

Regular Called Meeting
Riverbend Water Resources District
Board Meeting Minutes
September 24, 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, Sonja Hubbard, Vice President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Directors Present:

Sonja Hubbard, Vice President
Tina Veal Gooch, Treasurer
Steve Mayo, Past President

Directors Absent:

Lynn Davis, President
Van Alexander, Secretary

Administration Present:

Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/CEO
Tara Houck, CFO
Eli Hunt, Director of Operations
Becky Melton, HR Manager/Executive Assistant

Public Present:

Please see the attached list for additional guests.

II. Invocation & Pledge

Sonja Hubbard led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

III. Public Comments

None.

IV. Consent Agenda Items

A. Discussion and possible action regarding August 27, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of RESO 20250924-01 adopting the FY 2025 Member Entities' True-Up.
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of RESO 20250924-02 adopting the Regional Water Facility Fund Debt Rate.
- D. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of RESO 20250924-03 adopting the True-Up for the City of Maud, Texas for use in FY 2026.
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of RESO 20250924-04 adopting the True-Up for the City of Redwater, Texas for use in FY 2026.

Kyle Dooley provided a few comments on the consent agenda. He highlighted the TWU water rate increasing to \$1.4110/1000 gallons and the Riverbend Debt Service rate increasing to \$3.60/1000 gallons.

A motion was made by Tina Veal Gooch and seconded by Steve Mayo to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Regional Entity Reports

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding activities with Sulphur River Basin Authority (SRBA).

No report. No action taken.

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

Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO provided an update. The TAC board approved the budget for FY 2026. He also provided that the TAC footprint is still a contender for the installation of data centers, a semi conductor manufacturer and other prospects as well. The availability as well as distribution of power has been a challenge. However, the TAC Board has given Mr. Norton authority to sign a marketing agreement with Outlier Energy. Outlier will produce power behind the Swepco meter mostly for heavy power users. They build smaller individual power facility on the tenant's property if needed. Those power stations will be used either until Swepco can build out further into the footprint or indefinitely. No action taken.

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

Sonja Hubbard provided an update. The REDI team is not only focused on bringing new industry to the area but also bringing in additional staff to existing industry that is established here as well. She stated a unified front with all invested parties is working well with helping the region grow. No action taken.

VI. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution appointing the officers of the Board of Directors for FY 2026.

Kyle Dooley provided information on the board officer rotation system. This rotation allows for maximum participation and leadership opportunities for each director, the proposed officers for this year would be:

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

A motion was made by Tina Veal Gooch and seconded by Steve Mayo to approve RESO 20250924-05 approving the officers of the Board of Directors. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding the Riverbend Calendar and Board Meeting Schedule for FY 2026.

Kyle Dooley provided that the proposed calendar and board meeting schedule for FY 2026 is included in the packet for consideration.

A motion was made by Steve Mayo and seconded by Tina Veal Gooch to approve the Riverbend Calendar and Board Meeting Schedule as presented. 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 2025 Regional Water System Facilities Fund Budget of Riverbend Water Resources District.

Tara Houck, CFO, presented the final revisions to the FY 2025 Administrative Member Fund Budget, the Wet Utilities Fund Budget, and the Regional Water System Facilities Fund Budget. She highlighted a few small changes since the Revised Budgets were presented in August.

A motion was made by Tina Veal Gooch and seconded by Steve Mayo to approve RESO 20250924-06 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.

- D. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution adopting the FY 2026 Administrative Member Fund Budget, the FY 2026 Wet Utilities Fund Budget, and the FY

2026 Regional Water System Facilities Fund Budget of Riverbend Water Resources District.

Tara Houck, CFO, presented the FY 2026 budgets for the Administrative Member Fund, Wet Utilities Fund, and the Regional Water System Facilities Fund.

A motion was made by Tina Veal Gooch and seconded by Steve Mayo to approve RESO 20250924-07 adopting the FY 2026 Administrative Member Fund Budget, the FY 2026 Wet Utilities Fund Budget, and the FY 2026 Regional Water System Facilities Fund Budget of Riverbend Water Resources District. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and enter into an agreement with NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC for consulting services.

Kyle Dooley provided details on the need for this agreement with NewGen Strategies and Solutions. This agreement would enlist the services of a third party firm with experience in and knowledge of rate studies and future rate projections. Riverbend plans to have NewGen conduct a current rate study, and they would also provide a review of the Regional Water System rate projections to ensure our debt service rates are adequate. In addition, if the need arises for consultation during any other projects Riverbend may have during the year they will provide those services as well. This will be the first contract procured by the District through the HGAC Buy purchasing co-op approved in July 2025. There is funding in the FY 2026 budget for this contract.

A motion was made by Tina Veal Gooch and seconded by Steve Mayo to approve RESO 20250924-08 authorizing Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and enter into an agreement with NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC for consulting services. The motion passed unanimously.

- F. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Texarkana, Texas (“the City”) for submission of an application for a Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) for additional funding for the Regional Water Treatment Facility.

Kyle Dooley provided that this agreement, if approved, would be similar to the agreement with ATCOG to submit an application for funding as well as an interlocal agreement executed in April of 2025. This agreement would allow for the City of Texarkana, Texas to assist Riverbend in submitting an application for a DEAAG grant for funding to go toward the Regional Water Treatment Facility. The interlocal agreement would be to submit the application for the grant. Then, if the application is approved, there will be a full management agreement between Riverbend and the City for the administration of the grant. That would be a two-year agreement for \$50,000 that would come back to the board for approval.

