

MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Chairwoman L'Oreal Stepney called to order the meeting of the Texas Water Development Board at 9:30 a.m. This meeting was held at 1601 Congress Ave., Barbara Jordan Building, Room 2.034, and via Webinar in Austin, TX. In addition to Chairwoman Stepney, Director Miller was in attendance, and a quorum was present.

The General Counsel announced the items for consideration:

1. Consider acknowledging the resolution reached by the regional representatives and consider determining the conflict to be resolved, concluding the matter before the Board. Kendal Kowal, Office of General Counsel, presented this item.

Chairwoman Stepney moved to acknowledge the resolution is reached by the regional representatives and determine the conflict to be resolved, concluding the matter before the Board, as recommended by our Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Miller, and it passed unanimously.

2. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute multiple contracts with a total Texas Water Development Board contributed amount not to exceed \$5,500,000 for lidar data collection and quality control in Texas using the Strategic Mapping Program and its associated contracts with the Texas Department of Information Resources. Joey Thomas, TxGIO, presented this item.

Director Miller moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute multiple contracts with a total Texas Water Development Board contributed amount not to exceed \$5,500,000 for lidar data collection and quality control in Texas using the Strategic Mapping Program and its associated contracts with the Texas Department of Information Resources, as recommended by our Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Stepney, and it passed unanimously.

3. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$2,253,735, including \$1,774,000 from the Texas Water Development Board, for continuation of the Water Resources Investigations data collection program with the U.S. Geological Survey in fiscal year 2026. Mark Wentzel, Water Science & Conservation, presented this item.

Chairwoman Stepney moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$2,253,735, including \$1,774,000 from the Texas Water Development Board, for continuation of the Water Resources Investigations data collection program with the U.S. Geological Survey in fiscal year 2026, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Miller, and it passed unanimously.

4. Consider approving by resolution the establishment of new tax-exempt and taxable lending rate scales for the Texas Water Development Fund II Water Financial Assistance Account to be effective September 18, 2025. Lina Linehan, Office of Finance, presented this item.

Director Miller moved to adopt the proposed resolution establishing new tax-exempt and taxable lending rate scales for the Texas Water Development Fund II Water Financial Assistance Account to be effective September 18, 2025, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Stepney, and it passed unanimously.

5. Consider approving by resolution the establishment of new tax-exempt and taxable lending rate scales for the Economically Distressed Areas Program to be effective September 18, 2025. Lina Linehan, Office of Finance, presented this item.

Chairwoman Stepney moved to adopt the proposed resolution approving the establishment of new tax-exempt and taxable lending rate scales for the Economically Distressed Areas Program to be effective September 18, 2025, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Miller, and it passed unanimously.

6. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Ropesville for financial assistance consisting of \$700,000 in principal forgiveness and \$140,000 in financing from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for construction of water system improvements. Theresa Finch, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Miller moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the City of Ropesville for financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for construction of water system improvements, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Stepney, and it passed unanimously.

7. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Granbury (Hood County) for a) \$57,800,000 in principal forgiveness from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Emerging Contaminants Program for planning, design, and construction of a water system improvements project; and b) a waiver from the requirement to include funds to mitigate water loss as part of this project. Candice DeLello, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item. Chris Coffman, City Manager with the City of Granbury, also presented before the Board.

Chairwoman Stepney moved adopt the proposed resolution for the City of Granbury for financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, Emerging Contaminants Program, for planning, design, and construction of a water system improvements project; and a waiver from the requirement to include funds to mitigate water loss as part of this project, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Miller, and it passed unanimously.

8. Consider amending by resolution the previously adopted Texas Water Development Board Resolution No. 23-090, as amended, to change the City of Liberty Hill's type of debt instrument and pledge for the approved commitment. Chelsea Duran, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Miller moved to amend the previously adopted Texas Water Development Board Resolution No. 23-090 to change the City of Liberty Hill's type of debt instrument and pledge for the approved commitment, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Stepney, and it passed unanimously.

9. Consider amending by resolution the previously adopted Texas Water Development Board Resolution No. 24-095 to change the City of Fort Worth's type of debt instrument and pledge for the approved commitment and to extend the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund commitment period. Joe Koen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Chairwoman Stepney moved to amend the previously adopted Texas Water Development Board Resolution No. 24-095 to change the City of Fort Worth's type of debt instrument and pledge for the approved commitment and to extend the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund commitment period, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Miller, and it passed unanimously.

10. Consider amending by resolution the previously adopted Texas Water Development Board Resolution No. 25-049 to extend the English Acres Water System's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund commitment to November 30, 2025. William Alfaro, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Miller moved to adopt the proposed resolution amending the previously adopted Texas Water Development Board Resolution No. 25-049 to extend the English Acres Water System's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund commitment to November 30, 2025, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Stepney, and it passed unanimously.

