



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS October 2, 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. Drescher presiding at 1:05 p.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2025, at the Lake Ralph Hall Field Office, 10910 State Highway 34, Ladonia, TX 75449.

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. Drescher, President | Denton County At Large
Allen L. McCracken, II, Treasurer | Pilot Point
Brian Roberson | Aubrey
Mark Pape | Copper Canyon
Jody Gonzalez | Denton County
Dave Nelson | Double Oak
Orlando Sanchez | Irving
Mike Fairfield | Lake Cities MUA
Drew Corn | Northlake
George Dupont | Prosper

Greg Scott, VP | Justin
Bobby Johnston | Argyle
Del Knowler | Bartonville
Glenn Barker | Corinth
Kevin Mercer | DCFWSD #7
Rich Lubke | Highland Village
Nate Winchester | Krum
Aaron Russell | Lewisville
Michael Anderson | Ponder
Jim Bolz | Sanger

Absent:

* Excused Absent

Kimberly Brawner, Secretary | Celina *
Robert Pegg | Flower Mound *

Stephen Gay | Denton
Chris Boyd | Mustang SUD *

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
Doug Janeway, LRH Reservoir Manager
Blake Alldredge, Water Education Coord.
Rhonda Himley, Exec. Admin. Assistant

Matthew Boyle, General Counsel
Jody Zabolio, Chief Operating Officer
Kurt Staller, District Engineer
Ed Motley, LRH Program Manager
Adam McKnight, Dir. Engineering & Construction
Ronna Hartt, Dir. of Water Resources & Planning
Dustin Wright, Mgr. of IT Services
Marcos Zepeda, Network Systems Admin.

Others in Attendance:

Lissa Sheppard, UTCT
Diane Weatherby, UTCT
Russ McNamer, UTCT
John Smith, UTCT
Dustin Mortensen, Freese & Nichols

Sandy Cash, Former Board President
Jim Cline, Former Board Member
Russell Duckworth, Ladonia Mayor ProTem
Ryan Beene, Freese & Nichols
Kaitlen Cerney, Boyle & Lowry

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry Patterson. The Invocation was delivered by Brian Roberson.

4. Opening Remarks:

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

President Drescher recognized Russell Duckworth and thanked him for his service on the Ladonia City Council and his support of Lake Ralph Hall. Also, President Drescher recognized the former Board members, as well as the members of the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust and thanked them for their interest in the important work of Upper Trinity. President Drescher congratulated staff at all four of UTRWD's reclamation plants for once again earning Platinum Peak Performance Awards.

- 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.

Executive Director thanked the Board members, staff, and other attendees for taking part in the Board Retreat.

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

None.

5. Visitor Comments Concerning Agenda Topics.

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Drew Corn made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 6-9 as presented. Seconded by Brian Roberson. The *Roll Call Vote* was 19 Yes, 0 No, 4 Absent (Brawner, Gay, Pegg, Boyd). Motion carried. The approved Consent Agenda items were:

6. Adopt Minutes of September 4, 2025, Board Meeting.

7. Accept Monthly Management Report for the period ended August 31, 2025.



8. Approval of Resolution to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a five-year administrative services agreement with International City Management Association Retirement Corporation doing business as Mission Square Retirement, to continue to provide comprehensive retirement plan administration, investment and educational services for the District and employees.
9. Receive report of construction change orders approved by staff.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

10. Consider a Resolution supporting the educational campaign regarding Proposition 4 to amend the Texas Constitution to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas Water Fund.

During the recent 89th Legislative Session, the Legislature passed a proposed constitutional amendment, known as Proposition 4, that would dedicate up to one billion dollars annually for up to 20 years while not imposing any new taxes or fees, and instead use revenue from existing state sales and use taxes. The educational campaign will encourage all citizens to consider the potential benefits of this proposed amendment.

Greg Scott would like educational information to share with cities and other entities regarding the importance of the upcoming vote in November. **Greg Scott made the motion to approve Agenda Item 10 as presented.** Seconded by Allen McCracken. The *Roll Call Vote* was unanimous with 19 Yes, 0 No, 4 Absent (Brawner, Gay, Pegg, Boyd). Motion carried.

11. Consider approval of Task Order No. 14 with Carollo Engineers, Inc. for Engineering Services related to an alignment study and preliminary design of the Harpool RWTP Northeast Pipeline, Phase 4. **(Weighted Capital Vote)**

Proposed Task Order No. 14 includes engineering services for preliminary design, trenchless Lewisville Lake crossing, alignment evaluation, opinion of probable construction cost and regulatory assistance.

