

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

June 5, 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, Vice President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Directors Present:

Lynn Davis, President

Sonja Hubbard, Vice President

Tina Veal-Gooch, Treasurer

Directors Absent:

Steve Mayo, Past President

Van Alexander, Secretary

Administration Present:

Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/CEO

Eli Hunt, Director of Operations

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 April 23, 2024 Regular Called Meeting minutes and April 25, 2025 Special Called Meeting minutes.

A motion was made by **Sonja Hubbard** and seconded by **Tina Veal Gooch** 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).

David Weidmon, Executive Director, provided that they did not get funding for their Rural River Authority Coalition so he plans to meet with a team at the TWCA conference next week to discuss planning for funding next year. No action taken.

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

No update.

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

Sonja Hubbard provided an update on activities with REDI. The data center that is moving in to the Texas side property at Spur 86 is working on finalizing and signing the agreement with AEP Swepco. They did discuss the construction options including more water usage. Funding from the Texas Legislature is on its way to the governor's desk for signature. Once it's signed, it's a done deal and the lengthening and strengthening of the runway can begin. An automobile battery manufacturer is looking at the Arkansas side property. No action taken.

VII. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration

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

Kyle Dooley provided that 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 Riverbend staff has completed cybersecurity training. This resolution would allow staff to submit the certification to DIR that RWRD has met the yearly requirements for cybersecurity training. There is also a Governing Board Acknowledgement Form that each board member will need to sign, stating that the district is in compliance with this training requirement. This will not have to be submitted but will be kept for our records annually.

A motion was made by **Tina Veal Gooch** and seconded by **Sonja Hubbard** to approve RESO 20250605-01 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to report compliance with required cybersecurity training. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Kyle Dooley provided that 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.

A motion was made by **Sonja Hubbard** and seconded by **Tina Veal Gooch** to approve RESO 20250605-02 urging congressional support for Red River Army Depot (RRAD). The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. 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 the following update.

Environmental Assessment Update

- The Environmental Assessment (EA) Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed by the USACE Fort Worth District on May 21st.
- Environmental Information Document (EID) was submitted to TWDB for review and approval.
- Acceptance of the EID marks the transition of the program from the planning stage to the design stage and enables the release of funding for design and land acquisition.

Design Progress

- Entire design program nearing 60% completion. All 60% designs remain on schedule and are expected before the end of August.
- 90% plans and specifications for an early work package - targeting dirt work at the pump station and access road, have been received and reviewed.

Land Acquisition

- Half of the private property appraisals and easement documents are complete and ready for land acquisition funding to be released by TWDB.
- Remaining appraisals are scheduled to be completed over the next two weeks. Coordination with TexAmericas Center, led by Mr. Jeff Whitten, is in progress to finalize exact easement locations.

USACE Outgrant Process

- The outgrant package (lease agreement) is under development, with biweekly meetings underway involving USACE real estate specialists and the lake office.
- A mitigation meeting will be scheduled once the final footprint on USACE property is confirmed.

Geotechnical Investigations

- Geotechnical reports are approximately 90% complete. Final borings are currently delayed due to weather conditions and high lake elevation.

Collaborative Delivery Training

- An educational session on collaborative delivery methods was held on April 30th. An expert from the Water Collaborative Delivery Association led a five-hour workshop covering design-bid-build, design-build, and construction manager at risk contract structures.

Kyle Dooley added that, as done in the past with the program manager and project engineers, a selection committee will be formed to determine the best delivery method for the water line portion of the project. The project will be broken up and each delivery method will be reviewed and scored. Those scores will be returned to Pape-Dawson and a decision will be made on how to move forward. Two more funding applications are still in the works with Texas Water Development Board. The \$59 Million application through the Drinking Water SRF and then the SWIFT application which is the multi-year application for the remaining funding needed for the industrial waste water facility. Garver is moving forward on conceptual design and permitting on the industrial waste water facility.

Waggoner Creek Facility: Garver is also working on the design and permitting of the Waggoner Creek waste water treatment plant. Kyle received some updated contract language from Kristen Fancher for review. He will then send that contract to the participating member cities for their review and then we will meet with them to hopefully finalize that agreement.

In May, Kyle was invited to attend a Central Bowie County Water Supply Corporation meeting. They asked for an update on Riverbend activities and also mentioned again that they'd like to discuss having a position on the Riverbend board.

Member City Ground Storage Tanks: Contract amendments is being reviewed and finalized to clarify the ownership and subsequent repair responsibilities for those tanks. The next step is to have a mayors' meeting to share the contract amendments for further discussion.

Member City True-Up: Documents will be ready for review close to July 15th. The True-Up meeting is scheduled for July 23rd at 10am and the regular Riverbend Board meeting will be on July 30th, which is a week later than we normally meet.

We will likely bring a resolution approving an interlocal agreement with H-GAC which aids government entities and districts in procurement of goods and services.

No action taken.

XI. Executive Session

The board stood at ease at 12:17 p.m.

The board reconvened in Executive Session at 12:23 p.m. with quorum pursuant to section 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The board came out of Executive Session at 1:00 p.m.

The board reconvened with quorum at 1:00 p.m.

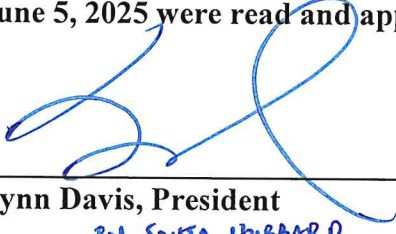
X. Next Riverbend Meetings

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

XI. Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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



Lynn Davis, President

By SONJA HUBBARD

Attest:



Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/ CEO

12:00 p.m.

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