



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS March 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 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 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
Del Knowler | Bartonville
Glenn Barker | Corinth
Jody Gonzalez | Denton County
Dave Nelson | Double Oak
Orlando Sanchez | Irving
Mike Fairfield | Lake Cities MUA
Chris Boyd | Mustang SUD
Michael Anderson | Ponder
Jim Bolz | Sanger

Greg Scott, VP | Justin
Brian Roberson | Aubrey
Mark Pape | Copper Canyon
Kyle Pedigo | Denton
Kevin Mercer | DCFWSD #7
Rich Lubke | Highland Village
Nate Winchester | Krum
Aaron Russell | Lewisville
Drew Corn | Northlake
George Dupont | Prosper

Absent:

* Excused Absent

Kimberly Brawner, Secretary | Celina *

Robert Pegg | Flower Mound*

Vacant:

Argyle

Staff and Advisors in Attendance:

Larry N. Patterson, Executive Director
Nancy Tam, Assistant to Executive Director
Lester Harris, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Pierce, Director of Gov. Affairs
Doug Janeway, LRH Reservoir Manager
Ben Hodges, Director of Operations
Stephanie Noel, Finance & Investment Mgr.
Melanie Hanna, Controller
Rhys Vanatta, Staff Accountant II

Matthew Boyle, General Counsel
Jan Morris, Chief Administrative 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.
Rhonda Himley, Executive Admin. Assistant

Others in Attendance:

Andre Garces, Plummer Associates
Jordan Muell, Plummer Associates
Anthony Samarripas, Kimley-Horn
Jim Gallovich, Carollo
Charley Mock, FNI
Blake Rodgers, Deloitte
Taylor Duckworth, Deloitte

Danny Mignano, McCarthy
Lars Erickson, McCarthy
Ikenna Okeke, McCarthy
Cody Blankenship, Rudick Group
Sri Dinakaran, HVJ Associates
Sigian Yang, Deloitte

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Greg Scott. The Invocation was delivered by Lyle Dresher.

4. Oath of Office

President Dresher administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Kyle Pedigo, representing the City of Denton.

5. Opening Remarks:

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

None.

Orlando Sanchez arrived at the meeting.

- 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.

- District received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from Government Finance Officers Association for the 17th consecutive year.
- Drought Monitor indicates a continuing shortfall of water in the Northeast Texas area.
- Customer water demand is trending upward, however, both Lewisville and Ray Roberts lakes are at 100% capacity and Lake Chapman is currently at 64% capacity. Rainfall will be most welcome.
- TCEQ granted the District's request to blend 30% of Lake Ralph Hall raw water with Chapman Lake water for treatment at the Harpool Water Treatment Plant.
- Meeting scheduled for March 9th with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the District's operational coordination of Lake Ralph Hall with both Chapman Lake and Wright Patman.
- Project update given on the Harpool NE Pipeline Phase 2 expansion. Pipes have been delivered and installation commencing.
- Several staff members moved into offices on the first floor of the 802 N. Kealy building.

- District installed a safety equipment dispensary for quick and convenient distribution.
- Bobby Johnston resigned from his position as UTRWD Board member for the Town of Argyle due to accepting a position with another member city.

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

None.

6. Visitor Comments Concerning Agenda Topics.

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Drew Corn made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 7 through 12 as presented. Seconded by Rich Lubke. The *Roll Call Vote* was 20 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Brawner, Pegg). Motion carried. The approved Consent Agenda items were:

7. Adopt Minutes of February 5, 2026, Board Meeting.
8. Accept Monthly Management Report for the period ending January 31, 2026.
9. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into appropriate purchasing agreements with Sigler Communications, Strategar and certain media outlets, based on recommendations from the District consultants, for advertising related to the District's Water Conservation and Watershed Protection education and outreach programs.
10. Accept Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Audit Report, prepared by Deloitte & Touche, Independent Auditors, and related documents (including the Governance Letter to Management) for fiscal year ended September 30, 2025.
11. Authorize advertisement for bids using the prequalification process for Harpool RWTP Northeast Pipeline, Phase 3 Project.
12. Receive report of construction change orders approved by staff.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

13. Construction Contracts: **(Weighted Capital Vote)**
 - A. Consider approval of Amendment No. 6 to an existing Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Agreement with McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. to establish the final Progressive Guaranteed Maximum Price No. 6 for all remaining items on the Harpool RWTP Phase 2 Expansion Project.



Staff recommended the Board approve Amendment No. 6 to McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. Construction Manager at Risk Contract for Harpool Regional Water Treatment Plant Phase 2 Expansion Project for a not to exceed amount of \$87,912,400.53. **Rich Lubke made the motion to approve Agenda Item 13A as presented.** Seconded by Brian Roberson. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 37 Yes, 0 No, 13 Absent (Brawner, Pegg). Motion carried.

Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – (Vacant, 1 vote)					
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Knowler	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	4				4
CORINTH – Barker	3	3			
DENTON (city) – Pedigo	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:	50	37			13

- B. Consider Change Order No. 1 to the existing Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Agreement with McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. to accommodate for future capacity increases to the Harpool Water Treatment Plant Pressure Membrane System.

