



**REGULAR MEETING
RIVERBEND WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT
PUBLIC NOTICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025
12:00 P.M.
228 TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE A, NEW BOSTON, TX 75570**

*Notice is hereby given pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code, Chapter 551, that the Board of Directors of the Riverbend Water Resources District will conduct a meeting; open to the public, on **Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.**, at the Riverbend Water Resources District ("Riverbend") office, in the Conference Room located at 228 Texas Avenue, Suite A, New Boston, TX 75570.*

The Board of Directors is authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act to convene in closed or executive session for certain purposes. These purposes include receiving legal advice from its attorney (Section 551.071); discussing real property matters (Section 551.072); discussing gifts and donations (Section 551.073); discussing personnel matters (Section 551.074); discussing security personnel or devices (Section 551.076); or discussing economic development matters (Section 551.087). If the Board of Directors makes a determination to go into executive session on any item on this agenda, the Presiding Officer will announce that an executive session will be held and will identify the item to be discussed and provision of the Open Meetings Act that authorizes the closed or executive session.

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board of Directors allows individuals to speak to the Board. Prior to the meeting, speakers must sign in on the public comment sheet. The time limit is five (5) minutes per speaker, subject to the provisions set forth under Section 551.007 of the Texas Government Code.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding April 23, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes and April 25, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

V. REPORTS

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding activities with Sulphur River Basin Authority.
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding activities with TexAmericas Center.
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding activities with AR-TX REDI.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The Board of Directors will consider, discuss, and if appropriate, take action on the following item(s):

A. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to report compliance with required cybersecurity training.

House Bill 3834 required state and local government employees to complete a certified training program for cybersecurity. The Texas Department of Information Resource (DIR) in consultation with the Texas Cybersecurity Council is required to certify at least five cybersecurity training programs so state and local government employees can meet the training requirements. RWRD is defined as a local government for the purposes of cybersecurity training requirements. Local governments must certify their training compliance by August 31, 2025. The governing body of a local government is required to verify and report on the completion of a cybersecurity training program completed by employees of the local government to the department and should retain documentation pertaining to this requirement. All our staff has completed cybersecurity training. This resolution would allow staff to submit the online certification to DIR that RWRD has met the yearly requirements for cybersecurity training. Staff recommends approval.

Action Item: Consider motion for approval of RESO 20250605-01 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to report compliance with required cybersecurity training.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution urging congressional support for Red River Army Depot (RRAD).

This item urges congressional support for the Red River Army Depot (RRAD), as it plays a critical role in national defense by providing maintenance, repair, and overhaul of tactical military vehicles and equipment for the U.S. Army, other military branches, and foreign Military Sales. With the loss or reduction of RRAD's operations, it would weaken military readiness by reducing access to vital repair and maintenance capabilities; and would have devastating consequences for thousands of employees, families, and businesses dependent on its continued success. Staff recommends approval.

Action Item: Consider motion for approval of RESO 20250605-02 urging congressional support for Red River Army Depot (RRAD) and authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to distribute copies of this resolution to federal and state representatives, the U.S. Department of Defense, and other relevant stakeholders.

VII. REPORTS

A. Board Members

B. Executive Director/CEO

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Riverbend Regular Meeting, June 25, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at Riverbend Offices, 228 A Texas Avenue, New Boston, Texas 75570.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Kyle Dooley

Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/ CEO
Riverbend Water Resources District

*Persons with disabilities who plan to attend the RWRD Board of Directors' meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact the RWRD Administrative Offices at (903) 831-0091, as soon as possible. All reasonable efforts will be made to make the appropriate arrangements.

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING
RIVERBEND WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT
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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM IV. A.
April 23, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes
&
April 25, 2025
Special Called Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Called Meeting
Riverbend Water Resources District
Board Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2025**

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, Lynn Davis, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Directors Present:

Lynn Davis, President
Sonja Hubbard, Vice President
Tina Veal Gooch, Treasurer
Van Alexander, Secretary
Steve Mayo, Past President

Directors Absent:

None

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

Lynn Davis 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 26, 2025 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 the senate confirmed both Aaron Roland and Jason Spencer as new directors and confirmed the reappointment of current director Kelly Mitchell. 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.

VI. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution approving the second quarter FY 2025 Financial Statements.

Tara Houck presented the second quarter FY 2025 Financial Statements.

A motion was made by Tina Veal Gooch and seconded by Van Alexander to approve RESO 20250423-01 approving the second quarter FY 2025 Financials Statements. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution approving the second quarter FY 2025 Investment Report.

Tara Houck presented the second quarter FY 2025 Investment Report.

A motion was made by Sonja Hubbard and seconded by Van Alexander to approve RESO 20250423-02 approving the second quarter FY 2025 Investment Report. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution adopting the Revised 2025 Administrative Member Fund Budget, the Revised 2025 Wet Utilities Fund Budget, and the Revised 22025024 Regional Water System Facilities Fund Budget of Riverbend Water Resources District.

