UPPER TRINITY
REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT

MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 1, 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 12:43 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 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
Jim Warren | Bartonville
Glenn Barker | Corinth
Jody Gonzalez | Denton County
Robert Pegg | Flower Mound
Orlando Sanchez | Irving (virtual)
Mike Fairfield | Lake Cities MUA
Chris Boyd | Mustang SUD
Britt Lusk | Pilot Point
George Dupont | Prosper (virtual)
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 (virtual)
Aaron Russell | Lewisville
Drew Corn | Northlake
Clay Riggs | Ponder

Absent:

Matt Smith, Argyle*
Jim Bolz | Sanger*
Dave Nelson, Secretary | Double Oak*
* Excused absence

Staff and Advisors in Attendance:

Larry N. Patterson, Executive Director
Jody Zabolio, Chief Operating Officer
Kurt Staller, District Engineer
Jason Pierce, Director of Gov. Affairs
Lester Harris, Chief Financial Officer
Stephanie Noel, Finance & Investment Mgr.
Doug Janeway, LRH Reservoir Manager
Dustin Wright, Director of IT Services
Marcos Zepeda, Network Systems Admin.
Matthew Boyle, Boyle & Lowry
Nancy Tam, Assistant to Executive Director
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
Gage Guffy, Professional Engineer
Rhonda Himley, Assistant to Executive Director

Others in Attendance:

Chad Simmons, Freese & Nichols
Adam Martin, LAN
Anthony Samarripas, Kimley-Horn
Bobby Johnston, City of Justin (virtual)
Andre Garces, Plummer Associates
Paula Monaco, Plummer Associates
Sri Dinakaran, HYJ Associates

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Drew Corn. The Invocation was delivered by Lyle Dresher.

4. Opening Remarks:

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

- As the new fiscal year begins, a number of major projects are underway, notably the continued Lake Ralph Hall activities to complete facilities to transport water to District's treatment facilities.
- Members were encouraged to review this month's Board Memorandum, which includes updates on Upper Trinity's latest achievements and staff anniversaries.

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 84 percent of the State of Texas is now in a drought, compared to 22 percent a year ago.
- The Treated Water Demand chart shows the average daily treated water volume for Fiscal Year 2026 was 50.5 MG. The District produced more water than ever before.
- Board Members were asked to cast their votes on the nomination of Lake Ralph Hall's Raw Water Pump Station for the Construction Management Association of America's Project Achievement Award.
- Upper Trinity announced job openings for two reservoir operator roles to support operations at Lake Ralph Hall.
- A video highlighting the new Ladonia Fossil Park constructed by Upper Trinity was shown to the Board. Staff plans to participate in the National Fossil Day event at the fossil park on October 17th.
- Upper Trinity and Mustang Special Utility District plan to participate in the City of Oak Point's 50th Anniversary celebration.
- Adam McKnight, Director of Engineering and Construction, gave the Board an update on an emergency 24-inch water pipeline repair near the Town of Copper Canyon.

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

Rich Lubke made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 6 through 8 as presented. Seconded by Clay Riggs. The *Roll Call Vote* was 20 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent (Smith, Nelson, Bolz). Motion carried. The approved Consent Agenda items were:

6. Adopt Minutes of September 3, 2026, Board Meeting.

7. Accept monthly Management Report for the period ending August 31, 2026.

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

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

9. Consider appointment of Assistant Secretary to the Board of Directors.

A nomination was made for Rhonda Himley to succeed the retiring Assistant Secretary to the Board, Nancy Tam, after her more than 34 years of service. The Assistant Secretary to the Board is responsible for creating and posting Board Meeting Agendas, preparing and distributing Board Meeting Packets for Board Members' review, preparing Board Meeting Minutes, Management of Records, including District Contracts, Resolutions and Minutes, etc.

Staff recommended the Board approve the appointment of a new Assistant Secretary, Rhonda Himley, to the Board. **Clay Riggs made the motion to approve Agenda Item 9 as presented. Seconded by Nate Winchester**. The *Roll Call Vote* was 20 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent (Smith, Nelson, Bolz). Motion carried.

10. Engineering Contracts and Task Orders:

A. Consider approval of Task Order No. 5 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for engineering services related to coordination, design, bidding and construction for facility modifications resulting from TxDOT widening of FM 2931.

Task Order No. 5 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. includes engineering services for continued coordination with TxDOT, final design, and bid and construction phase services required to design and construct the necessary improvements for the FM 2931 TxDOT Widening Project.

