

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

**April 22, 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 12:02 p.m.

**Directors Present:**

Sonja Hubbard, President  
Tina Veal Gooch, Vice President  
Steve Mayo, Secretary

**Directors Absent:**

Van Alexander, Treasurer  
Lynn Davis, Past President

**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**

Sonja Hubbard led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

**III. Public Comments**

None.

**IV. Consent Agenda Items**

Items below were considered under a Consent Agenda for one single motion of approval.

**A. Discussion and possible action regarding March 25, 2026 Regular Called Meeting Minutes.**

A motion was made by Tina Veal Gooch and seconded by Steve Mayo 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).

Kyle Dooley provided that they held their board meeting yesterday. They discussed getting funding from TWDB for a study on the log jam that is upstream from Wright Patman Lake. The discussion centered around addressing the erosion that is causing the log jam. There are a few commitments from area entities but the study is not yet fully funded. Riverbend will be kept in the loop on the results of that study because ultimately it will affect Wright Patman. No action taken.

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

Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO, provided an update. Prospect activity remains strong. A current tenant is seeking to purchase an additional 47 acres to support expansion of its existing operations. Another tenant that currently leases approximately 200 acres is exploring the purchase of that property. This transition from leased property to owned property would place the land on the tax rolls. Mr. Norton has several letters of intent, real estate negotiations, and contract development going on. Power infrastructure continues to be a major focus. Discussions were held with SWEPCO and a third-party power provider regarding strategies to deliver adequate power capacity to project sites. Recruitment efforts remain underway for large semiconductor projects, particularly for potential development on the south end of the East Campus toward the Redwater area. He also discussed regional lithium development. He has had conversations with EnergyX's regarding the success of its demonstration plant to include the volume and the quality of lithium coming from their plant. Which leads to discussions regarding planning for their larger manufacturing facility on the same property. No action taken.

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

Sonja Hubbard provided an update. Rob Sitterly attended the MRO conference where Dean Baldwin announced that they will have operations in Texarkana, Arkansas. They're plans with construction are related to the lengthening and strengthening the runway at Texarkana Regional Airport. There are also plans for additional parking for planes at the airport for planes diverted for weather or other issues. No action taken.

## **VI. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration**

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution approving the second quarter FY 2026 Financial Statements.

Kyle Dooley presented the second quarter FY 2026 Financial Statements.

A motion was made by Steve Mayo and seconded by Tina Veal Gooch to approve RESO 20260422-01 approving the second quarter FY 2026 Financials Statements. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution approving the second quarter FY 2026 Investment Report.

Kyle Dooley presented the second quarter FY 2026 Investment Report.

A motion was made by Tina Veal Gooch and seconded by Steve Mayo to approve RESO 20260422-02 approving the second quarter FY 2026 Investment Report. 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 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 and intake/pump station have been received and reviewed. A review workshop will be held with the CMAR after cost modeling is complete.
- Finished water transmission main is being held at 60% until CMAR reviews the plans.
- 70% Design for the water treatment plant has been received and reviewed. Comments are being compiled and will be sent to CMAR with plans and specs.
- All three engineering firms have submitted amendments to their engineering agreements for execution to incorporate construction-phase services in support of the CMAR contract.

CMAR

- The CMAR contract with Haskel has been executed.
- A kickoff meeting was held with the CMAR and all three consulting firms on 4/9/2026.
- Partnering sessions were held with the CMAR and all three consulting firms on April 20, 2026.
- Project files have been shared with the CMAR and they have begun their 100-day project plan, which includes setting the cost model and schedule baseline.

Land Acquisition

- Metes and bounds exhibits have been sent to TexAmericas. TexAmericas legal counsel will prepare the easement language which will be reviewed by Riverbend.

- Settled with 10 of 14 property owners (72%). That doesn't include TexAmericas or USACE, which are being handled via different processes.

#### 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 letter has been sent to USACE requesting the Land Office consider submitting the Outgrant package to Real Estate without all required documents submitted to USACE. Outstanding items include final easement acquisitions and mitigation plan.
- USACE Land Office has indicated if three more conditions can be met on the Outgrant submission, they will submit the package to USACE Real Estate, who will consider a temporary license agreement that would allow grading to commence prior to final execution of the Outgrant.

#### Geotechnical Investigations

- Geotechnical reports are 95% complete.
- Field work is substantially complete, with one remaining activity scheduled for completion by the end of April.
- The Geotech anticipates submitting final reports by the middle of May.

