



DATA SHEET
Agenda Item 7

Meeting Date: May 7, 2026

Agenda Item:

7. Adopt Minutes of April 2, 2026 Board Meeting.

Placement: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Consideration	<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Session
Vote: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Weighted	<input type="checkbox"/> Weighted Capital	
Recommending Department: Administration		

Background:

The enclosed minutes from April 2, 2026, Board Meeting were prepared by Nancy T. Tam, Assistant Secretary to the Board.

Financial:

None.

Recommendation:

Recommend that the Board adopt the enclosed Minutes for the April 2, 2026 Board Meeting.

Enclosures:

Prepared Minutes from April 2, 2026, Board Meeting.

Submitted By: 
Nancy T. Tam, Assistant to Executive Director

Date: May 1, 2026



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 2, 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. Dresher presiding at 12:55 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 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 Dresher, President | Denton County At Large
Allen McCracken, II, Treasurer | Pilot Point
Brian Roberson | Aubrey
Glenn Barker | Corinth
Jody Gonzalez | Denton County
Dave Nelson | Double Oak
Rich Lubke | Highland Village
Nate Winchester | Krum
Chris Boyd | Mustang SUD
Michael Anderson | Ponder
Jim Bolz | Sanger

Greg Scott, VP | Justin
Kimberly Brawner, Secretary | Celina
Mark Pape | Copper Canyon
Kyle Pedigo | Denton
Kevin Mercer | DCFWSD #7
Robert Pegg | Flower Mound
Orlando Sanchez | Irving
Aaron Russell | Lewisville
Drew Corn | Northlake
George Dupont | Prosper

Absent:

* Excused Absent

Del Knowler | Bartonville*

Mike Fairfield | Lake Cities MUA*

Vacant: Argyle

Staff and Advisors in Attendance:

Larry N. Patterson, Executive Director
Nancy Tam, Assistant to Executive Director
Jody Zabolio, Chief Operating Officer
Lester Harris, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Pierce, Director of Gov. Affairs
Ed Motley, LRH Program Manager
Ben Hodges, Director of Operations
Dustin Wright, Mgr. of IT Services
Marcos Zepeda, Network Systems Admin.
Gage Guffy, Professional Engineer
McKenzie Cloud, Professional Engineer
Kara Britt, Resident Engineer

Matthew Boyle, General Counsel
Jan Morris, Chief Administrative Officer
Kurt Staller, District Engineer
Ronna Hartt, Dir. of Water Resources & Planning
Adam McKnight, Dir. Engineering & Construction
Stephanie Noel, Finance & Investment Mgr
Todd Williams, Budget/Financial Plan. Mgr.
Elena Ramsey, Financial Analyst
Kaylee Waldo, Sr. Professional Engineer
Homa Hadi, Graduate Engineer II
Alec Pollok, Professional Engineer
Rhonda Himley, Executive Admin. Assistant

Others in Attendance:

Andre Garces, Plummer Associates
Jordan Muell, Plummer Associates
Anthony Samarripas, Kimley-Horn

George Marshall, Walter P. Moore
Nicole Conner, Kennedy Jenks
Clay Riggs, Westwood

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

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

4. Opening Remarks:

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

President Dresher highlighted the section in the Board Memo regarding the new Texas State Legislative Committees that have been formed, and suggested Board members monitor the progress of those that may impact the District.

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.

- Starting with the Drought Monitor, 85% of Texas is experiencing some form of drought, compared to 70% at the same time last year. Northeast Texas is uncharacteristically dry, and this is impacting on our supplies at Chapman Lake.
- Customer water demand continues its upward trend. It was the warmest March on record and that is represented in the current water demand chart that shows we are approaching usage that we normally wouldn't see until June.
- Flower Mound implemented a new mandatory watering schedule with two days per week watering. Also, they are actively promoting UTRWD's irrigation check-ups. Many members and customers have implemented similar watering schedules.
- Last week the District hosted a statewide meeting of the Texas Association of Clean Water Agencies (TACWA) at our Event Center with approximately 70 attendees.
- The Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate have issued the Interim Committee Charges preparing for legislation in the 90th Legislative Session. The District will monitor the progress of these hearings.
- TCEQ has approved the treatment of Lake Ralph Hall water by accepting the District's Water Characterization Study, and by granting 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.

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 through 8 as presented. Seconded by Jim Bolz. The *Roll Call Vote* was 20 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Knowler, Fairfield). Motion carried. The approved Consent Agenda items were:

6. Adopt Minutes of March 5, 2026 Board Meeting.
7. Accept Monthly Management Report for the period ended February 28, 2026.
8. Receive report of construction change orders approved by staff.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

9. Lake Ralph Hall Agenda Items: (Weighted Capital Vote)

- A. Consider approval of Task Order No. 8 to an existing Contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for the design and construction management of the Leon Hurse Dam, North Sulphur Channel Improvements, and Warehouse Structure.

