A. Discussion and possible action regarding March 27, 2024 Regular Called Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Van Alexander 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).

David Weidman, Executive Director, provided that at their last board meeting, the board decided to start participating in TexPool for more investment opportunities. They plan to publish their entire board agenda packet for more public participation and transparency. Their budget process will begin next month. The board also took advantage of the TWDB Flood Infrastructure Grant Program and applied for a grant to cover the \$850,000 cost of a study on the siltation impacts on flood storage in reservoirs. Mr. Weidman provided that he had a good meeting with the metroplex partners that included a presentation by Freese and Nichols presenting the report on the yeild report they completed. The metroplex partners reaffirmed their commitment to funding SRBA to include additional support on projects on a case-by-case basis. No action taken.

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

Scott Norton, Executive Director, provided that the board approved the audit at their meeting yesterday. The auditor stated that they are in good financial position. They also received the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation award for the third consecutive year. There are still over 100 prospects interested in TAC property. They are the state finalist for twenty of those projects. No action taken.

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

Sonja Hubbard provided that Congressman Nathan Moran is scheduling a meeting in DC to get some FAA funding. The Arkansas side parcel project is moving slow but it is moving. There is a little more aggressive interest in the Texas side parcel of land. No action taken.

VI. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration

A. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution approving the second quarter FY 2023 Financial Statements.

Tara Houck presented the second quarter FY 2024 Financial Statements.

A motion was made by Van Alexander and seconded by Tina Veal Gooch to approve RESO 20240424-01 approving the second quarter financials. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution approving the second quarter FY 2024 Investment Report.

Tara Houck presented the second quarter FY 2024 Investment Report.

A motion was made by Sonja Hubbard and seconded by Tina Veal Gooch to approve RESO 20240424-02 approving the second quarter FY 2024 Investment Report. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution adopting the Revised 2024 Administrative Member Fund Budget, the Revised 2024 Wet Utilities Fund Budget, and the Revised 2024 Regional Water System Facilities Fund Budget of Riverbend Water Resources District.

Tara Houck presented the changes to all three budgets. All resulting in a net zero adjustment in the budgets.

A motion was made by Tina Veal Gooch and seconded by Sonja Hubbard to approve RESO 20240424-03 adopting the Revised 2024 Administrative Member Fund Budget, the Revised 2024 Wet Utilities Fund Budget, and the Revised 2024 Regional Water System Facilities Fund Budget of Riverbend Water Resources District. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Riverbend Reports

- A. Board Members

No reports.

- B. Executive Director/CEO

Eli Hunt, Director of Operations filled in for Kyle Dooley at this meeting and provided the following updates:

Regional Water System Project: Matt Garcia with Pape-Dawson, provided an update on the project. The scoping meetings have been finalized which is one of the milestone steps in the Outgrant project with the Corps. They are still waiting on the signed Memorandum of Agreement from the Corps. They have coordinated with the TWDB to realign the existing loans to match the spending more appropriately by category anticipated in the next 2 to 4 years. They have also been coordinating with Mr. Dooley on having the last loan closing deadline to be delayed as possible to delay any interest due.

Ultimate Rule Curve and Environmental & Cultural Resources Study: Mr. Hunt provided that we were able to get the \$1.5 million to the Corps which is the additional funding to award the Cultural Resources Study. This brings the total funding to \$3.8 million.

Industrial Waste Water Plant: Mr. Hunt provided that we received an email from Russell Meadows in the Department of Public Works, stating that Department of Resources Management has received all the information needed in order to authorize funding. The funding is being processed and this authorization is in the contracting office and will be received no later than three weeks from now. Once they get those funds, they will open up the task order and Riverbend can move forward with starting the project.

Miscellaneous Information: On April 25, 2023, a TCEQ inspector performed his biannual inspection of our water system. We received an alleged violation on the booster pumps at the ground storage tanks. The inspector stated that the tanks were operating on a conditional approved construction letter from TCEQ in 2017. After several meetings with TCEQ, the last of which was held in January 2024, TCEQ stated that in order to resolve this alleged violation, that we submit plans and specifications for pressure monitoring equipment be installed upstream of the booster pumps. The purpose for this pressure monitoring equipment is to prevent the pressure from dropping too low in the TWU transmission main. Stokes and Associates were the engineer of record when the tanks were built. They have attended the meetings with TCEQ to get a permanent fix. They have agreed to install this equipment and have presented the contract for Kyle Dooley to sign. It is for no more than \$30,000. This contract and the specifications must be submitted to TCEQ to resolve this alleged violation. The contract amount is within Mr. Dooley's threshold, and he will get it signed and submitted in order to get the project started.

No action taken.

VIII. Executive Session

The board did not move into Executive Session.

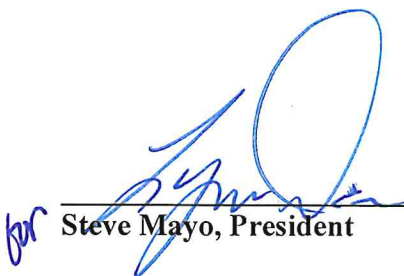
IX. Next Riverbend Meetings

Riverbend Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 22, 2024 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 Van Alexander and seconded by Tina Veal Gooch to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, held on April 24, 2024 were read and approved on the 22nd day of May, 2024.


Steve Mayo, President

Attest:


Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/ CEO

12:00 p.m.

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