

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

**May 29, 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, Vice President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.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  
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 April 22, 2026 Regular Called Meeting minutes and May 1, 2026 Special Called Meeting minutes.**

A motion was made by **Van Alexander** and seconded by **Lynn Davis** to approve the Consent Agenda Items 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).**

No report. No action taken.

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

No report. No action taken.

**VI. Agenda Items for Individual Consideration**

**A. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution reviewing and updating the Water Conservation Plan of Riverbend Water Resources District.**

Kyle Dooley provided information on the review and update of the Water Conservation Plan. The plan is reviewed on an annual basis. There are no changes this year.

A motion was made by **Van Alexander** and seconded by **Lynn Davis** to approve RESO 20260529-01 reviewing and adopting the Water Conservation Plan of Riverbend Water Resources District. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to report compliance with required cybersecurity training.**

Kyle Dooley provided that House Bill 3834 required state and local government employees to complete a certified training program for cybersecurity on an annual basis. RWRD is defined as a local government for the purposes of cybersecurity training requirements. This year, the Texas Department of Information Resource (DIR) produced their own training video that employees are required to view. Local governments must certify their training compliance by August 31, 2026. The governing body of a local government is required to verify and report on the completion of a cybersecurity training program completed by employees of the local government to the department and should retain documentation pertaining to this requirement. All Riverbend staff is in the process of completing the cybersecurity training. This resolution would allow staff to submit the certification to DIR that RWRD has met the yearly requirements for cybersecurity training.

A motion was made by **Tina Veal Gooch** and seconded by **Van Alexander** to approve RESO 20260529-02 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to report compliance with required cybersecurity training. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a resolution authorizing and approving amendments to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Texarkana, Texas adding Schedule B and establishing an effective date and authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute said amendment.**

Kyle Dooley provided the details on an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Texarkana, Texas. This amendment adds a Schedule B which establishes the terms under which Riverbend will provide the services of its newly hired Regional Water Plant Manager to both the Millwood and New Boston Road water treatment plants on behalf of the Cities of Texarkana, Texas and Texarkana, Arkansas. Mr. Dooley provided that the addition of Schedule B to formalize an arrangement involving Corey Atkinson, the former plant manager for TWU. He was hired by Riverbend as the plant manager for the new water treatment facility. Corey's hiring was driven by the need to have an experienced staff member available to work closely with the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) during the final design and construction phases of the new plant. Hiring Corey provided a need to ensure that continuity and reliable operations will be maintained at the existing TWU water treatment facilities. Under Schedule B, Corey would be a Riverbend wet utility employee while continuing to perform key operational responsibilities at TWU. This arrangement allows him to participate in meetings and provide input on the design and construction of the new facility while ensuring the current water production system continues to operate effectively. Corey has retained access to both plants and current water production remains the top priority. The details of his ongoing responsibilities will continue to be refined through discussions between the parties as design and construction on the new regional water treatment plant move forward over time.

A motion was made by **Van Alexander** and seconded by **Tina Veal Gooch** to approve RESO 20260529-02 urging congressional support for Red River Army Depot (RRAD). 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:

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. Permits for the intake and pump station have been received by TCEQ.

- 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 were compiled and sent to the CMAR and design engineer.
- All three engineering firms have submitted amendments to their engineering agreements for execution to incorporate construction-phase services in support of the CMAR contract. Amendments are being reviewed for comments.

#### CMAR

- The CMAR contract with Haskell has been executed.
- 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.
- The cost model will be provided June 8 with a presentation on June 11th.
- The next partnering session is scheduled for mid-July.

#### 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 does not 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 consent to easement within the flowage easement that would allow grading to commence prior to final execution of the Outgrant.

#### Geotechnical Investigations

- Field work is complete.
- Geotechnical reports are complete.
- Consultants are reviewing the reports to ensure final comments were addressed.
- The CMAR has indicated additional tests may be requested as a part of the value engineering process.

#### Power Coordination

- BCEC has delayed giving financial data and signing the aid to construction agreement. Additionally, BCEC has not started communication 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 was submitted on May 18th. Pape-Dawson is currently responding to RFIs from TWDB.
- 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<sup>st</sup> 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.

Additional water treatment plant project information: The last bond closing for the original \$200 million will be on the June agenda as well as the bond resolutions for the 2025 SRF funds. Closing for all bonds is tentatively set for August.

Industrial Wastewater Plant: A 50% design workshop was completed with Garver earlier this month, and design work continues to progress. The permitting process with TCEQ is ongoing. Permit approval still anticipated in August or September. There are still important grant funding deadlines, as project funds must be expended by the end of the year, and current timelines remain consistent with that requirement.

Waggoner Creek Facility: Discussions are ongoing with the owners on finalizing the agreements. There is a meeting with the whole group scheduled for Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> to talk to the owners about the visit TWU had with TCEQ regarding the impaired stream and the volumetric restrictions for the new plant.

Kyle Dooley reminded the Board that the Member City True-Up meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

No action taken.

#### **VII. Executive Session**

The board did not move in to Executive Session.

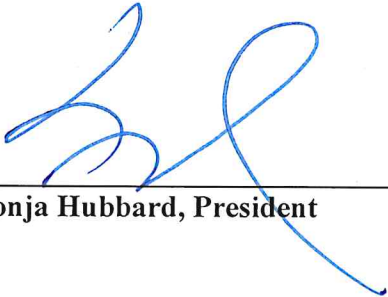
#### **IX. Next Riverbend Meetings**

Riverbend Regular Meeting, Wednesday, June 24, 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, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

**The minutes of the Riverbend Water Resources District Board of Directors meeting, held on May 29, 2026, were read and approved on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.**



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Sonja Hubbard, President

Attest:



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Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/ CEO

