



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS June 4, 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 12:57 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 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
Kimberly Brawner, Treasurer | Celina
Brian Roberson | Aubrey
Mark Pape | Copper Canyon
Kyle Pedigo | Denton
Rich Lubke | Highland Village
Aaron Russell | Lewisville
Britt Lusk | Pilot Point
George Dupont | Prosper (video)

Greg Scott, VP | Justin
Dave Nelson, Secretary | Double Oak
Del Knowler | Bartonville
Glenn Barker | Corinth
Robert Pegg | Flower Mound
Nate Winchester | Krum (video)
Chris Boyd | Mustang SUD
Clay Riggs | Ponder
Jim Bolz | Sanger

Absent:

* Excused Absent

Jody Gonzalez | Denton County*
Orlando Sanchez | Irving*
Drew Corn | Northlake*

Kevin Mercer | DCFWSD #7*
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
Stephanie Noel, Finance & Investment Mgr.
Jason Pierce, Director of Gov. Affairs
Ed Motley, LRH Program Manager
Dustin Wright, Director of IT Services
Marcos Zepeda, Network Systems Admin.
Todd Williams, Mgr. Budget/Fin. Planning
Nick Bulaich, Financial Advisor
Luke Adam, Wastewater Operator I

Matthew Butler, Boyle & Lowry
Jan Morris, Chief Administrative Officer
Ronna Hartt, Dir. of Water Resources & Planning
Kurt Staller, District Engineer
Adam McKnight, Dir. Engineering & Construction
Ben Hodges, Director of Operations
Gage Guffy, Professional Engineer
Alec Pollok, Professional Engineer
Viviana Burgos, HR Specialist
Elena Ramsey, Financial Analyst
Rhonda Himley, Executive Admin. Assistant

Davis Carte, Intern
Tyler Robinson, Intern
Autumn Westbrooks, Intern
Zane Curl, Intern

Darren Ochoa, Intern
Joseph Tiller, Intern
Layora Corless, Intern
Zariana Santos, Intern

Others in Attendance:

James Warren, Bartonville
Zac Bolen, Plummer Associates
Nicole Conner, Kennedy Jenks
John Himanen, HDR Engineering

Andre Garces, Plummer Associates
Logan Lunt, FNI
Nick O'Donnell, Boyle & Lowry
Leeanne Wilson, Aubrey (video)

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 the following new Board Members:

Britt Lusk, Pilot Point
Clay Riggs, Ponder

5. Opening Remarks:

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

- President Dresher congratulated the District on winning the "Best Tasting Water" competition for the North Texas Chapter of the Texas Water Utility Association for the second year in a row.
- He acknowledged all four water reclamation plants continue to receive the Platinum Peak Performance Awards year after year, which is a good tribute to the excellent work the staff does on a daily basis.
- With profound sadness, we ask you please keep Kevin Mercer and his family in your prayers for the sudden passing of his beloved wife.

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.

- Tours of Lake Ralph Hall were conducted on May 14th for TWDB Director Brady Franks and his chief of staff, and on May 19th for the City of Celina and Mustang SUD.
 - Progress report of Leon Hurse Dam was given. TCEQ has granted authorization to begin impoundment once the remaining punch list items are complete.
 - Harpool Water Treatment Plant - slab placement completed for Clearwell No.2.
 - The current U.S. Drought Monitor shows 57% of Texas is experiencing some form of drought conditions, versus 39% a year ago. However, there is a pattern of weekly
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drought contraction and the northeastern region of the state where Lake Ralph Hall is located has received some rain recently.

- Customer water demand continues its upward trend. Our total storage is at 99.2%, with Ray Roberts and Lewisville Lakes full, but Chapman Lake is lagging behind.
- Two new water education videos featuring the animated Trinity Trio caricatures were previewed by the Board. These humorous videos, along with our "Give a Drip" campaign, are intended to make an impact on outdoor watering this summer.
- Fiscal Year 2027 Preliminary Rates and Charges will be sent to all Members and Customers by the middle of June.
- District policy for the naming of facilities and geographic features related to the Lake Ralph Hall Project is undergoing minor edits.
- Finished water from the Tom Harpool Water Treatment Plant was entered into the regional competition for the North Texas Chapter of the Texas Water Utility Association and won "Best Tasting Water" for the second year in a row.
- The following facilities received the NACWA Platinum Peak Performance Awards:
 - Doe Branch Water Reclamation Plant - Platinum 10
 - Riverbend Water Reclamation Plant - Platinum 18
 - Peninsula Water Reclamation Plant - Platinum 22
 - Lakeview Water Reclamation Plant - Platinum 27

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

President Dresher presented former Board Member Bobby Johnston with an appreciation plaque for his distinguished service as a Member of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District Board of Directors representing the Town of Argyle.

6. Visitor Comments Concerning Agenda Topics.

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Rich Lubke made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 7 through 12 as presented. Seconded by Brian Roberson. The *Roll Call Vote* was 17 Yes, 0 No, 5 Absent (Gonzalez, Mercer, Sanchez, Fairfield, Corn). Motion carried. The approved Consent Agenda items were:

7. Adopt Minutes of May 7, 2026 Board Meeting.
8. Accept Monthly Management Report for the period ended April 30, 2026.
9. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a purchasing agreement with Q-Mation, Inc. for the purchase of software and support service.



