



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS August 7, 2025

REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order

The Board of Directors of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTRWD) convened in Regular Session Board Meeting with President Lyle H. Dresher presiding at 12:50 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 900 N. Kealy Avenue, Lewisville, TX 75057.

2. Roll Call and Confirm Quorum

The attendance of the Board of Directors was taken. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Board Members in Attendance:

Lyle H. Dresher, President | Denton County At Large
Allen L. McCracken, II, Treasurer | Pilot Point
Bobby Johnston | Argyle
Del Knowler | Bartonville
Stephen Gay | Denton
Kevin Mercer | DCFWSD #7
Robert Pegg | Flower Mound
Nate Winchester | Krum
Chris Boyd | Mustang SUD
Michael Anderson | Ponder
Jim Bolz | Sanger

Gregory A. Scott, VP | Justin
Kimberly Brawner, Secretary | Celina
Brian Roberson | Aubrey
Glenn Barker | Corinth
Jody Gonzalez | Denton County
Dave Nelson | Double Oak
Rich Lubke | Highland Village
Aaron Russell | Lewisville
Drew Corn | Northlake
George Dupont | Prosper

Absent:

* Excused Absent

Mark Pape | Copper Canyon*
Mike Fairfield | Lake Cities MUA*

Orlando Sanchez | Irving*

Staff and Advisors in Attendance:

Larry N. Patterson, Executive Director
Nancy Tam, Assistant to Executive Director
Jan Morris, Chief Administrative Officer
Jason Pierce, Director of Gov. Affairs
Lester Harris, Chief Financial Officer
Ben Hodges, Director of Operations
Dustin Wright, Mgr. of IT Services
Marcos Zepeda, Network Systems Admin.
Todd Williams, Mgr. Budget/Fin. Planning
Melanie Hanna, Controller
Jeremy Sanders, Procurement/Risk Mgr.
Deven Cook, LRH Accounting Specialist
Rhonda Himley, Exec. Admin. Assistant

Matt Butler, General Counsel
Jody Zabolio, Chief Operating Officer
Ed Motley, LRH Program Manager
Ronna Hartt, Director of Water Resources
Kurt Staller, District Engineer
Kaylee Waldo, Senior Project Engineer
Homa Hadi, Graduate Engineer I
Nick Bulaich, Financial Advisor
Stephanie Noel, Sr. Financial Analyst
Rhys Vanatta, Accountant II
Doug Janeway, LRH Reservoir Manager
Elizabeth Boddicker, LRH Project Engineer Mgr.

Others in Attendance:

Clay Riggs, Westwood
Sam Barraco, Carollo
Andre Garces, Plummer Associates
Anthony Samarripas, Kimley-Horn
Charley Mock, Freese & Nichols
Mike Stone, Archer Western
Hannah Looney, Pape-Dawson

Andre McBarnette, CDM Smith
Tyler Bolen, American Pipe
Andrew Beck, Garney
Kyle Hogue, Garver
Ikenna Okeke, McCarthy
John Basslon, TCCI
Alec Pollock, Kimley-Horn (video)

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bobby Johnston. The Invocation was delivered by Rich Lubke.

4. Oath of Office: None

5. Opening Remarks:

- A. President's Remarks concerning current events, conduct of meeting, posted agenda items, committee assignments, and related matters.

President Drescher welcomed everyone back for the August Board meeting. He mentioned the District's tremendous amount of activity and the recognition received from the published article in the American Society of Civil Engineers regarding the Lake Ralph Hall mitigation project. Also, President Drescher welcomed the new hires and thanked those celebrating work anniversaries for their years of service, especially Larry N. Patterson and Nancy Tam.

- B. Executive Director's Status Report about legislation and regulatory matters, budgets, current projects, and on-going programs of the District, including: the Regional Water System, Water Resource Development, Regional Water Reclamation Systems, Watershed Protection, and Water Conservation.

