



**NOTICE OF THE SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
A REGULAR SRBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025, 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 18, 2025, 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 agenda 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 the January 21, 2025, Board Meeting.

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

This item will include a presentation of the Board Meeting Minutes and Monthly Financial Reports. Staff recommends approval.

Action Item: Consider a Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda.

6. Regional Entities Reports:

(A) Funding Partners

(B) Riverbend Water Resources District

(C) Region D Water Planning Group

(D) Region 2 Flood Planning Group

This item will include a discussion and possible action regarding the activities of the above-listed entities.

7. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving Resolution No. R2182025-01 of the Board of Directors of the Sulphur River Basin Authority Adopting a Meal Per Diem for the Executive Director and Amending the Employee Policy Manual.

This item will include discussion and possible action on adopting a policy regarding the Executive Director Meal Per Diem policy.

Action Item: Consider a Motion to approve SRBA Resolution No. R2182025-01.

8. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Amending the Authority's Employee Vacation and Personal Leave Policy.

This item will include discussion and possible action on amending the Authority's Employee Vacation and Personal Leave Policy.

Action Item: Consider a Motion to approve the development of an amended Employee Vacation and Personal Leave policy.

9. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Investment or Reinvestment of \$100,000 Certificate of Deposit.

This item will include discussion and possible action on the placement of \$100,000 in Authority funds from a matured certificate of deposit.

Action Item: Consider a Motion to approve the placement of \$100,000 in Authority funds from a matured certificate of deposit.

10. Updates on the Clean Rivers Program (Randy Rushin-Water Monitoring Solutions).

Prepared in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The preparation of this report was financed in part through funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

This item will include discussion and possible action regarding activities with the Clean Rivers Program.

11. Reports and Updates from Executive Director:

- (A) Governor’s State of the State Address Concerning Water**
- (B) Lieutenant Governor’s Top 40 Priority Bills for 2025 Legislative Session**
- (C) Summary of Chairman Perry’s Water Supply Legislative Package**
- (D) Grant Workshop Update**
- (E) Partner Outreach and Development**
- (F) Rural River Authority Initiative**

This item will include discussion and possible action regarding the above-listed reports and updates.

12. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on New Business to be Placed on a Future Meeting Agenda.

This agenda item will include discussion and possible action on future agenda items.

Action Item: Possible Motion to place items discussed on the agenda of a future meeting.

13. Announcements from the Chairman/Board and/or Staff.

14. Next Regular Meeting

Sulphur River Basin Authority Regular Meeting, March 18, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Mount Pleasant Civic Center, 1800 North Jefferson Street, Mount Pleasant, Texas.

15. 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.



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**SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MOUNT PLEASANT CIVIC CENTER
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Kelly Mitchell, Chairman
Wally Kraft, Vice President
Emily Glass, Director
Reeves Hayter, Director
Kirby Hollingsworth, Director

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

ABSENT: Gary Cheatwood, Director

VISITORS: Kyle Dooley, Rayleigh Derrick, David Orr, Sandy Cash, Gaye Beard, Randy Rushin, Wayne Dial

ITEM# 1: Call to Order:

Chairman, Kelly Mitchell 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:

Chairman Kelly Mitchell, Vice President Wally Kraft, and Directors Kirby Hollingsworth, Emily Glass, and Reeves Hayter were 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 the November 19, 2024, Board Meeting.

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

A motion was made by Director Reeves Hayter and seconded by Vice President Wally Kraft to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

November 19, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes and the Monthly Financial Reports are attached.

ITEM# 6: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the Quarterly Financial Report.

A motion was made by Vice-President Wally Kraft and seconded by Director Reeves Hayter to approve the Quarterly Financial Report as presented.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

The Quarterly Financial Report is attached.

ITEM# 7: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the Quarterly Investment Report.

A motion was made by Director Emily Glass and seconded by Director Kirby Hollingsworth to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as presented.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

The Quarterly Investment Report is attached.

ITEM# 8: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving Additional Vendors to the ACH/Electronic Payment List.

A motion was made by Vice-President Wally Kraft and seconded by Director Emily Glass to Approve the additional vendors on the ACH/Electronic Payment List.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

The ACH/Electronic payment list is attached.

