



# MINUTES

## UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS August 6, 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 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, 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  
Matt Smith, Argyle  
Del Knowler | Bartonville  
Glenn Barker | Corinth  
Jody Gonzalez | Denton County  
Robert Pegg | Flower Mound  
Orlando Sanchez | Irving  
Mike Fairfield | Lake Cities MUA  
Chris Boyd | Mustang SUD  
Britt Lusk | Pilot Point  
George Dupont | Prosper

Greg Scott, VP | Justin  
Dave Nelson, Secretary | Double Oak  
Brian Roberson | Aubrey  
Mark Pape | Copper Canyon  
Kyle Pedigo | Denton  
Kevin Mercer | DCFWSD #7  
Rich Lubke | Highland Village  
Nate Winchester | Krum (video)  
Aaron Russell | Lewisville  
Drew Corn | Northlake  
Clay Riggs | Ponder  
Jim Bolz | Sanger

##### **Staff and Advisors in Attendance:**

Larry N. Patterson, Executive Director  
Nancy Tam, Assistant to Executive Director  
Jody Zabolio, Chief Operating Officer  
Stephanie Noel, Finance & Investment Mgr.  
Jason Pierce, Director of Gov. Affairs  
Nick Bulaich, Financial Advisor  
Kaylee Waldo, Sr. Professional Engineer  
Dustin Wright, Director of IT Services  
Marcos Zepeda, Network Systems Admin.  
James Rogers, Asst. Director of Ops/Maintenance  
Jeff Mlak, Operations Mgr, North Division  
Rhonda Himley, Executive Admin. Assist.

Matthew Boyle, Boyle & Lowry  
Jan Morris, Chief Administrative Officer  
Adam McKnight, Dir. Engineering & Construction  
Ed Motley, LRH Program Manager  
Ben Hodges, Director of Operations  
Doug Janeway, LRH Reservoir Manager  
Alec Pollok, Professional Engineer  
Lizbeth Tabares, Graduate Engineer I  
Tim Brazile, Operations Mgr, South Division  
Michelle Carte, Reg. & Env. Compliance Coord.  
Emma Janeway, LRH Field Svcs. Tech.

**Others in Attendance:**

Bobby Johnston, City of Justin  
Aaron Fricke, Kennedy Jenks  
Janice Sloan, Kennedy Jenks  
John Bassler, TCCI  
Tanner Henson, Kimley-Horn  
Philip Wheat, LAN  
Dan Oefier, Aurora  
Sarah Cousin, citizen

Andre Garces, Plummer Associates  
Paula Monaco, Plummer Associates  
Charley Mock, FNI  
Jeff Kendall, Archer Western  
Mike South, Archer Western  
Sri Dinakaran, HYJ Associates  
Archana Sharma, Mead and Hunt

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave Nelson. The Invocation was delivered by Lyle Dresher.

4. Oath of Office

President Dresher administered the Oath of Office to the new Board Member representing the Town of Argyle, Mr. Matt Smith.

5. Opening Remarks:

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

- President Dresher recognized District staff having anniversaries this month and appreciates the long tenure of our employees.
- With profound sadness, President Dresher asked to please keep Johnny Harris, a former Board President, and his family in your prayers regarding the 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.

- Thanks to all the Board Members who participated in the Members Breakfast on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Attendees included State Representatives, Mayors and other elected officials. A water conservation panel featured the City of Celina's efforts to implement their Stage 2 Water Conservation measures.
- Customer water demand is setting a record with the sustained high temperatures enveloping the area. Harpool Water Treatment Plant is operating at a high pace even while under construction for expansion, as are all our plants.
- Upper Trinity implemented Stage 2 of its Drought Contingency Plan on July 27<sup>th</sup> for its Northeast Customers. Stage 2 limits outdoor watering to one day per week and prohibits watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- The Trinity Trio outreach videos are performing very well with over 2.6 million views, 15,900 clicks, and a 97% complete video watch-through rate in the first 8 weeks. The third video emphasizes the importance of time-of-day outdoor watering.

- Additional actions taken to meet demand include a request to purchase temporary surplus water from Irving allowable under the current contract.
- Temporary pumps were placed at Lake Ralph Hall to begin interim pumping as the channel begins to fill.
- Progress update on Lake Ralph Hall was given.

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

Adam McKnight introduced the newest member of the Engineering team, Lizbeth Tabares.

Jody Zabolio introduced staff members whose contributions were instrumental in the Texas Utility Association's Award for Best Tasting Water in Texas and the NACWA Platinum Peak Performance Awards for all four reclamation plants. Ben Hodges, Director of Operations, James Rogers, Assistant Director of Operations and Maintenance, Tim Brazile, Operations Manager for the South Division, and Jeff Mlak, Operations Manager for the North Division were recognized. Their dedication and commitment to excellence are greatly appreciated.