- The Texas Water Development Board determined there was an interregional conflict between Regions C and D concerning the 2026 initially prepared water plans. Four representatives were chosen to represent each region and Larry N. Patterson was selected as one of the delegates to represent Region C during the mediation to resolve the conflict. After many hours of deliberation, a final agreement was reached between both regions ahead of the August 3rd deadline. A handout was distributed which detailed the agreement.
- According to the TWDB Water Weekly, the Texas drought map shows most of the state is not in a drought. Very thankful.
- The Treated Water Demand and Supply Status Report was given. The consumption is very dependent on weather conditions as seen in the dip during recent rain event, and subsequent rebound several days later. Storage is normal for this time of year.
- The Raw Water Pumps were delivered and installed at Lake Ralph Hall Raw Water Pumps Station.
- New Social Media series titled "Minds Behind the Lake" highlighting key staff who have been instrumental in the construction of Lake Ralph Hall including Ed Motley, Doug Janeway, Elizabeth Boddicker and Larry Patterson. Elizabeth's video was shown during the meeting.

Stephen Gay arrived at meeting - 12:57 p.m.

- C. Presentations about awards, recognitions, achievements, etc. of the District, Board Members, Member Entities, and Staff.

Regarding the completion of the Lake Ralph Hall Conveyance System Construction Project, Ed Motley introduced Andrew Beck with Garney Construction, Inc. and Tyler Bolen with American Pipe. These two key managers were instrumental in completing the 32-mile Lake Ralph Hall underground pipeline. Together they recognized certain UTRWD staff who assisted with the Project. A special memento was presented to the Board of Directors and key project staff.

6. Visitor Comments Concerning Agenda Topics.

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Kevin Mercer requested Agenda Item 9 for individual consideration.

Rich Lubke made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 7, 8, and 10-13 as presented, seconded by Jim Bolz. The *Roll Call Vote* was 20 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent (Sanchez, Fairfield, Dupont). Motion carried. The approved Consent Agenda items were:

7. Adopt Minutes of June 5, 2025, Board Meeting.
8. Consider appointment of Trustee for Place 1 on the Board of Trustees for the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust.
10. Accept Monthly Management Report for the period ended April 30, 2025.
11. Accept Quarterly Investment Report for the period ended June 30, 2025.
12. Authorize the Executive Director to execute an Engagement Letter with the District's external auditor Deloitte & Touche, LLP to conduct the District's FY 2025 annual financial audit.
13. Receive report of construction change orders approved by staff.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

9. Consider appointment recommendation for UTRWD/City of Commerce, Texas representative to the Sulphur River Municipal Water District Board of Directors.

Mr. Michael Stark is an accomplished professional with extensive experience in student affairs and university housing within the higher education environment. Staff recommended the Board of Directors to submit Mr. Michael Stark's name to the City of Commerce as a qualified nominee to fill the UTRWD seat on the SRMWD Board of Directors.



Kevin Mercer made the motion to approve Agenda Item 9 as presented; Greg Scott seconded the motion. The *Roll Call Vote* was unanimous 20 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent (Sanchez, Fairfield, Dupont). Motion carried.

14. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into purchasing agreements for Lake Ralph Hall vehicles for upcoming operational needs with:

- A. West Mark for the purchase of a Freightliner 108SD Dump Truck.
- B. Grapevine Dodge Chrysler for the purchase of a Dodge Ram 5500.

Both vehicles have sufficient capability for towing large equipment required in the day-to-day operational needs around the Lake.

Staff recommended the Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a purchasing agreement with West Mark for the purchase of a Freightliner 108SD Dump Truck in the amount of \$186,770.08, and enter into a purchasing agreement with Grapevine Dodge Chrysler for the purchase of a Dodge Ram 5500 in the amount of \$90,531.00. **Drew Corn made the motion to approve Items 14 A and B as presented, seconded by Brian Roberson.** The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 44 Yes, 0 No, 6 Absent (Sanchez, Fairfield, Dupont). Motion carried.

Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – Johnston	1	1			
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Knowler	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	4	4			
CORINTH – Barker	3	3			
DENTON (city) – Gay	2	2			
DENTON COUNTY AT LARGE – Dresher	1	1			
DCFWSO #7 – Mercer	2	2			
DOUBLE OAK – Nelson	1	1			
FLOWER MOUND – Pegg	9	9			
HIGHLAND VILLAGE – Lubke	2	2			
IRVING – Sanchez	2				2
JUSTIN – Scott	1	1			
KRUM – Winchester	1	1			
LAKE CITIES MUA – Fairfield	2				2
LEWISVILLE – Russell	3	3			
MUSTANG SUD – Boyd	6	6			
NORTHLAKE – Corn	3	3			
PILOT POINT – McCracken	1	1			
PONDER – Anderson	1	1			
PROSPER – Dupont	2				2
SANGER – Bolz	1	1			
TOTAL:	50	44	0	0	6

15. Consider Resolution authorizing acceptance of completed work, final payment, and release of retainage for construction contract awarded to Stolz Mechanical Contractors, LLC for Lakeview Regional Water Reclamation Plant Improvements Project.

At the October 2023 Board Meeting, the Board authorized a construction contract with Stolz Mechanical Contractors, LLC for construction of the Lakeview Regional Water Reclamation Plant Improvements Project. All work has been completed in accordance with the plans, specifications, and change orders except for minor punch list items.

Staff recommended the Board approve Resolution authorizing acceptance of completed work and final payment (\$315,809.00) including release of retainage to Stolz Mechanical Contractors, LLC, pending completion of minor punch list items. **Kimberly Brawner made the motion to approve Item 15 as presented, seconded by Allen McCracken.** The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 44 Yes, 0 No, 6 Absent (Sanchez, Fairfield, Dupont). Motion carried.

Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – Johnston	1	1			
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Knowler	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	4	4			
CORINTH – Barker	3	3			
DENTON (city) – Gay	2	2			
DENTON COUNTY AT LARGE – Dresher	1	1			
DCFWSO #7 – Mercer	2	2			
DOUBLE OAK – Nelson	1	1			
FLOWER MOUND – Pegg	9	9			
HIGHLAND VILLAGE – Lubke	2	2			
IRVING – Sanchez	2				2
JUSTIN – Scott	1	1			
KRUM – Winchester	1	1			
LAKE CITIES MUA – Fairfield	2				2
LEWISVILLE – Russell	3	3			
MUSTANG SUD – Boyd	6	6			
NORTHLAKE – Corn	3	3			
PILOT POINT – McCracken	1	1			
PONDER – Anderson	1	1			
PROSPER – Dupont	2				2
SANGER – Bolz	1	1			
TOTAL:	50	44	0	0	6

16. Consider approval of Amendment No. 4 to an existing Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Contract with Archer Western Construction, LLC to establish the final Progressive Guaranteed Maximum Price No. 4 for the Northeast Water Reclamation System Expansion Project.

Amendment No. 4 to the CMAR Contract includes GMP No. 4 for a not to exceed amount of \$169,577,065.89. Staff recommended the Board approve Amendment No. 4 to the existing CMAR Contract with Archer Western Construction, LLC for the Northeast Water Reclamation System

Expansion Project. **Del Knowler made the motion to approve Item 16 as presented, seconded by Allen McCracken.** The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 44 Yes, 0 No, 6 Absent (Sanchez, Fairfield, Dupont). Motion carried.

Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – Johnston	1	1			
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Knowler	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	4	4			
CORINTH – Barker	3	3			
DENTON (city) – Gay	2	2			
DENTON COUNTY AT LARGE – Dresher	1	1			
DCFWS #7 – Mercer	2	2			
DOUBLE OAK – Nelson	1	1			
FLOWER MOUND – Pegg	9	9			
HIGHLAND VILLAGE – Lubke	2	2			
IRVING – Sanchez	2				2
JUSTIN – Scott	1	1			
KRUM – Winchester	1	1			
LAKE CITIES MUA – Fairfield	2				2
LEWISVILLE – Russell	3	3			
MUSTANG SUD – Boyd	6	6			
NORTHLAKE – Corn	3	3			
PILOT POINT – McCracken	1	1			
PONDER – Anderson	1	1			
PROSPER – Dupont	2				2
SANGER – Bolz	1	1			
TOTAL:	50	44	0	0	6

George Dupont arrived at meeting at 1:37 p.m.

17. Lake Ralph Hall Agenda Items:

- A. Consider approval of Task Order No. 4 to an existing Contract with Halff Associates, Inc. for Lake Ralph Hall Facilities Design to design off-site utilities to support the Lake Administration Building.