#### Power Coordination

- BCEC has delayed giving financial data and signing the aid to construction agreement. Additionally, BCEC has not started the communications with USACE to place power in the flowage easement.
- It is unclear if BCECs subcontractor, Power Engineering, has started the design of the substation.
- Exploration on alternative power delivery is being conducted.

#### Funding

- TWDB sent an invitation to complete a full application for the 2026 SWIFT program. The full application is due in mid-May.
- 2026 Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Project Information File application was submitted on March 6 and the invitations to complete a full application have not been determined by TWDB.
- 2025 Drinking Water State Revolving Funds full application was approved at the March 31 TWDB Board Meeting. The next step is to complete the required financial documentation and set a closing date
- Finally, TWDB released the much-anticipated grant application for the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant due by July 30. The award for this grant is \$15 Million.

Kyle Dooley added that the Drinking Water SRF application submitted was approved at the March TWDB meeting. That awards Riverbend \$59 million with \$10 million in principal forgiveness. That commits \$259 million for the project. The SWIFT application will be for a approximately \$297 million. The deadline for submittal of that application is May 18<sup>th</sup>. 10 of 12 audits completed and submitted. The remaining two entities indicated their audits would be completed by the end of the month, keeping the funding application process on schedule. The SWIFT program only sent out 9 invitations for a full application to be submitted across the entire state of Texas. The cost of those 9 projects is over \$1.2 billion. Riverbend's project

is currently ranked #1 in the standings for a chance of being awarded project funds. Multiple bond closings will be set this year. Mr. Dooley will send a request to the member entities for General Certificates. Mr. Dooley also announced that a plant manager was hired at the end of March. When the CMAR was brought on board, they stated that the need for a plant manager so that individual can be involved in the design process. The person chosen was Corey Atkinson who was employed with TWU. Corey is now employed with Riverbend but he is still working on running the water treatment plants at New Boston Road and at Millwood Lake. As construction of the new plant gets closer he will begin working more with Riverbend and less with TWU. In May, there will likely be amendments to the interlocal agreement with Texarkana. It will be the addition of a "Schedule B" that will define additional services provided by Riverbend to keep the current water plants running efficiently.

Industrial Waste Water Plant: Design plans have been received and once the review of those plans is complete, staff will meet with Garver in May to discuss the design and costs. TCEQ is still reviewing the permit for approval. In August or September, We will have the layout of where the pipe goes as well as what size is needed. Once that is done, all the pipe will be purchased and DEAG funds will be spent on time.

Waggoner Creek Wastewater Plant: There are discussions regarding researching other options for where the effluent can go and what the receiving body of water can take. TWU turned in the permit change request over a year ago and did not get a timely response from TCEQ. TCEQ finally responded with a decision that the body of water they wanted to use is an "impaired water way" and other options must be explored. TWU is in the process of finalizing other options and will schedule a meeting with the involved member entities.

Member Entities: During the audit this year, the auditor asked for a copy of the interlocal agreement with a random member entity. We discovered that we do not have a copy of it. We researched further and have discovered that there are four entities that have taken action to become members at their council level and the Riverbend board has also taken action to accept them as members but actual interlocal agreements have not been executed. In the next few months those agreements will be signed and put on file.

No action taken.

## **VIII. Executive Session**

The board stood at ease at 12:40 p.m.

The board reconvened in Executive Session at 12:45 p.m. with quorum pursuant to section 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The board came out of Executive Session at 1:20 p.m.

The board reconvened with quorum at 1:20 p.m.

## **IX. Next Riverbend Meetings**

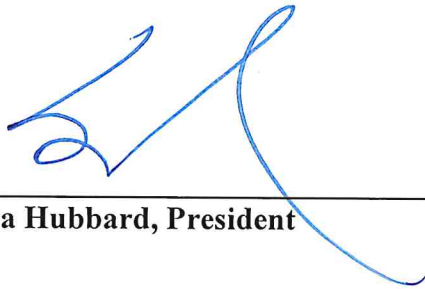
Special Called Meeting, Friday, May 1, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Riverbend Offices, 228 A Texas Avenue, New Boston, Texas 75570.

Riverbend Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 27, 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 Steve Mayo and seconded by Tina Veal Gooch to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

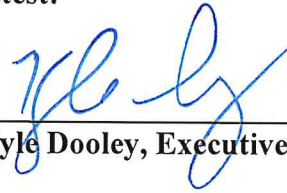
**The minutes of the Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, held on April 22, 2026 were read and approved on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.**



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**Sonja Hubbard, President**

**Attest:**



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**Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/ CEO**