



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS February 5, 2026

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 12:48 p.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2026, 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 Drescher, President | Denton County At Large
Allen McCracken, II, Treasurer | Pilot Point
Bobby Johnston | Argyle
Del Knowler | Bartonville
Glenn Barker | Corinth
Dave Nelson | Double Oak
Rich Lubke | Highland Village
Nate Winchester | Krum
Aaron Russell | Lewisville
Drew Corn | Northlake
George Dupont | Prosper

Greg Scott, VP | Justin
Kimberly Brawner, Secretary | Celina
Brian Roberson | Aubrey
Mark Pape | Copper Canyon
Kevin Mercer | DCFWSD #7
Robert Pegg | Flower Mound
Orlando Sanchez | Irving
Mike Fairfield | Lake Cities MUA
Chris Boyd | Mustang SUD
Michael Anderson | Ponder
Jim Bolz | Sanger

Absent:

* Excused Absent

Stephen Gay | Denton

Jody Gonzalez | Denton County *

Staff and Advisors in Attendance:

Larry N. Patterson, Executive Director
Nancy Tam, Assistant to Executive Director
Jan Morris, Chief Administrative Officer
Lester Harris, Chief Financial Officer
Ben Hodges, Director of Operations
Doug Janeway, LRH Reservoir Manager
Stephanie Noel, Finance & Investment Mgr.
Gage Guffy, Professional Engineer
McKenzie Cloud, Professional Engineer
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.
Nick Bulachi, Financial Advisor

Others in Attendance:

Andre Garces, Plummer Associates
Anthony Samarripas, Kimley-Horn
Alec Pollok, Kimley-Horn

Paula Monaco, Plummer Associates
John Bassler, TCCI
Chad Simmons, FNI

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Greg Scott. The Invocation was delivered by Drew Corn.

4. Opening Remarks:

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

President Dresher spoke about the inaugural meeting of the newly formed West Fork Public Utility Agency, and how the District is sharing best practices with them.

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.

- Winter Storm "Fern" - all treatment plants were fully staffed and remained operational.
- Drought Monitor indicates a shortfall of water in the Northeast Texas area.
- Lake Chapman is currently at 65% capacity.
- West Fork Public Utility Agency swore in 14 Board members at their first meeting on January 28, 2026, and will ultimately have a total of 15 members.
- District recently hosted 96 members of the Water Environmental Association of Texas in the Event Center as they conducted a Statewide Leadership Summit.
- District proud to recognize Gage Guffy for obtaining his Professional Engineer license, and introduced McKenzie Cloud, P.E. as the newest member of the engineering team.
- A video titled "A Year of Progress" highlighted the major advances made at Lake Ralph Hall during 2025.

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

Rich Lubke made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 6 through 10 as presented. Seconded by Jim Bolz. The *Roll Call Vote* was 21 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Gay, Gonzalez). Motion carried. The approved Consent Agenda items were:

- 6. Adopt Minutes of December 4, 2025 Board Meeting.
- 7. Accept Monthly Management Report for the period ending November 30, 2025.
- 8. Accept Quarterly Investment Report for the period ended December 31, 2025.
- 9. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into pricing agreements with BrightView Landscape Services, Inc. and Happy Acres Ranch to provide mowing and other groundskeeping services at all District facilities.
- 10. Receive report of construction change orders approved by staff.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 11. Consider approval of the Parameters Resolution for proposed sale of Revenue Bonds for approximately \$40,500,000.00 to provide funds for expansion of the Doe Branch Plant in the Northeast Regional Water Reclamation System. (*Weighted Capital Vote*)

The purpose of the proposed Revenue Bonds is funding for the Celina portion of the Doe Branch Water Reclamation Plant Expansion.

Staff recommended the Board approve the proposed Resolution authorizing the issuance of Revenue Bonds for the Northeast Regional Water Reclamation System, subject to specified parameters in an amount not to exceed \$40.5 million. **Kimberly Brawner made the motion to approve Agenda Item 11 as presented.** Seconded by Del Knowler. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 49 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Gay). 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	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	49			2

12. Construction Contracts: (Weighted Capital Vote)

- A. Consider approval of Change Order No. 4 to the existing Southwest Pump Station contract with Crescent Constructors, Inc. for the removal and upsize of piping, valves and associated appurtenances at the Justin Meter Vault.

The Southwest Pump Station Project is anticipated to begin operation by the summer of this year and in anticipation of the project’s completion and to meet growing demands, the piping and associated appurtenances in the Justin Meter Vault must be upsized.

Staff recommended the Board approve Change Order No. 4 to the existing Southwest Pump Station Contract with Crescent Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$421,869.00 and 112 days added to Final Completion.