10. Authorize staff to transmit preliminary estimates of Rates and Charges for next fiscal year (FY 2027) to Members and Customers for budget planning purposes.
11. Consider approval of updated Naming Policy for Lake Ralph Hall Facilities and Geographic Features.
12. Receive report of construction change orders approved by staff.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

13. Consider adoption of Resolution of Appreciation and Commendation for Allen L. McCracken, II, for his distinguished service as a Member and Officer of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District Board of Directors.

For almost seven years, Allen McCracken served on the Board of Directors representing the City of Pilot Point. He served with distinction on several committees: Ad Hoc Wastewater Advisory (Chair), Water Conservation/Public Information, Water Supply and Policy Review and always contributed in full measure. The District appreciates Allen's commitment to the District's regional objectives.

After Secretary Dave Nelson read the Resolution, **Greg Scott made the motion to approve the Resolution of Appreciation as presented. Seconded by Jim Bolz.** The *Roll Call Vote* was 17 Yes, 0 No, 5 Absent (Gonzalez, Mercer, Sanchez, Fairfield, Corn). Motion carried.

14. Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement between North Texas Municipal Water District, Tarrant Regional Water District, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, City of Dallas, and City of Irving for Funding of Studies Identified in the August 1, 2025, Final Mediated Agreement between Regional Water Planning Groups C and D.

The Mediated Agreement included a provision requiring Regions C and D support an independent study to address the potential benefits and impacts of proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir and provides that Regions C and D jointly pursue immediate funding for the Joint Study through TWDB, and that, should state resources not be allocated, both Regions C and D agree to equally share the costs of said study, not to exceed \$250,000 each. The Mediated Agreement also requires Region C to seek funding from TWDB to facilitate and conduct an “Apples-to-Apples” comparison of the Marvin Nichols and Toledo Bend projects (the “Region C Only Study”). To date, no state resources have been allocated for either study, however, the parties recognize the need to move forward with completing both studies.

Staff recommended the Board approve an Interlocal Agreement between North Texas Municipal Water District, Tarrant Regional Water District, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, City of Dallas, and City of Irving for Funding of Studies Identified in the August 1, 2025, Final Mediated Agreement between Regional Water Planning Groups C and D. **Clay Riggs made the motion to approve Item 14 as presented. Seconded by Kimberly Brawner.** The *Roll Call Vote* was 17 Yes, 0 No, 5 Absent (Gonzalez, Mercer, Sanchez, Fairfield, Corn). Motion carried.

15. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a purchasing agreement with:
 - A. Paris Farm and Ranch Center, Inc. for the purchase of a Kubota M5 Tractor.



District Operations are beginning to ramp up and require more equipment at Lake Ralph Hall. Staff determined that a Kubota M5 tractor will meet all anticipated needs.

Staff recommended the Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a purchasing agreement with Paris Farm and Ranch Center, Inc. for the purchase of a Kubota M5 Tractor in the amount of \$100,884.86.

B. Sunbelt Rentals for the rental of pumping equipment and accessories.

Leon Hurse Dam will soon begin water impoundment. However, the final portion of the pipeline is not scheduled to be completed until October. By utilizing these pumps, the District can begin moving raw water to the Regional Treated Water system later this Summer.

Staff recommended the Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a purchasing agreement with Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. for rental of pumping equipment and accessories for a price not to exceed \$840,000.00

Clay Riggs made the motion to approve Agenda Items 15 A&B as presented. Seconded by Brian Roberson. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 41 Yes, 0 No, 9 Absent (Mercer, Sanchez, Fairfield, Corn). 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			
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 – Lusk	1	1			
PONDER – Riggs	1	1			
PROSPER – Dupont	2	2			
SANGER – Bolz	1	1			
TOTAL:	50	41			9

16. Consider adoption of a Resolution authorizing Staff to file an application with the Texas Water Development Board for Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant financial assistance in support of the Tom Harpool Plant Expansion Project.

In January 2026, the TWDB announced the \$1.038 billion implementation of the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) Fund. Given the District's larger size, projects must be construction-ready to receive WSIG Funds without having to be repaid. The Tom Harpool Treatment Plant Project is a prime candidate for WSIG Funds. The maximum amount the District can apply for is \$35 million.

Staff recommended the Board adopt Resolution authorizing Staff to file an application with the Texas Water Development Board for Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant financial assistance in support of the Tom Harpool Plant Expansion Project in the Regional Treated Water System. **Dave Nelson made the motion to approve Agenda Item 16 as presented.** Seconded by Del Knowler. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 41 Yes, 0 No, 9 Absent (Mercer, Sanchez, Fairfield, Corn). 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			
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 – Lusk	1	1			
PONDER – Riggs	1	1			
PROSPER – Dupont	2	2			
SANGER – Bolz	1	1			
TOTAL:	50	41			9

17. Consider approval of the Parameters Resolution for proposed sale of Revenue Bonds for approximately \$55,000,000 to provide funds for the Riverbend West Influent Lift Station and the Doe Branch Plant Expansion in the Northeast Regional Water Reclamation System.

