UPPER TRINITY
REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT

MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 3, 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 12:35 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 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
Jim Warren | Bartonville
Kyle Pedigo | Denton (virtual)
Kevin Mercer | DCFWSD #7
Rich Lubke | Highland Village
Nate Winchester | Krum (virtual)
Aaron Russell | Lewisville
Drew Corn | Northlake
Jim Bolz | Sanger
Greg Scott, VP | Justin
Dave Nelson, Secretary | Double Oak
Brian Roberson | Aubrey
Mark Pape | Copper Canyon
Jody Gonzalez | Denton County
Robert Pegg | Flower Mound
Orlando Sanchez | Irving
Mike Fairfield | Lake Cities MUA
Chris Boyd | Mustang SUD
George Dupont | Prosper (virtual)

Absent:

Glenn Barker | Corinth*
Clay Riggs | Ponder*
Britt Lusk | Pilot Point*
* Excused absent

Staff and Advisors in Attendance:

Larry N. Patterson, Executive Director
Nancy Tam, Assistant to Executive Director
Jody Zabolio, Chief Operating Officer
Jason Pierce, Director of Gov. Affairs
Lester Harris, Chief Financial Officer
Melanie Hanna, Controller
Stephanie Noel, Finance & Investment Mgr.
Dustin Wright, Director of IT Services
Marcos Zepeda, Network Systems Admin.
Robert Collins, Bond Counsel
Doug Janeway, LRH Reservoir Manager
Matthew Boyle, Boyle & Lowry
Jan Morris, Chief Administrative Officer
Adam McKnight, Dir. Engineering & Construction
Ronna Hartt, Dir. Water Resources & Planning
Ed Motley, LRH Program Manager
Ben Hodges, Director of Operations
Trey Scott, Budget Manager
Rhys Vanatta, Staff Accountant II
Megan Madden, Staff Accountant I
Rhonda Himley, Assistant to Executive Director

Others in Attendance:

Del Knowler, Former Board Member	Dara Warren, Special Guest
Barbara Knowler, Special Guest	Andre Garces, Plummer Associates
Anthony Samarripas, Kimley-Horn	Paula Monaco, Plummer Associates
Jonathan Shirk, Kennedy Jenks	Allison Hage, Freese and Nichols
Janice Sloan, Kennedy Jenks	Roger Cooley, Wade Trim
Stephanie Wingnest, Pape-Dawson	Chris Bitter, Wade Trim
Philip Wheat, LAN	John Bassler, TCCI
Adam Martin, LAN	

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Del Knowler. The Invocation was delivered by Lyle Dresher.

4. Consider adoption of Resolution of Appreciation for Del Knowler for his distinguished service as a Member of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District Board of Directors.

For 15 years, Del Knowler has served on the Board of Directors representing the Town of Bartonville. The District extends its sincere appreciation for his forward-looking leadership and faithful participation as a Member of the Board.

After Dave Nelson read the resolution, **Greg Scott made the motion to approve the Resolution of Appreciation as presented. Seconded by Brian Roberson.** The *Roll Call Vote* was 20 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent (Barker, Lusk, Riggs). Motion Carried.

5. Oath of Office

President Dresher administered the Oath of Office to the new Board Member representing the Town of Bartonville, Mr. Jim Warren.

6. Opening Remarks:

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

- President Dresher requested everyone keep those in Texas affected by the recent fires and floods in their thoughts and prayers.

George Dupont joined the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

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.

- Drought Monitor shows 57 percent of the State of Texas is now in a drought.

- Customer water demand is much higher than in the past, reaching over 80 MGD with both plants operating at full capacity. Staff are doing an excellent job rallying to the task.

- Texas Water Development Board website offers many water conservation tools, including a residential graphic showing numerous ways for homeowners to save water. Check out TexasWaterNewsroom.org/articles to find more information.

- Special actions taken by several of our members were highlighted including Celina, Ponder, and Argyle Water Supply Corporation.

- A video was presented showing the demolition of the FM 1550 bridge, which is part of the ongoing Lake Ralph Hall Project.

- Additional progress updates on Lake Ralph Hall included the temporary pumping operation, the filling of the balancing reservoirs, and the activation of the delivery point into Irving's Chapman pipeline on September 1st.

- Governor Abbott and the National Cyber Director launched Project Watershed 250 to defend the Texas water supply from cyber-attacks at no cost to water providers.

- Update given on the applications for the TWDB Water Supply Infrastructure Grant Program.

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

None.

7. Visitor Comments Concerning Agenda Topics.

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Rich Lubke made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 8 through 12 as presented. Seconded by Brian Roberson. The *Roll Call Vote* was 20 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent (Barker, Lusk, Riggs). Motion carried. The approved Consent Agenda items were:

8. Adopt Minutes of August 6, 2026, Board Meeting.

9. Accept monthly Management Report for the period ending July 31, 2026.

10. Consider adopting Personnel Policy related to Employee No Call / No Show.

11. Receive report of construction change orders approved by staff.

12. Consider appointment of Trustees for Place 1 and Place 5 on the Board of Trustees for the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust.

Melanie Hanna introduced District's new Staff Accountant, Megan Madden, to the Board.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

13. Consider acceptance of recommendation by Staff and concurrence of the Audit Committee to select the independent Auditor for a 3-year term, subject to approval of an annual engagement letter, and authorize the Executive Director to sign an Engagement Letter with Deloitte and Touche, LLP, the selected Auditor to conduct the District's FY 2026 annual financial audit.

George Dupont asked for clarification on the yearly audit fee increase. According to staff, compared to 3 years ago, the District has become significantly more complex to audit. The value of the District's assets, as well as the size and number of financial transactions, makes the District more costly for any firm to conduct an audit.