In November 2021, the Board authorized a Contract and Task Order No. 1 with Halff Associates, Inc. (Halff) for the planning and conceptual design of the Lake Ralph Hall Administration (Headquarters) Building. Halff has completed the preliminary design studies for the off-site water and sanitary sewer utilities and is now prepared to move forward with final design.

Mike Anderson provided comments regarding the facilities design of the Lake Administration Building. Staff recommended the Board approve Task Order No. 4 with Halff Associates, Inc. for Design of the Lake Ralph Hall Support Facilities and Recreational Grant Consultation Services in the not to exceed amount of \$987,215.00.

- B. Consider approval of Task Order No. 6 to an existing Contract with Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam, Inc. for the Lake Ralph Hall Conveyance General Engineering Consultant to provide continued Construction Phase Services.

In February 2020, the Board awarded a Contract and Task Order No. 1 to Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam, Inc. (LAN) for professional engineering services related to General Engineering Consultant (GEC) Services for the Lake Ralph Hall Conveyance System. The Board awarded Task Order No's 2 through 5 between 2020 – 2024. Task Order No.6 will provide construction support for Project close-out, support conveyance system start-up and commissioning, commissioning of cathodic protection system, and finalize O&M manuals.

Staff recommended the Board approve Task Order No. No. 6 with Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$607,104.

Rich Lubke made the motion to approve Items 17 A and B as presented, seconded by Kevin Mercer. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 46 Yes, 0 No, 4 Absent (Sanchez, Fairfield). Motion carried.

Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – Johnston	1	1			
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Knowler	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	4	4			
CORINTH – Barker	3	3			
DENTON (city) – Gay	2	2			
DENTON COUNTY AT LARGE – Dresher	1	1			
DCFWSO #7 – Mercer	2	2			
DOUBLE OAK – Nelson	1	1			
FLOWER MOUND – Riggs	9	9			
HIGHLAND VILLAGE – Lubke	2	2			
IRVING – Sanchez	2				2
JUSTIN – Scott	1	1			
KRUM – Winchester	1	1			
LAKE CITIES MUA – Fairfield	2				2
LEWISVILLE – Russell	3	3			
MUSTANG SUD – Boyd	6	6			
NORTHLAKE – Corn	3	3			
PILOT POINT – McCracken	1	1			
PONDER – Anderson	1	1			
PROSPER – Dupont	2	2			
SANGER – Bolz	1	1			
TOTAL:	50	46	0	0	4

18. Items relating to City of Irving's Princeton Booster Pump Station Capacity Improvements:

- A. Consider Resolution authorizing Executive Director to release funding to the City of Irving for reimbursement for Construction of the Princeton Booster Pump Station Capacity Expansion Project (Project No. 1).

In September of 2021, the Board approved an amended and restated Transportation Agreement with the City of Irving to deliver water from Chapman Lake and Lake Ralph Hall to the District's treatment facilities. The Agreement requires the District compensate Irving for the design and construction of certain improvements to Irving's Princeton Booster Pump Station.

Staff recommended the Board approve Resolution (2025-18) authorizing the Executive Director to release funding to reimburse the City of Irving for construction of Princeton Booster Pump Station Improvements Project, in an amount not to exceed \$36,829,736.04.

- B. Consider approval of a Funding Agreement authorizing the Executive Director to establish and administer an escrow account for distribution of funds to the City of Irving related to the construction of the Princeton Booster Pump Station (Project No. 1).

Regarding the release of funding for Project No. 1, the City of Irving has agreed to allow funding for the District's portion of the Project to be deposited in a Joint Custody Sweep Escrow Money Market Account (MMA) with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Staff recommended the Board approve the Funding Agreement authorizing the Executive Director to establish and administer a Joint Custody Escrow Account for distribution of funds to the City of Irving related to the construction of Project No. 1.

Drew Corn made the motion to approve Items 18 A & B as presented, seconded by Kevin Mercer. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 46 Yes, 0 No, 4 Absent (Sanchez, Fairfield). Motion carried.

Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – Johnston	1	1			
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Knowler	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	4	4			
CORINTH – Barker	3	3			
DENTON (city) – Gay	2	2			
DENTON COUNTY AT LARGE – Dresher	1	1			
DCFWSO #7 – Mercer	2	2			
DOUBLE OAK – Nelson	1	1			
FLOWER MOUND – Riggs	9	9			
HIGHLAND VILLAGE – Lubke	2	2			
IRVING – Sanchez	2				2
JUSTIN – Scott	1	1			
KRUM – Winchester	1	1			
LAKE CITIES MUA – Fairfield	2				2
LEWISVILLE – Russell	3	3			
MUSTANG SUD – Boyd	6	6			
NORTHLAKE – Corn	3	3			
PILOT POINT – McCracken	1	1			
PONDER – Anderson	1	1			
PROSPER – Dupont	2	2			
SANGER – Bolz	1	1			
TOTAL:	50	46	0	0	4

President called for a 5-minute break.

19. Executive Session concerning granting or acquisition of easements, rights-of-way and other property including leases for Water Resource Development or for Regional Treated Water System, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.072, according to location maps of the projects available in the District Office; and regarding water rights and related permits; for discussion of security matters pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.076, and, concerning personnel matters relating to the employment contract of the Executive Director, Section 551.074, and regarding General Counsel and Executive Director's review of legal implications for the relocation of a District water pipeline; and, regarding potential lawsuit related to construction projects; and, meeting with legal counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, relative to a matter in which the attorney is required under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct to convey advice in Executive Session including but not limited to construction contracts and projects related to Lake Ralph Hall.

The Executive Session began at 1:51 P.M.

Stephen Gay stepped out of the meeting at 1:55 P.M.

The Board returned to open session at 2:29 P.M.

20. Consider action on property matters, some of which may have been discussed in Executive Session.

The Board of Directors discussed the following property matters in Executive Session:

- A. Tom Harpool Water Treatment Plant Expansion - Staff recommended the Board approve a Resolution (2025-19) to authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract to purchase land for the Tom Harpool Water Treatment Plant Expansion.
- B. NE Pipeline Phase 3 Project - Staff recommended the Board approve a Resolution (2025-20) to authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract for the purchase of an easement for the NE Pipeline Phase 3 Project.

Brian Roberson made the motion to approve the listed property matters consistent with discussion in Executive Session, seconded by Greg Scott. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 44 Yes, 0 No, 6 Absent (Gay, Sanchez, Fairfield). Motion carried.

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ARGYLE – Johnston	1	1			
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Knowler	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	4	4			
CORINTH – Barker	3	3			
DENTON (city) – Gay	2				2
DENTON COUNTY AT LARGE – Dresher	1	1			
DCFWSO #7 – Mercer	2	2			
DOUBLE OAK – Nelson	1	1			
FLOWER MOUND – Riggs	9	9			

HIGHLAND VILLAGE – Lubke	2	2			
IRVING – Sanchez	2				2
JUSTIN – Scott	1	1			
KRUM – Winchester	1	1			
LAKE CITIES MUA – Fairfield	2				2
LEWISVILLE – Russell	3	3			
MUSTANG SUD – Boyd	6	6			
NORTHLAKE – Corn	3	3			
PILOT POINT – McCracken	1	1			
PONDER – Anderson	1	1			
PROSPER – Dupont	2	2			
SANGER – Bolz	1	1			
TOTAL:	50	44	0	0	6

21. Consider action on Lake Ralph Hall construction change orders, some of which may have been discussed in Executive Session.

None.

22. Consider action on personnel matters, including employment contract amendment for the Executive Director as discussed in the Executive Session.

Chris Boyd made the motion to approve contract adjustments for the Executive Director consistent with discussions in Executive Session, seconded by Drew Corn. The *Roll Call* Vote was 20 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent (Gay, Sanchez, Fairfield). Motion carried.

23. Review potential agenda items, activities, and announcements for future Board meetings.

President Dresher announced that a Board Retreat is scheduled for October 2, 2025 to visit Lake Ralph Hall.

24. Visitor Comments Concerning Non-Agenda Topics.

None.

25. Adjournment.

There being no further business, President Dresher adjourned the meeting at 2:33 P.M.

Recorded by: 
Nancy T. Tam, Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors

Certified by: 
Kimberly Brawner, Secretary, Board of Directors

