

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

February 25, 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, Lynn Davis, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Directors Present:

Sonja Hubbard, President
Tina Veal-Gooch, Vice President
Lynn Davis, Previous President

Directors Absent:

Van Alexander, Treasurer
Steve Mayo, Secretary

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

Fred Milton led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

III. Public Comments

None.

IV. Consent Agenda Items

Items IV. A. & B. were considered under a Consent Agenda for one single motion of approval.

A. Discussion and possible action regarding January 28, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of RESO 20260225-01 reviewing and updating Riverbend's Drought Contingency Plan.

A single motion was made by Tina Veal-Gooch and seconded by Lynn Davis to approve the Consent Agenda Items as listed above. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. 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).

No report. No action taken.

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

Sonja Hubbard provided that the ribbon cutting held last week for the Amazon distribution center marks its official opening. Rob Sitterly, Executive Director of Ar-Tex-REDI met with folks looking to take over TerraVolta mineral rights today. No action taken.

VI. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution approving the first quarter financials for FY 2026.

Tara Houck presented the first quarter financials for FY 2026.

A motion was made by Tina Veal-Gooch and seconded by Lynn Davis to approve RESO 20260225-02 approving the first quarter financials for FY 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution approving the first quarter investment report for FY 2026.

Tara Houck presented the first quarter investment report for FY 2026.

A motion was made by Lynn Davis and seconded by Tina Veal-Gooch to approve RESO 20260225-03 approving the first quarter investment report for FY 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute an interlocal agreement(s) for risk management insurance with the TWA Risk Management Fund.

Kyle Dooley provided information that this is a renewal of the District's risk management insurance. We are currently part of the TWA Risk Management Fund, and the plan includes property insurance, workers' compensation insurance, board insurance and cyber security insurance. We do not have any information yet on any updated costs or a rate sheet. That will come closer to the start of our plan year which is July 2026. We have had inquiries from other local insurance companies regarding giving us a quote. We will reach out to them this week.

A motion was made by Tina Veal-Gooch and seconded by Lynn Davis to approve RESO 20260225-04 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute an interlocal agreement(s) for risk management insurance with the TWA Risk Management Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to act as the administrative agent for a water project impact study as outlined in the Final Mediated Agreement signed by and in response to the declared conflict between Regions C and D 2026 Initially Prepared Water Plans. The administrative duties will include but are not limited to publishing Requests for Qualifications, posting for and organizing joint committee meetings, and ensuring timely payments to firm(s) selected by the joint committee for engineering and or consulting services, etc.

Kyle Dooley provided information regarding the need for this authorization. Riverbend has been the administrative agent for Region D Water Planning Group since December 2020. In addition, a Joint Region C/Region D Water Planning Group Interregional Subcommittee has asked that Riverbend also be the administrative agent for the subcommittee as well. These duties of the administrative agent will be to help them publish RFQ's, post, schedule, and organize committee meetings, and manage payment to the selected firms for the work provided to the committee. These administrative duties will be very similar to the duties provided by staff to the Region D Water Planning Group.

A motion was made by Lynn Davis and seconded by Tina Veal-Gooch to approve RESO 20260225-05 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to act as the administrative agent for a water project impact study as outlined in the Final Mediated Agreement signed by and in response to the declared conflict between Regions C and D 2026 Initially Prepared Water Plans. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Discussion and possible action regarding approving a resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Directors to execute an amendment to the employment contract of the Executive Director/CEO.

Sonja Hubbard provided information on the need to amend the Executive Director/CEO employment contract. The original employment contract was signed in 2019 with an initial term of 3 years, renewing annually for one-year terms. The amendment will allow for an auto-renewal for 3-year terms at the beginning of each year provided either party does not provide notice of nonrenewal under the terms of the employment agreement.

A motion was made by Tina Veal-Gooch and seconded by Lynn Davis to approve RESO 20260225-06 authorizing the President of the Board of Directors to execute an amendment to the employment contract of the Executive Director/CEO. The motion passed unanimously.