The Audit Committee and staff recommended retaining Deloitte and Touche, LLP for a 3-year term, subject to approval of an annual Engagement Letter; also recommend that the Boad of Directors authorize the Executive Director to sign an Engagement Letter to conduct the District's FY 2026 annual financial audit. **Chris Boyd made the motion to approve Agenda Item 13 as presented**. **Seconded by Drew Corn**. The *Roll Call Vote* was 20 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent (Barker, Lusk, Riggs). Motion carried.

14. Consider adoption of FY 2027 Rates for Services provided by the District:

A. Wholesale Rates for the Regional Treated Water System
B. Wholesale Rates for the Lakeview Regional Water Reclamation System
C. Wholesale Rates for the Northeast Regional Water Reclamation System
D. Wholesale Rates for the Peninsula Water Reclamation Plant
E. Wholesale Rates for the Non-Potable Water Service
F. Rates for Collection of Household Hazardous Waste
G. Administrative/Planning and Growth Program Fees (Approved by Budget Adoption)

FY 2027 Preliminary Rates / Charges presented to the Board in June 2026 have not changed and yield the following Rate Impacts:

Admin – Membership Fee	0.00%
Regional Treated Water System	5.25%
Lakeview Water Reclamation System	3.50%
Northeast Water Reclamation System	3.50%
Peninsula Water Reclamation Plant	0.00%
Non-Potable Water System	1.59%
Household Hazardous Waste	12.24%

Staff recommended the Board of Directors approve Resolutions 2026-18 through 2026-23 that authorizes the Proposed Rates and Charges for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. **Rich Lubke made the motion to approve Item 14 as presented**. **Seconded by Mike Fairfield**. The *Roll Call Vote* was 20 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent (Barker, Lusk, Riggs). Motion carried.

15. Consider adoption of Budgets for Fiscal Year 2026-2027:

A. Operating Budgets
B. Capital Improvement Budgets
C. Budget for Upper Trinity Conservation Trust

Staff recommended that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2026-24 that authorizes the Proposed Operating and CIP Budgets for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. **Jim Bolz made the motion to approve the Items 15 A-C as presented**. **Seconded by Greg Scott**. The *Roll Call Vote* was 20 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent (Barker, Lusk, Riggs). Motion carried.

Lester Harris introduced District's Budget Manager, Trey Scott, to the Board.

16. Presentation of 5-Year Rate Forecast for the Regional Treated Water System (RTWS).

Lester Harris provided the 5-Year rate forecast to the Board. As with any forecast, results may or may not be realized as numerous assumptions and related results can be affected by any number of things, ranging from regulatory mandates and environmental conditions (drought) to economic changes (recessions). However, based on District's current evaluation, the five-year forecast appears to show a blended rate impact of 5.90%. This is an informational item only; no Board action required.

17. Financing Agreements with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB): **(Weighted Capital Vote)**

A. Consider approval of a Financing Agreement with the TWDB under the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) Program for the Regional Treated Water System – Board Participation for the Taylor Plant Expansion Project.

FY 2023 and FY 2025, the TWDB commitments for the Taylor Plant Expansion were $76.255 Million and $60.580 Million respectively. The commitments for FY 2026 total $21.215 Million. The associated Master Agreement is anticipated for approval at the November meeting. This is the final amount from both FY 2023 and FY 2025 commitments.

Drew Corn made the motion to approve Item 17A as presented. **Seconded by Brian Roberson**. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 47 Yes, 0 No, 5 Absent (Barker, Lusk, Riggs). Motion carried.

Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – Smith	1	1			
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Warren	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	5	5			
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			
TOTAL:	**52**	**47**			**5**

B. Consider approval of a Financing Agreement with the TWDB under the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) Program for the Regional Treated Water System – Board Participation for the Northeast Pipeline Project.

FY 2021, FY 2023, FY 2024 and FY 2026, the TWDB commitments for the NE Pipeline are $29.115 Million, $40.785 Million and $184 Million. The Total for FY 2026 is $26.44 Million. The associated Master Agreement is anticipated for approval at the November meeting. The remaining FY 2026 commitment ($169 Million) set for FY 2027 - FY 2030.

Dave Nelson made the motion to approve Item 17B as presented. **Seconded by Jim Bolz**. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 47 Yes, 0 No, 5 Absent (Barker, Lusk, Riggs). Motion carried.

Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – Smith	1	1			
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Warren	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	5	5			
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			
TOTAL:	**52**	**47**			**5**

C. Consider approval of a Financing Agreement with the TWDB under the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) Program for the Regional Treated Water System – Board Participation for the Harpool Plant Expansion Project.

FY 2024, TWDB commitment for the Harpool Plant Expansion is $162 Million. Commitment for FY 2026 is $40 Million. The associated Master Agreement is anticipated for approval at the November meeting. Remaining commitment ($42 Million) set for FY 2027 and FY 2028.

Greg Scott made the motion to approve Item 17C as presented. Seconded by Kimberly Brawner. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 47 Yes, 0 No, 5 Absent (Barker, Lusk, Riggs). Motion carried.

Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – Smith	1	1			
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Warren	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	5	5			
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			
TOTAL:	**52**	**47**			**5**

18. 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, 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.

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

None.

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

None.

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

The next scheduled Board Meeting is October 1st, 2026.

22. Visitor Comments Concerning Non-Agenda Topics.

Rich Lubke gave an update on former Board President Johnny Harris. He had a fall recently and now heals well, expects to be released from the Rehab Center soon.

Greg Scott provided information on the upcoming Denton County 4th Annual Emergency Preparedness Event being held on September 12th.

23. Adjournment.

There being no further business, President Dresher adjourned the meeting at 1:54 P.M.

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

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