MINUTES OF THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2025

Chairwoman L'Oreal Stepney called to order the meeting of the Texas Water Development Board at 2:07 p.m. This meeting was held at 1700 Congress Ave., Stephen F. Austin Building, Room 170; and via Webinar in Austin, Texas. In addition to Chairwoman Stepney, Directors Franks and Morgan were in attendance, and a quorum was present.

The General Counsel announced the items for consideration:

1. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to select contractors and participants and enter into contracts in a total amount not to exceed \$2 million to implement the Asset Management Program for Small Systems for State Fiscal Year 2026. Jessica Peña, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to select contractors and participants and enter into contracts in a total amount not to exceed \$2 million to implement the Asset Management Program for Small Systems for State Fiscal Year 2026, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

2. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with Ector County for a \$17,000,000 grant pursuant to House Bill 500, 89th Leg., R.S., Article VI, Section 6.02 and Senate Bill 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Article IX, Section 17.18. Theresa Finch, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with Ector County for a grant pursuant to House Bill 500 and Senate Bill 1 from the 89th Texas Legislature Session, as recommended by the Executive Administrator

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

3. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with El Paso Water for a \$14,000,000 grant pursuant to House Bill 500, 89th Leg., R.S., Article VI, Section 6.02 and Senate Bill 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Article IX, Section 17.18. Theresa Finch, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with El Paso Water for a grant pursuant to House Bill 500 and Senate Bill 1 from the 89th Texas Legislative Session, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

4. Consider approving by resolution a request from the Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 for \$862,400 in principal forgiveness from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for planning, design, and construction of water system improvements. David Firgens, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 for financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for planning, design, and construction of water system improvements, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

5. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Harlingen (Cameron County) for \$11,085,000 in financing from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for construction of a wastewater system improvements project. William Alfaro, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item. Texas State Representative Janie Lopez addressed the Board.

Director Franks moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the City of Harlingen for financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for construction of a wastewater system improvements project, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

6. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Cleburne (Johnson County) for \$4,734,694 in financial assistance consisting of \$2,320,000 in financing and \$2,414,694 in principal forgiveness from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Replacement Program to fund the required lead service line inventory. Dain Larsen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the City of Cleburne for financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Replacement Program to fund the required lead service line inventory, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

7. Consider approving by resolution a request from the East Aldine Management District (Harris County) for \$21,000,000 in financial assistance consisting of \$11,000,000 in financing and \$10,000,000 in principal forgiveness from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for planning, acquisition, design, and construction of a wastewater system improvements project. Dain Larsen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the East Aldine Management District for financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for planning, acquisition, design, and construction of a wastewater system improvements project, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

8. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Irving (Dallas County) for \$70,000,000 in financial assistance consisting of \$51,250,000 in financing and \$18,750,000 in grant funding from the Flood Infrastructure Fund for construction of a flood mitigation project. Dain Larsen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the City of Irving for financial assistance from the Flood Infrastructure Fund for construction of a flood mitigation project, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

9. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Poteet (Atascosa County) for \$581,633 in financial assistance consisting of \$285,000 in financing and \$296,633 in principal forgiveness from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Replacement Program for planning, design, and construction of a water system project. Dain Larsen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item. Texas State Representative Don McLaughlin addressed the Board.

Director Franks moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the City of Poteet for financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Replacement Program for planning, design, and construction of a water system project, as recommended by the Executive Administrator. Sandra S. Pettit with The Texas Collect and Protect Water Project; and William Duff addressed the Board.

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

- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.

There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this the 19th day of November 2025.

	TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
	L'Oreal Stepney, P.E., Chairwoman
	DATE SIGNED:
ATTEST:	
Bryan McMath, Executive Administrator	