Tara Houck presented the changes to all three budgets. The adjustments in revenue resulted in an increase of \$354,980 across all three funds.

A motion was made by Sonja Hubbard and seconded by Tina Veal Gooch to approve RESO 20250423-03 adopting the Revised 2025 Administrative Member Fund Budget, the Revised 2025 Wet Utilities Fund Budget, and the Revised 2025 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

Kyle Dooley provided the following updates.

Regional Water System Project: Matt Garcia with Pape-Dawson, provided an update on the project. All requirements for the Environmental Assessment (EA) were met to include updates to Executive Orders and Tribal Coordination. The EA is moving forward to final signature with the Commander of USACE Ft Worth District. The routing and signature of the Finding of no Significant Impact (FONSI) is scheduled to conclude in mid-May. The Nation-Wide Permit (NWP) 58 that allows for crossing of waters of the US by utility pipelines was reviewed and a concurrence letter was received from USACE regulatory. The letter is a requirement for TWDB to release design funds. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) concurred with the findings of the Cultural Resources Report with no further comment. The report will be included in the Environmental Information Document (EID) and sent to TWDB. This concurrence is a requirement for TWDB to release design funds. The Outgrant real estate package requirements were determined, and preliminary documentation is being reviewed by USACE Real Property office. The complete package is estimated to take 60 days to compile which includes final boundary on USACE property, tree inventory, cut/fill calculations, and electrical design. Then, an additional 120 days for USACE to review, comment, negotiate, and sign the final easement for the intake and road location. Design firms continue to move forward conducting bi-weekly meetings. The planning portion is financially concluding and will move into design financing upon approval of the EID. The final Environmental Information Document (EID) is to be delivered to TWDB once EA FONSI is signed. The EID will include the EA FONSI, NWP 58 concurrence letter, Redwater letter indicating park usage, and THC Cultural Resource Report concurrence letter. Finally, TWDB invited Riverbend to complete a full application for SWIFT funding by May 12th. Multiyear funds for 4 years would be available upon acceptance of the application. Kyle Dooley added that in line with the expected schedule, in another month or so design and construction funds could be made available to get the plant started. There was a financial, technical, and managerial review related to the State Revolving Fund application and that review went well. That award should follow soon. Riverbend will have a special meeting this Friday, April 25th regarding the previously mentioned SWIFT application. TWDB has a requirement that the resolution approving the submittal of the application must include, among other details, the amount of the needed funding. In this case, the request will not exceed \$250 million. Once both the SRF

and the SWIFT applications are approved, that will complete the funding needed for the new facility.

Industrial Waste Water Plant: The contract with the design engineer was signed last week. Garver is currently focused on the conceptual design and permitting. As the project progresses, the scope of work will adjust as needed.

Waggoner Creek Wastewater Plant: Final touches on the contract language are pending with Fancher Legal. Once the draft is recirculated to the involved member cities, an additional meeting will be scheduled to discuss further.

Region D Water Planning: The Initially Prepared Plan public hearing will be held May 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Region 8 Educational Service Center in Pittsburg, Texas.

Sharon Elkins, District Director for Gary Van Deaver, provided that Representative Van Deaver will be testifying today at the Natural Resources Committee Hearing this afternoon.

No action taken.

VIII. Executive Session

The board stood at ease at 12:34 p.m.

The board reconvened in Executive Session at 12:40 p.m. with quorum pursuant to section 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The board came out of Executive Session at 1:35 p.m.

The board reconvened with quorum at 1:36 p.m.

IX. Next Riverbend Meetings

Riverbend Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 28, 2025 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 1:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, held on April 23, 2025 were read and approved on the 5th day of June, 2025.

Attest:

Lynn Davis, President

Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/ CEO

**Special Called Meeting
Riverbend Water Resources District
Board Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2025
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, Lynn Davis, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 8:32a.m.

Directors Present:

Lynn Davis, President
Sonja Hubbard, Vice President
Tina Veal Gooch, Treasurer
Van Alexander, Secretary

Directors Absent:

Steve Mayo, Past President

Administration Present:

Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/CEO

Public Present:

None.

II. Invocation & Pledge

Lynn Davis 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 request additional funding from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to cover costs related to design and construction of the Regional Water System Facility.

Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/CEO, provided that the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) invited Riverbend to submit a full application for additional funding through the

State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) for the Regional Water System Facility. At the June 28, 2023 Board meeting, the Board authorized the Executive Director to request additional funding from the TWDB for the project. In a letter from TWDB, Riverbend was invited to submit a full application for the requested funding amount of \$248,826,000. As part of the application, TWDB would need Riverbend to update the resolution to include the specific dollar amount of the possible award from TWDB as a not to exceed amount and submit it as part of the application to TWDB. The deadline for the application submittal is May 12th, which will be before our next regularly scheduled board meeting. Sonja Hubbard asked if our new facility project being ranked as number 1 is public knowledge and Mr. Dooley confirmed that it is. There are several projects in progress and the rankings are made public. There is a matrix the committee refers to in order to give points in specific categories to come up with each project's rank. The invitation for the full application comes at a certain point in the review process.