Task orders are programmed to provide approximately one year of construction phase services allowing for customized scope of work for specific construction activities. Task Order No. 8 extends the construction management services for the Leon Hurse Dam through February 2027 and includes bid document preparation for channel improvements to the North Sulphur River to protect the Leon Hurse Dam. Task Order No. 8 also includes the design and construction phase services for a Warehouse Structure to store equipment and large parts near the Lake Ralph Hall Raw Water Pump Station.

Staff recommended the Board approve Task Order No. 8 with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for construction management of the Leon Hurse Dam and design of the North Sulphur River Downstream Channel Improvements, and Warehouse Structure for a fee not to exceed \$866,482.

- B. Consider approval of Task Order No. 5 to an existing Contract with Kleinfelder, Inc. for Construction Quality Management and Assurance for the Lake Ralph Hall Program.

The Scope of Services for Task Order No. 5 includes:

- Continued Quality Assurance Testing Support for the Leon Hurse Dam Project,
- Quality Assurance Testing Support for the Lake Administration/Visitor Center Project, and
- Quality Assurance Testing Support for the North Sulphur River Downstream Channel Improvements Project.

Staff recommended the Board approve Task Order No. 5 to an existing contract with Kleinfelder, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$792,900.00 for Program Quality Management and Assurance Testing for Lake Ralph Hall Project.



- C. Consider approval of Change Order No. 1 to an existing Contract with Hammett Excavation, Inc. for the Construction of Lake Ralph Hall Boat Ramps and Lake Improvements Project.

On October 2, 2025, the Board awarded a construction contract to Hammett Excavation, Inc. (Hammett) for the Construction of Lake Ralph Hall Boat Ramps and Lake Improvements Project. One area to be graded in Hammett’s contract is adjacent to the future Administrative Office / Visitor Center. Since Hammett will be mobilizing equipment and conducting grading on and adjacent to the Visitor Center site, the District will realize a cost and time benefit to include the rough grading for the site in Hammett’s contract. Additionally, two former TxDOT bridges (FM 1550 and FM 2990) require demolition to ensure safe boating on Lake Ralph Hall.

Staff recommended the Board approve Change Order No. 1 to an existing contract with Hammett Excavation, Inc. for construction of the Lake Ralph Hall Boat Ramps and Lake Improvements Project in the amount not to exceed \$460,009.01.

Allen McCracken made the motion to approve Agenda Items 9 A-C as presented. Seconded by Kimberly Brawner. Kevin Mercer opposed the cost of the Warehouse Structure in Item 9A. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 47 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent (Knowler, Fairfield). 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	47			3

- 10. Consider adoption of a Resolution to approve proposed Mid-Year Budget Amendments.

Each fiscal year, the Board considers necessary mid-year modification to the Operating and Capital Budgets upon completion of the annual audit. Staff recommended Board authorize the



proposed FY 2026 Mid-year Budget Amendments to the Operating, Capital, Growth Program Fund and Project Development Fund Budgets. **Greg Scott made the motion to approve Agenda Item 10 as presented.** Seconded by Drew Corn. The *Roll Call Vote* was 20 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Knowler, Fairfield). Motion carried.

- 11. 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 1:36 p.m.
 The Board returned to open session at 2:10 p.m.

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

None.

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

Regarding the Pump Station Construction Manager at Risk and Release of Retainage for Archer Western Construction of the Lake Ralph Hall Project, **Brian Roberson made the motion to approve acceptance of Work Package 5 consistent with the Board’s discussions in Executive Session and authorized the Executive Director to take all necessary action.** Greg Scott seconded the motion. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 47 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent (Knowler, Fairfield). 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	47			3

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

- President Dresher appointed the following Board members to serve on this year's Officers' Nominating Committee and to bring back a recommendation of Directors to be elected as Officers:

Brian Roberson (Chair), Aubrey
 Aaron Russell, Lewisville

Orlando Sanchez, Irving
 Jim Bolz, Sanger

Mike Fairfield, LCMUA

- Larry Patterson asked everyone to "Save the Date" for the upcoming employee and Board family event on June 20th. Also, the latest **Lake Ralph Hall Project Update** has been distributed.
- Next scheduled Board Meeting is May 7, 2026.

15. Visitor Comments Concerning Non-Agenda Topics.

None.

16. Adjournment.

There being no further business, President Dresher adjourned the meeting at 2:15 P.M.

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

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