11. Consider approving by resolution a request from the Sharyland Water Supply Corporation (Hidalgo County) for \$1,050,000 in financial assistance consisting of \$315,000 in financing and \$735,000 in principal forgiveness from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for planning phase activities to identify and develop an alternate water source. William Alfaro, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Chairwoman Stepney moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the Sharyland Water Supply Corporation for financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for planning phase activities to identify and develop an alternate water source, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Miller, and it passed unanimously.

12. Consider approving by resolution a request from the Stryker Lake Water Supply

Corporation (Cherokee County) for \$990,000 in financial assistance consisting of \$490,000 in financing and \$500,000 in principal forgiveness from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for planning, design, and construction of a water system project. Rand Zeolla, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Miller moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the Stryker Lake Water Supply Corporation for financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for planning, design, and construction of a water system project, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Stepney, and it passed unanimously.

13. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Athens (Henderson County) for \$18,060,000 in financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for planning, design, and construction of a wastewater system improvement project. Dain Larsen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Chairwoman Stepney moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the City of Athens for financing from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for planning, design, and construction of a wastewater system improvement project, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion passed unanimously.

14. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Cleveland (Liberty County) for \$16,047,840 in financial assistance consisting of \$1,605,000 in financing and \$14,442,840 in grant funding from the Rural Water Assistance Fund for design and construction of water system improvements. Dain Larsen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Miller moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the City of Cleveland for financial assistance from the Rural Water Assistance Fund for design and construction of water system improvements, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Stepney, and it passed unanimously.

15. Consider approving by resolution a request from the G-M Water Supply Corporation (Sabine and San Augustine counties) for \$5,155,000 in financial assistance consisting of \$1,550,000 in financing and \$3,605,000 in grant funding from the Water Loan Assistance Fund for planning, design, and construction of water system improvements. Dain Larsen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Chairwoman Stepney moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the G-M Water Supply Corporation for financial assistance from the Water Loan Assistance Fund for planning, design, and construction of water system improvements, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Miller, and it passed unanimously.

16. Consider approving by resolution a request from the Greater Texoma Utility Authority on

behalf of Lake Kiowa Special Utility District (Cooke County) for \$8,015,000 in financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Fund for planning, design, and construction of a water system improvement project. Dain Larsen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Miller moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the Greater Texoma Utility Authority on behalf of Lake Kiowa Special Utility District for financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Fund for planning, design, and construction of a water system improvement project, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Stepney, and it passed unanimously.

17. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Mount Vernon (Franklin County) for \$10,703,090 in financial assistance consisting of \$1,075,000 in financing and \$9,628,090 in grant funding from the Rural Water Assistance Fund for construction of water system improvements. Dain Larsen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Chairwoman Stepney moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the City of Mount Vernon for financial assistance from the Rural Water Assistance Fund for construction of water system improvements, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Miller, and it passed unanimously.

18. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Port Arthur (Jefferson County) for \$4,806,122 in financial assistance consisting of \$2,355,000 in financing and \$2,451,122 in principal forgiveness from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Replacement Program for planning of a water system improvements project. Dain Larsen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Miller moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the City of Port Arthur for financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Replacement Program for planning of a water system improvements project, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Stepney, and it passed unanimously.

19. The Board will receive comments from the public on any matters within the jurisdiction of the TWDB the exception of matters which are subject to the ex parte prohibition found in Texas Government Code Section 2001.061. Jr. Arreola presented before the Board via Webinar.
20. THE BOARD MAY ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING TO CONSIDER ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IF A MATTER IS RAISED THAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO CONDUCT A PRIVATE CONSULTATION WITH ITS ATTORNEY ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. THE BOARD MAY CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE AND

DISCUSS PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION, SETTLEMENT OFFERS, OR THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC BOARD EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR AND GENERAL COUNSEL, AS PERMITTED BY SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.074, THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. THE BOARD MAY ALSO MEET IN OPEN MEETING TO TAKE ACTION ON LEGAL OR PERSONNEL MATTERS CONSIDERED IN THE CLOSED MEETING AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 551.102 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 551 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE. THE BOARD MAY CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATED TO THE INVESTMENT OR POTENTIAL INVESTMENT OF THE BOARD'S FUNDS, AS PERMITTED BY SECTION 6.0601(A) OF THE TEXAS WATER CODE. THE BOARD MAY ALSO MEET IN OPEN MEETING TO TAKE ACTION ON A FINANCIAL MATTER DISCUSSED IN THE CLOSED MEETING AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 6.0601(B) OF THE TEXAS WATER CODE.

The Board recessed at 9:56 a.m. and resumed at 10:06 a.m. The open session of the Texas Water Development Board recessed 10:26 a.m.

After an Executive Session of the Board, the Chairwoman called the meeting of the Texas Water Development Board back into session at 11:49 a.m. There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this the 18th day of September 2025.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

L'Oreal Stepney, P.E., Chairwoman

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

Bryan McMath, Executive Administrator