



**NOTICE OF THE SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
A REGULAR SRBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.
AT THE MOUNT PLEASANT CIVIC CENTER, 1800 NORTH JEFFERSON STREET
MOUNT PLEASANT, TEXAS
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

Notice is hereby given per the Texas Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that the Board of Directors of the Sulphur River Basin Authority will conduct a meeting open to the public, on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., at the Mount Pleasant Civic Center, 1800 North Jefferson Street, Mount Pleasant, Texas.

The Board of Directors may discuss, consider, and take all necessary action, including possible expenditure of funds, regarding any of the items below. The Board of Directors is authorized by The Texas Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, to convene in a closed executive session for certain purposes at any time to discuss items on the board meeting agenda. These purposes include receiving legal advice from its Attorney (Section 551.071); discussing real property matter (Section 551.072); discussing gifts and donations (Section 551.073); discussing personnel matter (Section 551.074); discussing security personnel or devices (Section 551.076); or discussing economic development matter (Section 551.087). If the Board of Directors makes a determination to go into closed executive session on any item on this agenda, the Presiding Officer, will announce that a closed executive session will be held and will identify the item to be discussed and provision of The Open Meeting Act that authorizes the closed executive session.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Invocation.**
- 3. Roll Call and Announcement of Quorum.**
- 4. Public Comments.**

Public comments will be accepted only during designated portions of the Board meeting. If a member of the public inquires about an item that is not on the agenda, the Board may not deliberate or discuss the topic except to provide brief factual information or direct the Executive Director to place the topic on a future agenda. At the presiding officer's discretion, speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes to facilitate the opportunity to comment by all those so interested and to support the orderly flow of the meeting.

- 5. Consent Agenda Items**

The Consent Agenda allows the Board of Directors to approve all routine, noncontroversial items with a single motion, without the need for discussion by the entire Board. Any item may be removed from consent and considered individually upon request of a Board member or Authority staff, or at the request of a member of the public.

(A) Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on the Minutes for January 23, 2023.

(B) Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on the Monthly Expenditure Reports.

- 6. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Adopting Amended and Updated Authority Code of Ethics, Travel, Professional Services, and Management Information Policies and Approving SRBA Board Resolution R2202024-01.**
- 7. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Confirming Director Fees for Office and Approving SRBA Board Resolution R2202024-02.**
- 8. Updates on the Clean Rivers Program (Randy Rushin-Water Monitoring Solutions).**

- 9. Regional Entities Reports:**
 - (A) Funding Partners**
 - (B) Riverbend Water Resources District**
 - (C) Region D Water Planning Group**
 - (D) Region 2 Flood Planning Group**
- 10. Reports and Updates from Executive Director:**
 - (A) Appointment of Authority Board Chair and Appointment or Re-Appointment of Open/Expired Terms.**
 - (B) Marvin Nichols Reservoir and Lake Wright Patman Reallocation Yield Update, Final Version.**
 - (C) Funding Partners, Titus County Fresh Water Supply District #1.**
 - (D) Funding Partner Annual Report.**
 - (E) TCEQ Stakeholder Meeting to Gather Input on Effects of Solar, Wind and Energy Equipment (SB1290)**
 - (F) Texas Water Conservation Association Regional Districts and Authorities Meeting.**
 - (i) Interacting with Local Legislative Delegations**
 - (ii) TCEQ Management Audits**
 - (iii) Cybersecurity/Generative AI Acceptable Use Guidelines**
 - (iv) Sunset River Authority Consistency Review**
 - (v) Jeff Walker, Executive Administrator – TWDB**
 - (G) Texas Ethics Commission - Personal Financial Statement**
 - (H) AWWA Sedimentation Article**
- 11. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on New Business to be Placed on a Future Meeting Agenda.**
- 12. Announcements from the Chairman/Board and/or Staff.**
- 13. Adjournment.**

 Sulphur River Basin Authority is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call David Weidman, Executive Director, at (903) 223-7887 for information.

**SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
TITUS COUNTY CIVIC CENTER
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Wallace Kraft, Vice President
Kirby Hollingsworth, Director
Emily Glass, Director
Reeves Hayter, Director

STAFF: David Weidman, Executive Director
Christi McIntosh, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT: Directors Kelly Mitchell and Gary Cheatwood

VISITORS: None

ITEM# 1: Call to Order:

Wallace Kraft, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ITEM# 2: Invocation:

The Invocation was given by Director Reeves Hayter.

ITEM# 3: Roll Call and Announcement of Quorum:

Directors Kirby Hollingsworth, Emily Glass, Reeves Hayter, and Vice President Wallace Kraft, in attendance, a quorum was present.

ITEM# 4: Public Comments:

None

ITEM# 5: Consent Agenda Items:

(A). Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the Minutes for November 21, 2023:

(B). Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on the Monthly Expenditure Reports:

A motion was made by Director Glass and seconded by Director Hayter to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

November 21, 2023 Minutes and Expenditure Reports are attached.

