

MINUTES OF THE  
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 25, 2026

Chairwoman L'Oreal Stepney called to order the meeting of the Texas Water Development Board at 9:39 a.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 Ashley Morgan and Brady Franks were in attendance, and a quorum was present.

The General Counsel announced the items for consideration:

1. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute two contracts in a total Texas Water Development Board contributed amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 to continue the Texas Imagery Service availability and acquire a new statewide orthoimagery dataset to be added to the Texas Imagery Service, using the Texas Strategic Mapping Program and their associated Geographic Information Systems vendor cooperative contracts at the Texas Department of Information Resources . Richard Wade, TxGIO, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute two contracts in a total Texas Water Development Board contributed amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 to continue the Texas Imagery Service availability and acquire a new statewide orthoimagery dataset to be added to the Texas Imagery Service, using the Texas Strategic Mapping Program and their associated Geographic Information Systems vendor cooperative contracts at the Texas Department of Information Resources, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

2. Consider approving the selected flood management evaluation applications and authorizing the Executive Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts for grant funding from the 2024-2025 Flood Infrastructure Fund cycle in an amount not to exceed \$14,219,500 for watershed flood protection planning projects. Chris Mercado, Office of Planning, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to approve the selected flood management evaluation applications and authorize the Executive Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts for grant funding from the 2024-2025 Flood Infrastructure Fund cycle in an amount not to exceed \$14,219,500 for watershed flood protection planning projects, 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 grant agreements for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 Groundwater Science, Research, and Data Collection Grants. Natalie Ballew, Water Science & Conservation, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute grant agreements for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 Groundwater Science, Research, and Data Collection Grants, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

4. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to negotiate and execute an interagency contract with the University of Texas at Arlington for an amount not to exceed \$407,000 to provide enhanced technical assistance with water loss audits to utilities. Jessica Paz, Water Science & Conservation, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to negotiate and execute an interagency contract with the University of Texas at Arlington for an amount not to exceed \$407,000 to provide enhanced technical assistance with water loss audits to utilities, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

5. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute contracts for Fiscal Year 2026 Agricultural Water Conservation Grants. Marla Heger, Water Science & Conservation, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute contracts for Fiscal Year 2026 Agricultural Water Conservation Grants, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

6. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute a contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for technical services related to conveyance coordination implementation in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 and for a term to expire February 28, 2027. Jesse Milonovich, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute a contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for technical services related to conveyance coordination implementation in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 and for a term to expire February 28, 2027, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

7. Consider amending by resolution the previously adopted Texas Water Development Board Resolution No. 25-185 to extend the City of Fort Worth Flood Infrastructure Fund commitment to December 31, 2026. Arnoldo Rubio, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to adopt the proposed resolution amending the previously adopted Texas Water Development Board Resolution No. 25-185 to extend the City of Fort Worth Flood Infrastructure Fund commitment to December 31, 2026, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

8. Consider amending by resolution the previously adopted Texas Water Development Board Resolution No. 26-024 to extend the City of Bonham Water Loan Assistance

Fund commitment to February 28, 2027. Joe Koen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to adopt the proposed resolution amending the previously adopted Texas Water Development Board Resolution No. 26-024 to extend the City of Bonham Water Loan Assistance Fund commitment to February 28, 2027, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

9. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with Marion County for a \$10,000,000 grant pursuant to SB 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Article IX, Section 17.18 (19). Joe Koen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item. Leward J. LaFleur, Marion County Judge, addressed the Board.

Director Franks moved to adopt the proposed resolution and authorize the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with Marion County for a grant pursuant to SB 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Article IX, Section 17.18, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

10. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Jackson County County-Wide Drainage District for a \$12,000,000 grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, Article IX, Section 17.18 (16). David Firsens, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to adopt the proposed resolution and authorize the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Jackson County County-Wide Drainage District for a grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, Article IX, Section 17.18, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

11. Consider amending by resolution the previously adopted Texas Water Development Board Resolution No. 24-054, as amended, to modify the Brazosport Water Supply Corporation's State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas annual loan closing schedule. Nancy Richards, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to adopt the proposed resolution amending the previously adopted Texas Water Development Board Resolution No. 24-054, as amended, to modify the Brazosport Water Supply Corporation's State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas annual loan closing schedule, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

12. Consider amending by resolution the previously adopted Texas Water Development Board Resolution No. 15-077, as amended, to modify the North Harris County Regional Water Authority's State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas annual loan

closing schedule. Nancy Richards, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to adopt the proposed resolution amending the previously adopted Texas Water Development Board Resolution No. 15-077, as amended, to modify the North Harris County Regional Water Authority's State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas annual loan closing schedule, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

13. Consider approving by resolution a request from the East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation (Cameron County) for \$4,290,240 in principal forgiveness funding from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Emerging Contaminants program for planning, design, and construction of a wastewater system improvements project to address emerging contaminants. Nancy Richards, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation for financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Emerging Contaminants program for planning, design, and construction of a wastewater system improvements project to address emerging contaminants, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

14. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Fort Worth (Tarrant County) for \$60,000,000 in financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for construction of a wastewater system improvements project. Nancy Richards, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the City of Fort Worth 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 Franks, and it passed unanimously.

15. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Irving (Dallas County) for \$35,635,000 in financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for planning, acquisition, design, and construction of a drainage improvement project. Nancy Richards, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the City of Irving for financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for planning, acquisition, design, and construction of a drainage improvement project, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

16. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Jefferson (Marion County)

for \$3,000,000 in financial assistance consisting of \$1,500,000 in financing and \$1,500,000 in principal forgiveness from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for planning, design, and construction of wastewater system improvements. Nancy Richards, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item. Leward J. LaFleur, Marion County Judge, addressed the Board.

Director Morgan moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the City of Jefferson for financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for planning, design, and construction of wastewater system improvements, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

17. Consider approving by resolution a request from the Morton Valley Water Supply Corporation (Eastland County) for \$142,857 in financial assistance consisting of \$70,000 in financing and \$72,857 in principal forgiveness funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Replacement Program to fund the required lead service line inventory. Nancy Richards, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the Morton Valley Water Supply Corporation for financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Replacement Program to fund the required lead service line inventory, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

18. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Round Rock (Williamson County) for \$60,000,000 in financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for construction of a wastewater system improvements project. Nancy Richards, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the City of Round Rock 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 Franks, 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. Brian E. MacManus, P.E., General Manager with East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation, addressed the Board.

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 10:36 a.m. and reconvened at 10:51 a.m. After an Executive Session of the Board, the Chairwoman called the meeting of the Texas Water Development Board back into session at 12:15 p.m. There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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L'Oreal Stepney, P.E., Chairwoman

DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Bryan McMath, Executive Administrator