- F. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement with legal counsel to represent Riverbend Water Resources District in a potential action related to PFAS contamination.

Kyle Dooley provided that this item pertains to a retention agreement in connection with a potential action against several entities including the 3M Company and Dupont related to PFAS contamination from aqueous film-forming foam and other products. Riverbend would be represented by Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Cheek LLP, Nix Patterson, LLP, and Martin Law Group, PLLC. There will be no payment of any fees unless the lawsuit generates a recovery or benefit. The payment of fees is capped at 30% of the amount recovered plus reasonable expenses.

A motion was made by Lynn Davis and seconded by Tina Veal-Gooch to approve RESO 20260225-07 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement with legal counsel to represent Riverbend Water Resources District in a potential action related to PFAS contamination. 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 on the project.

Environmental Coordination

- Mitigation Projects for impacted USACE property are being negotiated with USACE Staff. Total impacted USACE property is 16 acres for intake and roads.

Design Progress

- 90% Design for raw water transmission main has been received and reviewed. Review workshop will be held in March.
- 90% Design for intake has been received and is being reviewed. Review will be completed in March.
- 60% Design review workshop for finished water transmission main was held. Further design progress is awaiting CMAR review once the CMAR is brought onto the program.
- 70% Design for the water treatment plant continues with plans due in March.

CMAR

- Final addendum was posted.
- Proposals are due 2/26/26.
- Interviews to be held 3/10/26.
- Selection notification 3/13/26.
- Award of contract 3/30/26.

Land Acquisition

- Easements continue to be acquired with several set for closing in the next 30 days.
- Final offer letters have been sent out.

- Exhibits for TexAmericas locating the site of the Water Treatment Plant and Potable Water Transmission have been sent. TexAmericas is reviewing.

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. USACE has provided comments, which are being addressed.
- The final outgrant package will be submitted upon procurement of property in the flowage easement

Geotechnical Investigations

- Geotechnical reports are 95% complete.

Power Coordination

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

Funding

- 2026 SWIFT abridged application package was submitted to TWDB and follow-up questions are being answered.
- 2026 Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Project Information File application is being developed for submission on March 6
- 2025 Drinking Water State Revolving Funds loan application is anticipated to be on the Riverbend's funding request is on the March Agenda for approval at TWDB.

Kyle also provided a few more details. There are currently two applications submitted to TWDB. A SWIFT application as well as a Drinking Water SRF application. In addition, there is still an active Drinking Water SRF application active from last year for \$59 Million. And it was being held up for the submittal of one audit for FY 2024. That audit is now complete and has been turned in to TWDB.

Industrial Waste Water Plant: Eli Hunt provided that TCEQ is still reviewing our permit and a decision could be made as soon as May or June. There will be a project kick-off meeting this afternoon.

No action taken.

VIII. Executive Session

The board stood at ease at 12:45 p.m.

The board reconvened in Executive Session at 12:50 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 1:34 p.m.

The board reconvened with quorum at 1:35 p.m.

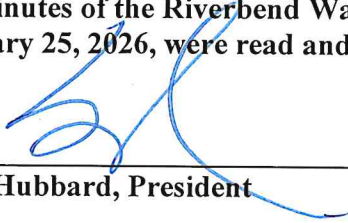
IX. Next Riverbend Meetings

Riverbend Regular Meeting, Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at Riverbend Offices, 228 A Texas Avenue, New Boston, Texas 75570.

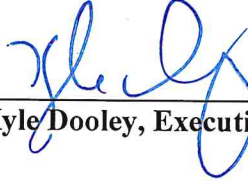
X. Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, a motion was made by Tina Veal Gooch and seconded by Lynn Davis 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 February 25, 2026, were read and approved on the 25th day of March 2026.



Sonja Hubbard, President



Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/ CEO