Staff recommended the Board approve Task Order No. 14 with Carollo Engineers, Inc. for engineering services related to an alignment study and preliminary design of the Harpool RWTP Northeast Pipeline, Phase 4 for a not to exceed amount of \$1,462,413.00. **Kevin Mercer made the motion to approve Agenda Item 11 as presented.** Seconded by Dave Nelson. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 29 Yes, 0 No, 22 Absent (Brawner, Gay, Pegg, Boyd). 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	7				7
NORTHLAKE – Corn	3	3			
PILOT POINT – McCracken	1	1			
PONDER – Anderson	1	1			
PROSPER – Dupont	2	2			
SANGER – Bolz	1	1			
TOTAL:	51	29	0	0	22

12. Consider Resolution authorizing acceptance of completed work, final payment, and release of retainage for construction contract awarded to Archer Western Construction, LLC for Taylor WTP, Stone Hill Pump Station Pumping and Process Improvements Project. (**Weighted Capital Vote**)

All work has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications. Staff recommended the Board approval of Resolution authorizing acceptance of completed work and final payment of \$930,603.62 including release of retainage to Archer Western Construction, LLC, pending completion of minor punch list items.

Rich Lubke made the motion to approve Agenda Item 12 as presented. Seconded by Greg Scott. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 29 Yes, 0 No, 22 Absent (Brawner, Gay, Pegg, Boyd). 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	7				7
NORTHLAKE – Corn	3	3			

PILOT POINT – McCracken	1	1			
PONDER – Anderson	1	1			
PROSPER – Dupont	2	2			
SANGER – Bolz	1	1			
TOTAL:	51	29	0	0	22

13. Lake Ralph Hall Agenda Items:

- A. Consider approval of a Resolution awarding a Construction Contract to Hammett Excavation, Inc. for construction of the Lake Ralph Hall Boat Ramps and Lake Improvements Project. (Weighted Capital Vote)

This project includes construction of portions of three boat ramps that will be inundated by Lake Ralph Hall, strategic grading in the proximity of the boat ramps and Lake Headquarters site, construction of 1.5 miles of County Road 3640, and installation of 1.25 miles of water line across Merrill Creek.

Staff recommended the Board of Directors approve a Resolution awarding a contract to Hammett Excavation, Inc. for construction of the Lake Ralph Hall Boat Ramps and Lake Improvements Project for an amount not to exceed \$8,351,486.86.

- B. Consider approval of a Resolution awarding a contract for construction of the Lake Ralph Hall Trail Head Project. (Weighted Capital Vote)

The Trail Head Project includes new driveway access to State Highway 34, parking area for 24 cars, driveway to parking area, and connection to the existing SH 34 Trail.

Staff recommended the Board of Directors approve a Resolution awarding a contract to MTL Construction, LLC for construction of the Lake Ralph Hall Trail Head Project for an amount not to exceed \$602,273.49.

Rich Lubke made the motion to approve Items 13A and 13B as presented. Seconded by Nate Winchester. The Weighted Capital Vote was 29 Yes, 0 No, 22 Absent (Brawner, Gay, Pegg, Boyd). 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	7				7
NORTHLAKE – Corn	3	3			
PILOT POINT – McCracken	1	1			
PONDER – Anderson	1	1			
PROSPER – Dupont	2	2			
SANGER – Bolz	1	1			
TOTAL:	51	29	0	0	22

- C. Receive Draft Lake Ralph Hall Lake and Shoreline Management Plan and authorize staff to solicit comments from interested parties.

The Lake and Shoreline Management Plan is the District's plan to guide and regulate the public's access and/or use of the Lake Ralph Hall lake, shoreline and buffer area.

Drew Corn left the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Staff recommended the Board of Directors authorize staff to solicit comments from interested parties regarding the Draft Lake Ralph Hall Lake and Shoreline Management Plan. **Greg Scott made the motion to approve Agenda Item 13C as presented by staff.** Seconded by Brian Roberson. *The Roll Call Vote* was 18 Yes, 0 No, 5 Absent (Brawner, Gay, Pegg, Boyd, Corn). Motion carried.

14. 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.

There was no Executive Session required for this meeting.

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

None.

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

None.



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

None.

22. Visitor Comments Concerning Non-Agenda Topics.

None.

23. Adjournment.

There being no further business, President Drescher adjourned the meeting at 2:04 P.M.

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

Certified by: Kimberly Brawner
Kimberly Brawner, Secretary, Board of Directors