6. Visitor Comments Concerning Agenda Topics.

None.

President Dresher moved Item 21 ahead on the agenda to allow a visitor to speak.

21. Visitor Comments Concerning Non-Agenda Topics.

Visitor Sarah Cousin provided comments concerning the proposed Silverado Lake in her community, Aubrey area.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Rich Lubke made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 7 through 11 as presented. Seconded by Clay Riggs.** The Roll Call Vote was 23 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried. The approved Consent Agenda items were:

7. Adopt Minutes of June 4, 2026 Board Meeting.
  8. Accept Monthly Management Report for the period ended June 30, 2026.
  9. Accept Quarterly Investment Report for the period ended June 30, 2026.
  10. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a purchasing agreement with Smith Pump Company, Inc. for pump repair services.
  11. Authorize the Executive Director to amend the Mission Square Retirement Governmental Money Purchase Plan #109177, Section VI(1)(A) -- Fixed Employer Contribution Provisions.
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### ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

12. Consider adoption of Resolution of Congratulations to Lantana (DCFWS No.7) on the occasion of their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The development of the Lantana community began in 1999 when the property was first acquired and is now home to approximately 15,000 residents served by two special water districts. In 2001, Upper Trinity and Denton County Fresh Water Supply District No.7 entered into participating member agreements for delivery of treated water and wastewater treatment services. Over the past 25 years, the Lantana community and FWSD No.7 have demonstrated a strong commitment to thoughtful planning, strategic infrastructure investment, and responsible stewardship.

After Rich Lubke read the Resolution, **he made the motion to approve the Resolution of Congratulations as presented. Seconded by Kimberly Brawner.** The *Roll Call Vote* was 23 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

13. Consider adoption of Resolution of Congratulation to the North Texas Municipal Water District on the occasion of their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) was formally incorporated in June 1951 with ten original Member Cities and a total population of 31,000. The region continued to grow and now more than 2.4 million people live in the NTMWD's service area, which covers 2,200 square miles. Upper Trinity and NTMWD have worked together throughout the years to advance regional water planning and address the evolving water needs of a rapidly growing region. Upper Trinity congratulates NTMWD on its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and its continued success in meeting the needs of North Texas.

After Larry Patterson read the Resolution, **Greg Scott made the motion to approve the Resolution of Congratulations as presented. Seconded by Jim Bolz.** The *Roll Call Vote* was 23 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

14. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into purchasing agreements with the following Vendors for the purchase of Lake Ralph Hall equipment:

- A. Equipment Depot for the purchase of a Genie GTH-1044 Telehandler.
- B. Associated Supply Company, Inc. for the purchase of a Hitachi ZW120 Wheel Loader.
- C. Premier Truck Group of Dallas for the purchase of a Freightliner M2106 Plus Crane Truck.

As Lake Ralph Hall begins to transition from construction to operations, the District requires more equipment for the day-to-day requirements of operating the Lake and all the facilities. These heavy equipment items are necessary for both operational and maintenance activities and will assist with both material and debris movement around the lake.

Staff recommended the Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a purchasing agreement with:

- Equipment Depot for the purchase of a Genie GTH-1044 Telehandler in the amount of \$146,576.48.
  - Associate Supply Company, Inc. for the purchase of a Hitachi ZW120 Wheel Loader for a price not to exceed \$160,023.92.
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- Premier Truck Group of Dallas for the purchase of a Freightliner M2106 Plus Crane Truck in the amount of \$323,348.12.

**Clay Riggs made the motion to approve Agenda Items 14 A, B, and C as presented.** Seconded by Drew Corn. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 51 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

| Entity                            | Eligible Weighted Votes | Yes       | No | Abstain | Absent |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|----|---------|--------|
| ARGYLE – Smith                    | 1                       | 1         |    |         |        |
| 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         |    |         |        |
| 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         |    |         |        |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                     | <b>51</b>               | <b>51</b> |    |         |        |

15. Construction Contracts:

- A. Consider award of construction contract to McKee Utility Contractors, LLC for Harpool RWTP Northeast Transmission Pipeline Phase 3 Project.