Greg Scott made the motion to approve Agenda Item 12A as presented. Seconded by Drew Corn. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 49 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Gay). 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	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	49			2

- B. Consider award of construction contract to Stage 3 Separation, LLC for Harpool Regional Water Treatment Plant Recycle Pond Dredging Project.

Plant recycle ponds are in continuous service. With increased flows, the amount of residual solids has increased in both the North and South ponds. Removal of the accumulated residual solids from the recycle ponds is required to make room for future solid storage.

Staff recommended the Board approve the Resolution awarding a construction contract to Stage 3 Separation, LLC for Harpool WTP Recycle Pond Dredging Project in the amount of \$2,082,500.00.

Dave Nelson made the motion to approve Agenda Item 12B as presented. Seconded by Brian Roberson. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 49 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Gay). 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	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	49			2



13. Engineering Contracts and Task Orders: (Weighted Capital Vote)

- A. Consider approval of Task Order No. 4 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services related to utility coordination, conflict analysis and preliminary design for TxDOT FM 2931 widening project.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is expanding FM 2931 from US 380 to FM 428. The District must identify potential conflicts with pipelines and easements.

Staff recommended the Board approve Task Order No. 4 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for engineering services related to utility coordination, conflict identification, and preliminary design services in conjunction with TxDOT FM 2931 widening for a not to exceed amount of \$355,321.00

Rich Lubke made the motion to approve Agenda Item 13A as presented. Seconded by Greg Scott. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 49 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Gay). 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	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	49			2

- B. Consider approval of Contract and Task Order No. 1 with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for engineering services related to the Northeast Water Supply Lewisville Lake Intake and Harpool Conveyance Feasibility Study.

Growth continues to drive water demands in the northeast portion of the UTRWD service area. A second intake on Lewisville Lake to Harpool Regional Water Treatment Plant would boost overall system reliability and resiliency.



Staff recommended the Board approve Contract and Task Order No. 1 with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for engineering services related to the Northeast Water Supply Lewisville Lake Intake and Harpool Conveyance Feasibility Study for a not to exceed amount of \$660,372.00. **Chris Boyd made the motion to approve Agenda Item 13B as presented.** Seconded by Allen McCracken. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 49 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Gay). 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 – Drescher	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	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	49			2

- Regarding Lake Ralph Hall Project, consider Resolution authorizing Executive Director to release funding to the City of Irving for construction of the Area 6 - Doe Branch Discharge Flow Control Vault Harpool Outlet Improvements Project. (**Weighted Capital Vote**)

As the District expands Harpool Water Treatment Plant and begins to receive Lake Ralph Hall water, there will be increased flows and a need to minimize head loss in the pipeline system.

Staff recommended approval of a Resolution authorizing Executive Director to release funding to reimburse the City of Irving for Doe Branch Discharge Flow Control Vault Harpool Outlet Improvements Project in the amount of \$1,426,500.00. Also staff recommended utilizing the previously established escrow account for distribution of funds to the City of Irving.

Chris Boyd made the motion to approve Item 14 as presented. Jim Bolz seconded the motion. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 49 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Gay). 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	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	49	0	0	2

15. Consider approval of proposed Work Program Guidelines for Calendar Year 2026 as recommended by Officers and Staff.

Each year the Officers and Staff recommend, and the Board adopts a set of Work Program Guidelines to focus the District’s efforts for the coming year.

The Officers have reviewed the draft of the proposed Guidelines and presented them to the Board for consideration. **Greg Scott made the motion to approve Agenda Item 15 as presented.** Seconded by Brian Roberson. The *Roll Call Vote* was 21 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Gay, Gonzalez). Motion carried.

16. 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, and, concerning personnel matters related to compensation for Executive Director, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, and, 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 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 regarding potential lawsuit related to development within District easements, 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 1:49 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 2:06 p.m.

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

None.

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

None.

19. Consider action on personnel and compensation matters for the Executive Director as discussed in Executive Session.

The Officers reviewed and evaluated the performance of the Executive Director for the year 2025 and shared their evaluation with the entire Board in Executive Session.

In open session, **Kevin Mercer made the motion to approve the compensation adjustments for the Executive Director consistent with the Board's discussion in Executive Session and authorize all other necessary actions.** Nate Winchester seconded the motion. The *Roll Call Vote* was 21 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Gay, Gonzalez). Motion carried.

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

Next scheduled Board Meeting is March 5, 2026.



21. Visitor Comments Concerning Non-Agenda Topics.

None.

22. Adjournment.

There being no further business, President Dresher adjourned the meeting at 2:10 P.M.

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

Certified by: 
 Kimberly Brawner, Secretary, Board of Directors