A motion was made by Steve Mayo and seconded by Tina Veal Gooch to approve RESO 20250924-09 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Texarkana, Texas for submission of an application for a Defense Economic

Adjustment Assistance Grant for additional funding for the Regional Water Treatment Facility. The motion passed unanimously.

- G. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to establish new savings and or checking accounts as needed at the District's current financial institutions as well as naming and renaming any and all accounts.

Kyle Dooley provided that this item pertains to granting the Executive Director/CEO the authority to establish new bank accounts at currently approved financial institutions. It also grants the Executive Director/CEO authority to name the new accounts as well as rename current accounts so as to better monitor funds for existing projects. Mr. Dooley also reassured the Board that once a request is made to any of the approved financial institutions to open a new account, the accounts will not be opened nor active until the institution receives all signature cards returned signed, and identification of all signors submitted as well. In addition, there is an error on the list of authorized signors in the resolution. Lynn Davis should be listed as a signor and Marshall Wood needs to be removed. That correction needs to be included in the motion to approve the resolution.

A motion was made by Steve Mayo and seconded by Tina Veal Gooch RESO 20250924-10 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to establish new savings and or checking accounts as needed at any and all financial institutions as well as naming and or renaming any and all accounts with the correction of removing Marshall Wood from the list and adding Lynn Davis. 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 provided an update.

Environmental Information Document Update

- The Environmental Information Document is in the public comment until October 3, 2025. Upon completion of the public comment period Texas Water Development Board will officially move the program into the design phase.

Design Progress

- The entire design program is 60% complete. One portion of the design for the finished water transmission pipeline will be formally reviewed in early November.
- Black and Veatch's design of the intake, tunnel, pump station and raw water transmission line is acceptable and progress to 90% is underway.
- Garver's 60% design for the water treatment plant was received and went into a value engineering session on September 11th. Garver has agreed to a 70% design submittal for further review in early December. The purpose of the additional submittal is to bring cost estimates down by redesigning portions of the Water Treatment Plant.

- LAN has requested an extension to the potable water transmission pipeline due to a change in the alignment. The 60% design is due at the end of October. The amendment to LAN's contract is complete to reflect the changes.

Land Acquisition

- Property owners have received initial offer letters and negotiations for closings have begun.
- On September 5, Riverbend closed on the private property closest to the lake. The property is approximately 110 acres. A large portion of the tunnel and the 30 acres borrow pit for the raw water pump station fill will come from the property formerly known as the Boone property.

USACE Outgrant Process

- An important meeting with the Chief of Operations and Chief of Real Estate for the Fort Worth District occurred on September 19th. Construction in the flowage easement for the raw water pump station was discussed. The Outgrant package (lease agreement) is under development and needs approval from USACE on both the operations and real estate divisions.
- Mitigation meetings have discontinued with the lake office and begun with the Piney Woods Regional office to find resolution in regard to tree mitigation.

Geotechnical Investigations

- Geotechnical reports remain at 95% complete.
- A new requirement at the alignment shift has added additional scope for more bores on the TexAmericas property. The report from fieldwork is expected in October.

Kyle Dooley also provided that all remaining audits from member cities will be completed by the deadline of September 30th. The District is also working with Hilltop, the financial advisor, on getting Riverbend a bond rating. In the email correspondence with Hilltop it sounds like they can do what is called an indicative bond rating. That is defined as assuming what a potential rating would be up until the final decision and traditional rating is made prior to any closing. Hilltop is confident Riverbend can get interest rates on open market bonds very close to the rates issued by TWDB. This bond rating will give the District more flexibility in obtaining project funding.

Industrial Wastewater Plant: TCEQ has said that Riverbend can complete an amendment to the current wastewater permit to accommodate the new plant. That approval of submitting an amendment will save some time on construction because TCEQ said just short of actual plant construction on the footprint, all construction can be started. That will help with timing as well because there are miles of pipe to buy and run. We have a deadline of February of 2027 to spend the DEAGG funds. Garver is the engineer on the Industrial Plant project. They have put together a progress report to submit with the next pay request for funds to show the commissioners that we have a plan going forward to spend those grant funds.

Waggoner Creek: The final contract has been sent to the Cities of Leary, Nash, Wake Village and Texarkana, Texas for final review and comments. A few minor changes will need to be made and after that we will move forward with executing those contracts. Once that is done, we will have NewGen review financial data to make sure we have a plan moving forward to repay the debt associated with that plant as well.

Water Supply Agreements: On Monday contracts were emailed to all participating members. We are awaiting those to be signed and returned. As you all know, these contract amendments contain clarification on where the Point of Delivery is on the water system as well as clarification on ownership of the facilities beyond that Point of Delivery.

The city of Texarkana is holding a Water Workshop on Monday, September 29 at 6pm at City Hall on the second floor.

No action taken.

VIII. Executive Session

The board stood at ease at 12:42 p.m.

The board reconvened in Executive Session at 12:48 p.m. with quorum pursuant to sections 551.072, and 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The board came out of Executive Session at 1:08 p.m.

The board reconvened with quorum at 1:10 p.m.

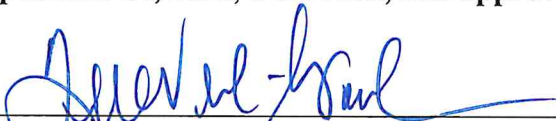
IX. Next Riverbend Meetings

Riverbend Regular Meeting, October 22, 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 Tina Veal Gooch and seconded by Steve Mayo to adjourn the meeting at 1:11 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, held on September 24, 2025, were read, and approved on the 22nd day of October 2025.


for Sonja Hubbard, President

Attest:


Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/ CEO