In August 2023, the Board authorized Task Order No. 5 with Kimley-Horn Associates, Inc. (KHA) for engineering services related to final design for the Harpool Water Treatment Plant Northeast Transmission Pipeline Phase 3. The Project includes approximately 5 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline, City of Aubrey's first Point of Delivery, valves and appurtenances. Staff and Kimley-Horn evaluated the five bids received and recommended award of the construction contract to McKee Utility Contractors, LLC as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Staff recommended the Board approve Resolution awarding a construction contract for Harpool RTWP Northeast Transmission Pipeline Phase 3 Project, including Aubrey Point of Delivery, to McKee Utility Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$23,295,000.00. **Greg Scott made the motion to approve Agenda Item 15A as presented.** Seconded by Rich Lubke. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 51 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

| Entity                           | Eligible Weighted Votes | Yes       | No | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|----|---------|--------|
| ARGYLE – Smith                   | 1                       | 1         |    |         |        |
| 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         |    |         |        |
| DCFWD #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         |    |         |        |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                    | <b>51</b>               | <b>51</b> |    |         |        |

- B. Consider approval of Change Order No. 2 to the Northeast Water Reclamation System Expansion Project with Archer Western Construction, LLC to replace a section of Fishtrap Road to meet Denton County's requirements for the Riverbend West Lift Station.

Fishtrap Road has two jurisdictional road authorities for the work – Providence Village and Denton County. When the Contractor submitted the construction permit application to the County for the portion of Fishtrap Road in Denton County, the District was notified that the replacement requirements had changed from what was included in the bid documents. Change Order No. 2 addresses the new roadway service life requirements and includes additional subbase and asphalt for the portion of the road maintained by Denton County.

Staff recommended the Board of Directors approve Change Order No. 2 to Archer Western Construction, LLC Construction Manager at Risk Contract for Northeast Water Reclamation System Expansion Project for a not to exceed amount of \$419,471.84.

**Jim Bolz made the motion to approve Agenda Item 15B as presented. Seconded by Kimberly Brawner.** The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 51 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

| Entity                | Eligible Weighted Votes | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| ARGYLE – Smith        | 1                       | 1   |    |         |        |
| AUBREY – Roberson     | 1                       | 1   |    |         |        |
| BARTONVILLE – Knowler | 1                       | 1   |    |         |        |
| CELINA – Brawner      | 4                       | 4   |    |         |        |

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| 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 – Lusk               | 1         | 1         |  |  |  |
| PONDER – Riggs                   | 1         | 1         |  |  |  |
| PROSPER – Dupont                 | 2         | 2         |  |  |  |
| SANGER – Bolz                    | 1         | 1         |  |  |  |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                    | <b>51</b> | <b>51</b> |  |  |  |

16. Consider approval of Task Order No. 15 to an existing Contract with AR Consultants, Inc. for Cultural Resource Consulting to provide continued cultural resource studies to perform Phase 2 and Phase 3 investigations for Lake Ralph Hall.

AR Consultants, Inc. (ARC) has served as the District's cultural resource consultant since Project inception. Task Order No. 15 is necessary to provide additional funding to continue progress toward satisfying the District's obligations. Task Order No. 15 will include the following tasks:

- Continue Phase 2 testing in potentially significant cultural resource sites where the USACE and THC are requiring additional testing,
- Compiling and analyzing artifacts and data obtained from Phase 2 tests,
- Compile the Phase 2 reports for cultural resource sites when excavation and analysis of artifacts is completed,
- Continue Phase 3 studies of the Flat Prairie Community Sites,
- Continue Phase 3 studies at sites determined eligible by USACE and THC, and
- Providing archaeological monitoring services as required by USACE and THC for certain construction activities.

Staff recommended the Board of Directors authorize proposed Task Order No. 15 with AR Consultants, Inc. for professional services related to Cultural Resource Surveys and Testing for the Lake Ralph Hall Project for a fee not to exceed \$9,766,514.00. **Kimberly Brawner made the motion to approve Agenda Item 16 as presented.** Dave Nelson seconded the motion. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 51 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

| Entity                | Eligible Weighted Votes | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| ARGYLE – Smith        | 1                       | 1   |    |         |        |
| AUBREY – Roberson     | 1                       | 1   |    |         |        |
| BARTONVILLE – Knowler | 1                       | 1   |    |         |        |
| CELINA – Brawner      | 4                       | 4   |    |         |        |

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| 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 – Lusk                | 1         | 1         |  |  |  |
| PONDER – Riggs                    | 1         | 1         |  |  |  |
| PROSPER – Dupont                  | 2         | 2         |  |  |  |
| SANGER – Bolz                     | 1         | 1         |  |  |  |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                     | <b>51</b> | <b>51</b> |  |  |  |

17. 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.

There was no Executive Session required for this meeting.

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

None.

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

None.

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

- Nancy Tam thanked the Board for their support during her 34 years with the District and requested to transition to part-time work so she can spend more time with her family. Her service to the District has been extensive and deeply valued.

- The next scheduled Board Meeting is September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.

22. Adjournment.

There being no further business, President Drescher adjourned the meeting at 2:50 P.M.

Recorded by:

  
Nancy T. Tam, Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors

Certified by:

  
David B. Nelson, Secretary, Board of Directors