Staff recommended the Board of Directors approve Task Order No. 5 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of $360,213.00. **Drew Corn made the motion**

to approve Item 10A as presented. **Seconded by Greg Scott**. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 50 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent (Smith, Nelson, Bolz). Motion carried.

Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – Smith	1				1
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Warren	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	6	6			
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:	**53**	**50**			**3**

B. Consider approval of Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 5 with HDR Engineers, Inc. for engineering services related to additional effort during construction for the Southwest Pump Station, Phase I Project.

HDR has continued to provide services during construction of the Project but due to the delays has exhausted the funds approved in Task Order 5. Additional funding is required to continue receiving engineering services during construction to complete the Project.

Staff recommended the Board of Directors approve Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 5 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of $282,300 for engineering services related to additional construction effort for the Southwest Pump Station Project. **Kimberly Brawner made the motion to approve Item 10B as presented**. **Seconded by Glenn Barker**. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 50 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent (Smith, Nelson, Bolz). Motion carried.

Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – Smith	1				1
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Warren	1	1			

CELINA – Brawner	6	6			
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:	**53**	**50**			**3**

11. Lake Ralph Hall Agenda Items:

A. Consider approval of Task Order No. 9 to an existing contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for design and construction management and monitoring support for the Leon Hurse Dam, Lake Ralph Hall Administration Office and Visitor Center, North Sulphur River Channel Improvements, and Warehouse Structure.

Task Order No. 9 includes construction management for the Leon Hurse Dam through July 2027, and the Administration Office and Visitor Center, Warehouse, and Downstream North Sulphur River Channel Improvements through September 2027, bid documents and construction phase services for modification of valves and gates at the Leon Hurse Dam, and professional engineering and survey services for two years of dam monitoring as required by TCEQ.

Staff recommended the Board of Directors approve Task Order No. 9 with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for design, construction management, and monitoring support for the Leon Hurse Dam, Lake Ralph Hall Administration Office and Visitor Center, North Sulphur River Channel Improvements, and Warehouse Structure for a fee not to exceed $3,517,845.

Greg Scott made the motion to approve Item 11A as presented. Seconded by Glenn Barker. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 50 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent (Smith, Nelson, Bolz). Motion carried.

Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – Smith	1				1
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Warren	1	1			

CELINA – Brawner	6	6			
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:	**53**	**50**			**3**

B. Consider Resolution authorizing acceptance of completed work, and release of retainage for Work Package Nos. 2, 4, and 5 for the Lake Ralph Hall Pipeline, Balancing Reservoir, and Delivery Point Construction Manager at Risk Contract with Garney Companies, Inc.

All work associated with Work Package Nos. 2, 4, and 5 has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, except for minor punch list items.

Staff recommended the Board of Directors approve a Resolution for acceptance of the Construction Manager at Risk Contract Work Package Nos. 2, 4, and 5 for the Lake Ralph Hall Pipeline, Balancing Reservoir, and Delivery Point with Garney Companies, Inc. and authorize final payment of $4,062,754.28, pending completion of minor punch list items. **Drew Corn made the motion to approve Item 11B as presented. Seconded by Rich Lubke**. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 50 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent (Smith, Nelson, Bolz). Motion carried.

Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – Smith	1				1
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			
BARTONVILLE – Warren	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	6	6			
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:	**53**	**50**			**3**

President Dresher called for a five-minute break before convening Executive Session.

12. 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.

    The Executive Session began at 1:41 p.m.

Kyle Pedigo left the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Mark Pape left the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

    The Board returned to open session at 2:37 p.m.

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

    In Executive Session, the Board of Directors discussed the property acquisition related to a Lake Ralph Hall terminal storage facility. **Gregg Scott made the motion to direct the Executive Director to bring these matters back to the Board for consideration of the final resolution**. Seconded by Clay Riggs. The *Weighted Capital Vote* was 48 Yes, 0 No, 5 Absent (Smith, Pedigo, Nelson, Bolz). Motion carried.

Entity	Eligible Weighted Votes	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
ARGYLE – Smith	1				1
AUBREY – Roberson	1	1			

BARTONVILLE – Warren	1	1			
CELINA – Brawner	6	6			
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:	**53**	**48**			**5**

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

None.

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

- The next Board Meeting is scheduled for November 5th, 2026.
- Board members were invited to participate in the District's annual Health Fair scheduled for October 16, 2026.

16. Visitor Comments Concerning Non-Agenda Topics.

None.

17. Adjournment.

There being no further business, President Dresher adjourned the meeting at 2:40 P.M.

Recorded by: Rhonda Himley
Rhonda Himley, Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors

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