A motion was made by Sonja Hubbard and seconded by Tina Veal Gooch to approve Resolution 20250425-01 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to request additional funding from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to cover costs related to design and construction on the Regional Water System Facility. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Riverbend Reports

A. Board Members

No reports.

B. Executive Director/CEO

Kyle Dooley provided that Stevon Gamble with the Texarkana Gazette, followed up with him regarding the status of the Regional Water Facility, the Industrial Wastewater Facility, & the Waggoner Creek Wastewater Facility. He expects an update to be published in the Gazette soon.

No action taken.

VI. Executive Session

The board did not move into Executive Session.

VII. Next Riverbend Meetings

Riverbend Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 28, 2025 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 Van Alexander and seconded by Tina Veal Gooch to adjourn the meeting at 8:40a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, held on April 25, 2025, were read and approved on the 5th day of June, 2025.

Attest:

Lynn Davis, President

Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/ CEO

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**AGENDA ITEM VI. A.
RWRD RESO 20250605-01
Cybersecurity Training**



RIVERBEND RESOLUTION NO. 20250605-01

**ACKNOWLEDGING RIVERBEND WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT COMPLIANCE
WITH HOUSE BILL 3834 REGARDING REQUIRED CYBERSECURITY TRAINING**

WHEREAS, Riverbend Water Resources District is a conservation and reclamation district created under and essential to accomplish the purposes of Section 59 Article XVI, Texas Constitution, existing pursuant to and having the powers set forth in Chapter 9601 of the Special District Local Laws Code of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas House of Representatives amended the government code by passing House Bill 3834 in June 2019 requiring state agencies and local governments to complete a certified cybersecurity training program; and

WHEREAS, Riverbend Water Resources District employees attended via webinar a certified training program created by the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR); and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) requires that an authorized individual employed with each local government, such as Riverbend Water Resources District, verify and report on the completion of a cybersecurity training program by employees to the DIR and should retain documentation pertaining to this requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Riverbend Water Resources District, authorizes the Executive Director/CEO to verify and report the completion of the cybersecurity training to the Texas Department of Information Resources.

PASSED and APPROVED this 5th day June 2025

Lynn Davis, President

ATTEST:

Van Alexander, Secretary



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**AGENDA ITEM VI. B.
RWRD RESO 20250605-02
Support for RRAD**



RIVERBEND RESOLUTION NO. 20250605-02

URGING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR RED RIVER ARMY DEPOT (RRAD)

WHEREAS, Riverbend Water Resources District (Riverbend) is a conservation and reclamation district created under and essential to accomplish the purposes of Section 59 Article XVI, Texas Constitution, existing pursuant to and having the powers set forth in Chapter 9601 of the Special District Local Laws Code of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Red River Army Depot (RRAD) plays a critical role in national defense by providing maintenance, repair, and overhaul of tactical military vehicles and equipment for the U.S. Army, other military branches, and Foreign Military Sales (FMS); and

WHEREAS, RRAD operates as a business, adjusting its workforce according to customer demand while ensuring fiscal responsibility and efficiency in supporting warfighters with operationally ready equipment; and

WHEREAS, RRAD is a key economic driver for the Texarkana region and beyond, supporting jobs and economic activity across Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma, with an estimated \$1.6 billion annual economic impact, according to the Texas Comptroller's Office; and

WHEREAS, recent discussions at the federal level regarding government-wide spending reductions could jeopardize RRAD's operations, jobs, and regional economic stability; and

WHEREAS, the loss or reduction of RRAD's operations would weaken military readiness by reducing access to vital repair and maintenance capabilities; and would have devastating consequences for thousands of employees, families, and businesses dependent on its continued success; and

WHEREAS, Riverbend strongly supports maintaining and expanding RRAD's operations to preserve national security, protect regional jobs, and sustain economic development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Riverbend Water Resources District (Board):



1. Strongly urges Congress and the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) to recognize the strategic and economic importance of RRAD and to oppose any measures that would lead to its downsizing or closure; and
2. Calls upon Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma congressional delegations to advocate for policies that protect RRAD's mission and workforce; and
3. Encourages the U.S. Department of Defense to leverage RRAD's model as an efficient and cost-effective military asset that enhances readiness without additional taxpayer burden; and
4. Directs the Executive Director/CEO to distribute copies of this resolution to federal and state representatives, the U.S. Department of Defense, and other relevant stakeholders.

PASSED and APPROVED this 5th day of June 2025

Lynn Davis, President

ATTEST:

Van Alexander, Secretary

