



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

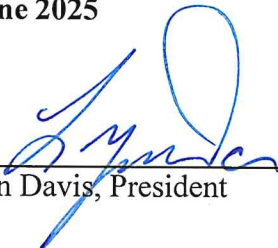
WHEREAS, Riverbend strongly supports maintaining and expanding RRAD's operations to preserve national security, protect regional jobs, and sustain economic development;

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



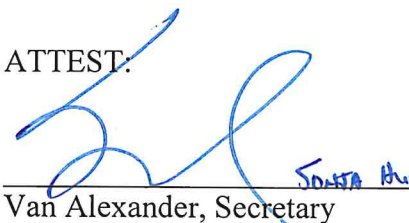
1. Strongly urges Congress and the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) to recognize the strategic and economic importance of RRAD and to oppose any measures that would lead to its downsizing or closure; and
2. Calls upon Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma congressional delegations to advocate for 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