ITEM# 6: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action Regarding Approval on Adopting Amended and Updated Authority Bylaws and Approving SRBA Board Resolution R1232024-01.

A motion was made by Director Hollingsworth and seconded by Director Glass to approve the Bylaws as presented and adopt Resolution R1232024-01.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

Copy of Resolution R12312024-01 is attached.

ITEM# 7: Consideration, and Discussion on Removing Nancy Rose and Adding Directors and Executive Director to Authority Bank Accounts and Approving SRBA Board Resolution R1232024-02.

A motion was made by Director Hayter and seconded by Director Glass to Approve Agenda Item number seven and SRBA Board Resolution R1232024-02.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

Copy of Resolution R1232024-02 is attached.

ITEM# 8: Updates on the Clean Rivers Program (Randy Rushin-Water Monitoring Solutions).

No updates were given.

ITEM# 9: Regional Entities Reports:

(A) Riverbend Water Resources District – No report

(B) Region D Water Planning Group- No report

(C) Region 2 Flood Planning Group- Report provided by Director Hayter. The Region 2 flood planning group met on Dec. 7th in Mount Pleasant. They have completed round 1 of their plan. TWDB accepted the plan in January and will present it to their Board in March. TWDB have started issuing contracts for the second round of planning. The Planning Group retained the Ark-Tex Council of Governments as their administrative agency for the upcoming second round of planning. TWDB has allocated \$2,078,400 for the next 5-year planning cycle, and ATCOG is preparing an application due February 22nd for that funding. They are still seeking applications to fill the voting position representing agriculture. Their next meeting will be February 1st.

(D) Funding Partners-No report

ITEM# 10: Reports and Updates from Executive Director:

(A) Resignation of Chairman James Chris Spencer. The Executive Director stated that no action was required by the Board. Chairman Spencer resigned to run for the Texas House of Representatives.

(B) Texas Water Development Board Public Input Period: Marvin Nichols Reservoir Feasibility Review. The Executive Director presented the final version of the project partners' comments to TWDB on the feasibility of Marvin Nichols. The letter to TWDB with attachments is attached.

Director Hollingsworth took this time to address some of the negative comments regarding Marvin Nichols. He stated that one of the comments was that if the land were all acquired, it would deplete all the taxable property value that the region would depend on. He read that taxable property values in Fannin County increased by \$1.1 billion between 2018 and 2021. This increase in taxable property values not only offset any negative impacts to Fannin County but allowed the county to reduce property tax rates in 2021 and 2022. (regarding the newly completed Bois d'Arc Lake) He stated that 85% of Marvin Nichols would be in Red River County, which has double the tax rate of its neighboring Lamar County. He said that if he were a small businessperson looking for a home, he would be looking at Lamar County rather than Red River County because the tax punishment would be double in that county due to the fact that there is basically no tax base there. He said that the number one private employer for the City of Texarkana is Lowes Distribution Center in Mount Vernon, Texas more than forty miles away. He stated that there are a lot of negative

comments made, but this is a positive point. He also stated that 94.5% of the land was acquired through willing sellers. (Bois d'Arc Lake)

The Executive Director provided an article from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, which was included in the packet, that anticipates the growth of the D/FW metroplex area to be the most populated area in the country by the year 2100.

There was discussion by some Board members about attending future meetings of NTMWD and the other funding partners to take a stance on the Marvin Nichols project and how it could help with that anticipated population growth.

The Executive Director reported we are in our new office located in Mount Pleasant. He stated that the Texarkana office had been released back to the landlord. He also advised that appropriate documents have been shredded so that those documents did not have to be moved and then destroyed. He stated that we are working on organizing the office and provided the new address to the Board, with the telephone number remaining the same.

The Executive Director advised how Board Fees would be paid going forward. He advised that a reimbursement form would be executed by the Director and that the fees would be paid from that. This would help eliminate voided checks from absentees or ride-sharing.

The Board also received an information sheet to fill out so that their personal information could be updated and a mileage sheet for verification purposes.

The Board was provided login and password credentials for accessing a cloud folder called Director Share, created by the Executive Director as a collective resource for the directors to access information. The file may contain reports and larger material that may not be sent easily via email, as well as previous board meeting packets, which will allow the Directors to look back on past Board Meetings for information to assist with any questions they may have. The folder is an ongoing developing resource intended to make it easier for directors to access information in order to do their job.

ITEM# 11: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on New Business to be Placed on a Future Meeting Agenda.

ITEM# 12: Announcements from the Chairman/Board and /or Staff.

