

**Regular Called Meeting
Riverbend Water Resources District
Board Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2026**

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, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Directors Present:

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

Directors Absent:

Steve Mayo, Secretary

Administration Present:

Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/CEO
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 November 19, 2025 Regular Called Meeting Minutes.

A single motion was made by Lynn Davis and seconded by Van Alexander 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).

No report. No action taken.

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

Scott Norton, Executive Director provided an update. The TAC Board meeting was moved to Friday, January 30, 2026 due to the weather. Prospect activity remains strong. TAC is now working less on being an environmental oversight committee and more on the negotiating real estate contracts. They also have several letters of intent that are signed and a few still being negotiated. There is one prospect that has extended their letter of intent for their large project due to fine tuning the real estate contract. In addition, for several years TexAmericas has been part of a partnership with 18 other economic development entities and cities to facilitate a Statement of Mutual Cooperation with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG). The goal of this partnership is to assist small and medium-sized businesses in Tokyo to possibly expand to Texas. Next week, TMG will be visiting the TAC footprint and take a tour of Texarkana. They've visited Dallas and Houston and want to get a feel for small-town Texas. This tour will not only help TAC but also bring exposure to the region for more growth. No action taken.

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

Sonja Hubbard provided an update. A call with the team from the Data Center yielded a request for more time to go over a few contract details. The aviation paint company is drafting an announcement that they have moved to the area to conduct business at Texarkana Regional Airport. The Amazon distribution center is open and a formal announcement will be February 18th. No action taken.

VI. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration

A. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution approving the Fourth Quarter FY 2025 Financials.

Presentation of the fourth quarter financial statements for FY 2025 was made by Tara Houck.

A motion was made by Tina Veal Gooch and seconded by Van Alexander to approve RESO 20260128-01 approving the fourth quarter financials for FY 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution approving Fourth Quarter FY 2025 Investment Report.

Tara Houck provided that there was no change in the fourth quarter investment report for FY 2025 from the first presentation in November.

A motion was made by Van Alexander and seconded by Lynn Davis to approve RESO 20260128-02 approving the fourth quarter investment report for FY 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution approving the FY 2025 Annual Audit performed by Wilf and Henderson, P.C.

The presentation of the FY 2025 Annual Audit was made by Carolyn Wilder with Wilf and Henderson, P.C. Ms. Wilder stated the audit is clean and the District is in good financial position. She also provided details on changes made to the draft financials presented in November. One of the changes was the posting of the pension liability provided by Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS). Sonja Hubbard asked if the posting of that liability is a transaction that will be completed after the end of the fiscal year going forward or is there a way for it to be handled differently in future years. Ms. Wilder provided that because TCDRS does not calculate the amount until December 31st and doesn't release it to participants until much later, that it will be delayed going forward. In future years, that liability amount will decrease based on contributions made to the plan.

A motion was made by Van Alexander and seconded by Lynn Davis to approve RESO 20260128-03 approving the FY 2025 Annual Audit performed by Wilf and Henderson, P.C. the motion passed unanimously.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and execute the purchase/acquisition of land needed for the completion of the Industrial Wastewater Facility.

Kyle Dooley provided that Riverbend is at a point with the Industrial Wastewater Facility project to start the process of acquiring the needed property for both construction and easements for the project. Approval of this resolution would allow the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and execute the purchase/acquisition of those needed easements and property for the project.

A motion was made by Van Alexander and seconded by Sonja Hubbard to approve RESO 20260128-04 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and execute the purchase/acquisition of land needed for the completion of the Industrial Wastewater Facility. 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.
Environmental Coordination

- Complete

Design Progress

- 90% Design for intake and raw water transmission main have been received and are being reviewed.
- 60% Design review workshop for finished water transmission main was held.
- 70% Design for the water treatment plant continues with plans due in March.

CMAR

- Request for Proposal has been advertised on CIVCAST. Three large companies have shown significant interest.
- Mandatory pre-bid meeting was held.
- Site visits with potential CMARs were completed.

Land Acquisition

- Final offer letters have been authorized and have begun being sent out.
- Exhibits for TexAmericas locating the site of the Water Treatment Plant and Potable Water Transmission are being created.

USACE Outgrant Process

- The outgrant package (lease agreement) is under development, with biweekly meetings underway involving USACE real estate specialists and the lake office.
- Preliminary documents have been submitted to USACE to begin the outgrant process.
- The final outgrant package will be submitted upon procurement of property in the flowage easement
- Mitigation meetings continue with the lake office, regional personnel, and real estate personnel.

Geotechnical Investigations

- Geotechnical reports are 95% complete.

Power Coordination

- BCECs subcontractor, Power Engineering, started the design of the substation.
- Exploration of alternative power delivery is being conducted.

Kyle Dooley added that we are at the time of year where TWDB is taking applications for funding. We are working on repeating the Drinking Water SRF application which is due March 6. The cap this year is \$50 Million. Brian Strickland with Pape-Dawson will clarify the details on what the actual amount the application can be for. The Drinking Water SRF application submitted last year is still processing. It was delayed due to the late submission of some of the member community's audits. Mr. Dooley has been told that once the last audit is completed, it can be submitted and that application can move forward. TWDB is finalizing a policy related to the submission of audits and what that does to the application process. The policy must be adopted before any new application can be reviewed. The deadline for the SWIFT application is February 2nd. This application will be for \$300 million in the event that the Drinking Water SRF application is not approved. Any approved Drinking Water SRF funds will result in a reduction of the amount applied for on the SWIFT application. Finally, Riverbend is working with Pape-Dawson on an amendment to their contract that will allow them to manage the installation and design of our SCADA system that will span across all three sections of the project.

IWW Plant: Eli Hunt, Director of Operations, provided an update. We are focusing now on permitting side for the new plant with TCEQ. Our wastewater permit is up for renewal in May

2026. The application is administratively complete and will now move on to the technical portion. This permit must be received and effective before we can begin construction on the plant. The project will be broken up into two pieces in order to spend the DEAG grant money prior to the deadline of the end of February. One piece is the actual plant and the other is the force-main line. Scott Norton, TexAmericas CEO, provided that if the plant can be considered an economic development project, the review time on that application could possibly be shortened to ensure timely renewal of the permit.

Water Supply Contracts: Ten of the 13 contract amendments have been signed and returned. Kyle will reach out to the remaining members to facilitate the return of the signed contracts.

Mayors' Meeting: Scheduled for tomorrow, January 29, 2026 at 10am to discuss the project and audit completion requirements.

No action taken.

VIII. Executive Session

The board stood at ease at 10:45 a.m.

The board reconvened in Executive Session at 10:50 a.m. with quorum pursuant to section 551.072 and 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The board came out of Executive Session at 11:43 a.m.

The board reconvened with quorum at 11:44 a.m.

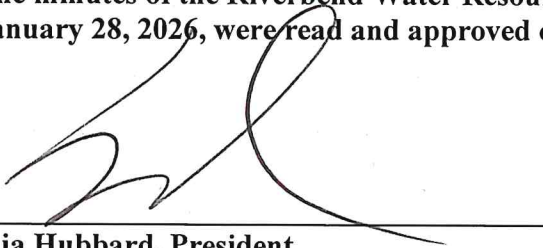
IX. Next Riverbend Meetings

Riverbend Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 25, 2026 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 Lynn Davis to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, held on January 28, 2026, were read and approved on the 25th day of February 2026.



Sonja Hubbard, President

Attest:



Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/ CEO