During final design and evaluation of the membrane system being provided by H2O Innovation (Bid Package No. 1), the CMAR team recognized an opportunity to prepare the membrane racks to maximize future capacity without increasing the size of the building and other costly improvements. Proposed Change Order No. 1 to the Project expands the membrane system rack to accommodate for future increases in membrane capacity of up to 45 MGD. This includes upsizing piping, valves and associated systems (trains, backwash and CIP systems).

Staff recommended the Board approve Change Order No. 1 to McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. Construction Manager at Risk Contract for Harpool Regional Water Treatment Plant Phase 2 Expansion Project for a not to exceed amount of \$4,592,350.15. **Drew Corn made the motion to approve Agenda Item 13B as presented.** Seconded by Greg Scott. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 37 Yes, 0 No, 13 Absent (Brawner, Pegg). Motion carried.



Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – (Vacant, 1 vote)					
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Knowler	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	4				4
CORINTH – Barker	3	3			
DENTON (city) – Pedigo	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:	50	37			13

14. Consider approval of Task Order No. 15 to an existing contract with Carollo Engineers, Inc. for Engineering Services related to TCEQ required Pilot Testing of Submerged Membrane System to treat Lewisville Lake Raw Water at Harpool WTP. (Weighted Capital Vote)

Proposed Task Order No. 15 with Carollo Engineer, Inc. includes TCEQ coordination, pilot test planning, operating protocols, oversight, renting the pilot unit, water quality analysis, reporting and preparing a submittal that complies with TCEQ requirements.

Staff recommended Board approve Task Order No. 15 with Carollo Engineers, Inc. for engineering services related to TCEQ required Pilot Testing of Submerged Membrane System to treat Lewisville Lake Raw Water at Harpool WTP for a not to exceed amount of \$488,215. **Dave Nelson made the motion to approve Agenda Item 14 as presented.** Seconded by Allen McCracken. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 37 Yes, 0 No, 13 Absent (Brawner, Pegg). Motion carried.

Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – (Vacant, 1 vote)					
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Knowler	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	4				4
CORINTH – Barker	3	3			
DENTON (city) – Pedigo	2	2			

DENTON COUNTY AT LARGE – Dresher	1	1			
DCFWSD #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			
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15. Regarding Lake Ralph Hall Project, consider Resolution authorizing acceptance of completed work and release of retainage for Work Package No. 8, Materials Testing, that is a part of the Lake Ralph Hall Pump Station Construction Manager at Risk Contract with Archer Western Construction, LLC. (Weighted Capital Vote)

All work associated with Work Package No. 8 has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications. Remaining payment (retainage) is \$5,936.46.

Staff recommended Board approve Resolution for acceptance of the CMAR Work Package No. 8 as part of the Lake Ralph Hall Pump Station Project Construction Manager at Risk Contract with Archer Western Construction, LLC. **Greg Scott made the motion to approve Agenda Item 15 as presented.** Seconded by Jim Bolz. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 37 Yes, 0 No, 13 Absent (Brawner, Pegg). Motion carried.

Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – (Vacant, 1 vote)					
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Knowler	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	4				4
CORINTH – Barker	3	3			
DENTON (city) – Pedigo	2	2			
DENTON COUNTY AT LARGE – Dresher	1	1			
DCFWSD #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			
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The President called for a 5-minute break.

- 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, 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, 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 and service contracts related to energy procurement.

The Executive Session began at 1:23 p.m.

Orlando Sanchez left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 2:14p.m.

- Consider action on property matters, some of which may have been discussed in Executive Session. **(Weighted Capital Vote)**

The Executive Director and Board received report regarding property matters, but no action taken.

- Consider action on Lake Ralph Hall construction change orders, some of which may have been discussed in Executive Session. **(Weighted Capital Vote)**

Kevin Mercer made the motion to approve Change Order Numbers 34, 35, 36, and 37 consistent with discussions in Executive Session and authorized the Executive Director to take all necessary action. Greg Scott seconded the motion. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 35 Yes, 0 No, 15 Absent (Brawner, Pegg, Sanchez). Motion carried.

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ARGYLE – (Vacant, 1 vote)					
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Knowler	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	4				4
CORINTH – Barker	3	3			
DENTON (city) – Pedigo	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:	50	35			15

19. Consider action on future energy procurement contracts, some of which may have been discussed in Executive Session. (Weighted Capital Vote)

Jim Bolz made the motion to approve the Contract consistent with discussions in Executive Session and authorize the Executive Director to take all necessary action. Allen McCracken seconded the motion. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 35 Yes, 0 No, 15 Absent (Brawner, Pegg, Sanchez). Motion carried.

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ARGYLE – (Vacant, 1 vote)					
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Knowler	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	4				4
CORINTH – Barker	3	3			
DENTON (city) – Pedigo	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:	50	35			15

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

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2026. It will be a regular meeting, not an all-day retreat or field trip.


21. Visitor Comments Concerning Non-Agenda Topics.

None.

22. Adjournment.

There being no further business, President Drescher adjourned the meeting at 2:18 P.M.

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

Certified by: 
Kimberly Brawner, Secretary, Board of Directors