Director Kirby Hollingsworth spoke about Toledo Bend being a water supply option that some have suggested, but it is not a feasible option as the water would be transported

uphill an extremely long distance. Director Hayter stated that San Antonio is looking to Toledo Bend for their future water needs, and it would be downhill for them and much closer.

Vice President Wally Kraft stated the next meeting will be February 20th.

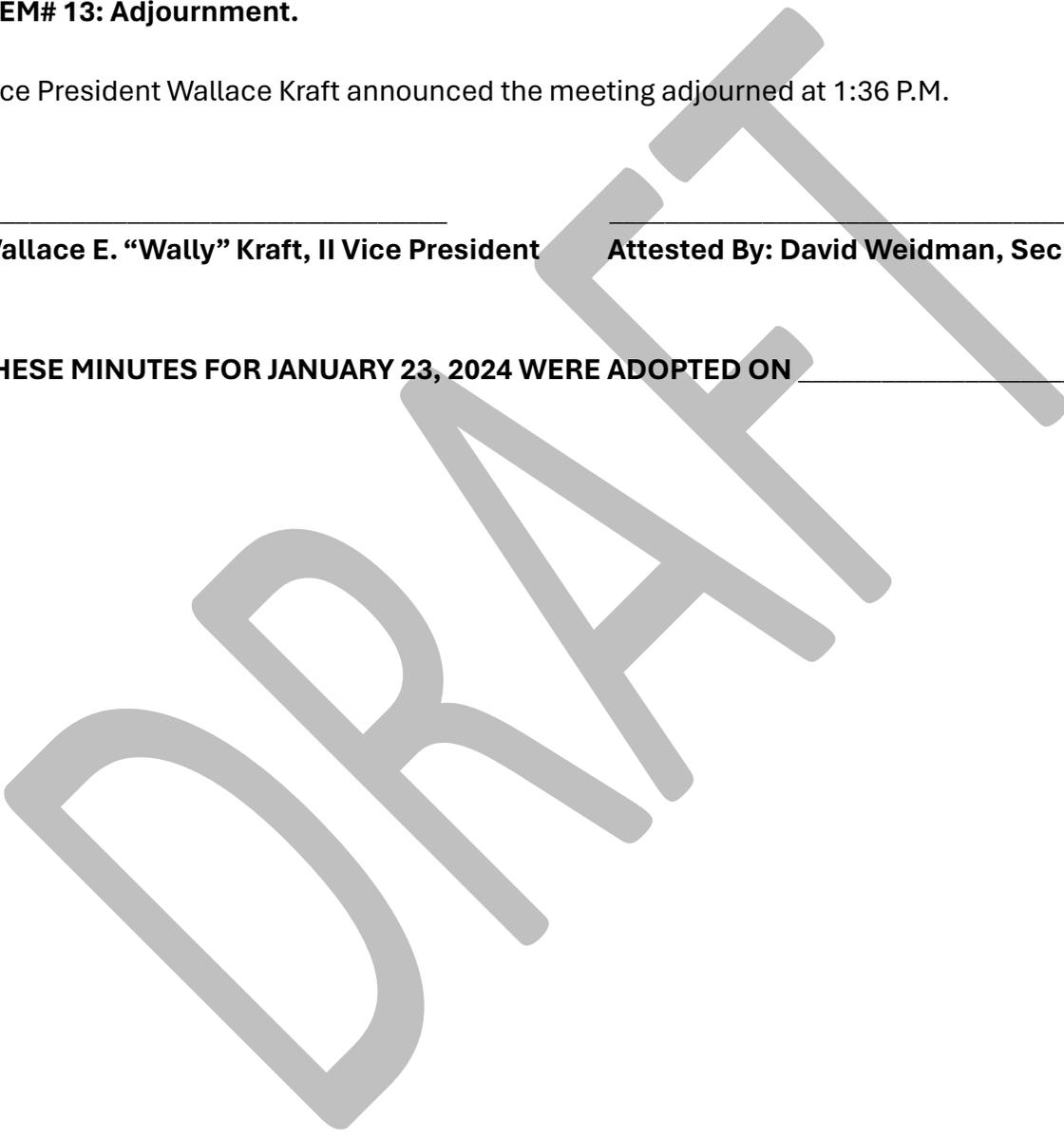
ITEM# 13: Adjournment.

Vice President Wallace Kraft announced the meeting adjourned at 1:36 P.M.

Wallace E. "Wally" Kraft, II Vice President

Attested By: David Weidman, Secretary

THESE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 23, 2024 WERE ADOPTED ON _____.



Sulphur River Basin Authority

Balance Sheet Summary

As of February 13, 2024

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	426,970.59
Other Current Assets	900.00
Total Current Assets	\$427,870.59
TOTAL ASSETS	\$427,870.59
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	1,788.27
Total Current Liabilities	\$1,788.27
Total Liabilities	\$1,788.27
Equity	426,082.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$427,870.59