The budgeted cash flows for the Northeast Regional Water Reclamation System Capital Improvement Program indicates the necessity to provide approximately \$16 million for the Riverbend West Influent Lift Station and \$32.975 million of additional funding for Celina's portion

of the Doe Branch Plant Expansion. Therefore, the District intends to issue a maximum of \$55 million in Revenue Bonds to provide the required funding for both of those Projects.

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. **Rich Lubke made the motion to approve Agenda Item 17 as presented.** **Seconded by Clay Riggs.** The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 41 Yes, 0 No, 9 Absent (Mercer, Sanchez, Fairfield, Corn). 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			
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 – Lusk	1	1			
PONDER – Riggs	1	1			
PROSPER – Dupont	2	2			
SANGER – Bolz	1	1			
TOTAL:	50	41			9

18. Consider Approval of Amended and Restated Member Contract with City of Aubrey for Participation in Regional Treated Water System.

City of Aubrey is a Founding Member of the District and executed a contract in March 1999 for participation in the Regional Treated Water System. Initial service was planned through Mustang SUD distribution system, subject to available capacity. Aubrey has requested permanent service from the RTWS by January 2028, with an initial demand of 2.0 MGD.

Staff recommended the Board approve Participating Member Contract with City of Aubrey for Participation in Regional Treated Water System as presented, subject to non-substantial changes that may be mutually agreed by the parties. **Brian Roberson made the motion to approve Agenda Item 18 as presented.** Del Knowler seconded the motion. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 41 Yes, 0 No, 9 Absent (Mercer, Sanchez, Fairfield, Corn). 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			
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 – Lusk	1	1			
PONDER – Riggs	1	1			
PROSPER – Dupont	2	2			
SANGER – Bolz	1	1			
TOTAL:	50	41			9

19. Consider award of construction contract to Hayes Construction, LLC for additional pipeline encasement required for TxDOT FM 407 Widening Project.

It was determined that 24" and 36" split steel encasement is required to protect the existing treated waterline at road and driveway crossings. Advertisements for the project began on March 16, 2026. Eight bids were received and opened on May 12, 2026. Hayes Construction was the responsive apparent low bidder in the amount of \$981,775.00.

Staff recommended the Board adopt the Resolution awarding a construction contract to Hayes Construction, LLC in the amount of \$981,775.00 for FM 407 Water Line Encasement Project. Item was discussed during Executive Session, after which **Rich Lubke made the motion to approve Agenda Item 19 as presented.** Clay Riggs seconded the motion. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 41 Yes, 0 No, 9 Absent (Mercer, Sanchez, Fairfield, Corn). 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			
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 – Lusk	1	1			
PONDER – Riggs	1	1			
PROSPER – Dupont	2	2			
SANGER – Bolz	1	1			
TOTAL:	50	41			9

20. Engineering Contracts and Task Orders:

- A. Consider approval of Task Order No. 10 with HDR Engineering, Inc. to an existing contract for Engineering Services related to design and construction of meter vaults and other system improvements.

The proposed Task Order No. 10 provides for engineering services related to final design, bid and construction of upsizing and rehabbing piping, meters and valves at six Points of Delivery.

Staff recommended the Board approve Task Order No. 10 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for Engineering Services related to design and construction of meter vaults and other system improvements for a not to exceed amount of \$558,101.00.

- B. Consider approval of Task Order No. 2 with BGE, Inc. to an existing contract for construction inspection services related to staff augmentation for in-house project representative services on water and wastewater projects.

There are over 60 projects in the five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). To effectively execute active construction projects in the CIP, additional construction inspection staff is required. Proposed Task Order No. 2 with BGE, Inc. will provide project representative services to continue augmentation for construction inspection services for approximately two years.

Staff recommended the Board authorize Task Order No. 2 with BGE, Inc. for construction inspection services related to staff augmentation for water and wastewater projects for a fee not to exceed \$540,000.00.

Rich Lubke made the motion to approve Agenda Items 20 A&B as presented. Seconded by Brian Roberson. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 41 Yes, 0 No, 9 Absent (Mercer, Sanchez, Fairfield, Corn). 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			
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 – Lusk	1	1			
PONDER – Riggs	1	1			
PROSPER – Dupont	2	2			
SANGER – Bolz	1	1			
TOTAL:	50	41			9

21. 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 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 2:19 p.m.
The Board returned to open session at 2:52 p.m.

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

None.

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

None.

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

- There will be no July Board meeting. The next scheduled Board Meeting is August 6, 2026.
- Members' Breakfast Meeting to be held in the Event Center on July 22nd.
- Please keep the Mercer family in your prayers.

25. Visitor Comments Concerning Non-Agenda Topics.

None.

26. Adjournment.

There being no further business, President Drescher adjourned the meeting at 2:56 P.M.

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

Certified by: 
David B. Nelson, Secretary, Board of Directors