ITEM# 9: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving Amending the Authority's Employee Policy on Sick Leave Benefits and Approved Holidays.

A motion was made by Director Kirby Hollingsworth and seconded by Director Emily Glass to approve amending the Authority's employee policy on sick leave benefits and approved holidays.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

The updated policy is attached.

ITEM# 10: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving Resolution No. R1212025-01 of the Board of Directions of the Sulphur River Basin Authority Adopting a Policy Prohibiting the Use of Certain Social Media Applications.

A motion was made by Director Reeves Hayter and seconded by Vice President Wally Kraft to approve Resolution R1212025-01 adopting a policy prohibiting the use of certain social media applications.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

Resolution No. R1212025-01 is attached.

ITEM# 11: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving Resolution No. 1212025-02 of the Board of Directors of the Sulphur River Basin Authority Setting the Capitalization Limit to \$5,000.00.

A motion was made by Director Reeves Hayter and seconded by Director Emily Glass to approve Resolution No. R1212025-02 setting the capitalization limit to \$5,000.00.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

Resolution No. R1212025-02 is attached.

ITEM# 12: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving Resolution No. R1212025-03 Updating Article 9.1 of the Authority's Bylaws, Authority Address.

A motion was made by Director Reeves Hayter and seconded by Director Kirby Hollingsworth to update the Authority's address in the Bylaws.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

Resolution No. R1212025-03 is attached.

ITEM# 13: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving a Meal Per Diem for the Executive Director While He is Traveling on Authority Business.

No action was taken.

ITEM# 14: Clean Rivers Program Updates (Randy Rushin)- Randy Rushin gave a brief report regarding the Clean Rivers Program. He stated that he has turned in the FY 2026-2027 work plan and budget that sets the number of monitoring stations and reporting cycles. He said that everything that was collected in fiscal year 2024 has been turned in for review to TCEQ. He also stated that the regular quarterly sampling should be done in the next couple of weeks, and the Basin Highlight Report draft is due on February 5, 2025. He stated that the Monitoring and Steering Committee meeting dates have been set towards the end of March.

ITEM # 15: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving Adjustment to the Clean Rivers Program Budget, FY 2026-2027, Concerning Number of Sites Monitored.

A motion was made by Director Reeves Hayter and Seconded by Vice President Wally Kraft to continue to monitor the same number of stations and fund any shortfall in TCEQ reimbursement from the SRBA operating budget.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

ITEM# 16: Regional Entities Reports:

- (A) Funding Partners** – Sandy Cash gave a brief report for Upper Trinity Regional Water District. He stated that in the first week of February that they will be putting the last section of pipeline in the ground for the Lake Ralph Hall project. They are also continuing work on the dam and remain on schedule with the project. To follow progress, go to www.lakeralphhall.com.
- (B) Riverbend Water Resources District** – Kyle Dooley gave a report for Riverbend Water Resources District. He stated that they have a Board meeting January 22, 2025, and one of the items on the agenda is their audit. He said that he is happy to report that they did receive a clean audit. He also stated that they are working on an application for SWIFT Funding for February.
- (C) Region D Water Planning Group** – Kyle Dooley gave a brief report on behalf of Region D Water Planning Group, stating that the next meeting is February 19, 2025.
- (D) Region 2 Flood Planning Group** – Director Reeves Hayter stated that the Flood Planning Group had a workshop planned for January 9, 2025, but due to the new Federal Holiday in memory of President Carter, some of the planned speakers would not be able to attend. The workshop has been rescheduled for March 6, 2025. The Flood Planning Group will not meet in January or February but will meet in Paris for the March meeting.

ITEM# 17: Reports and Updates from Executive Director:

(A) Quarterly Partner Progress Report

The report is attached.

(B) Governor Abbott Press Release Regarding Rio Grande Water

The Article is attached.

(C) Senator Perry Commentary: Now or Never: It's Time to Address Water Scarcity in Texas

The Executive Director stated that Senator Perry is the Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee. His position is important to what we are doing.

The Article is attached.

(D) Dallas Morning News-Collin, Tarrant, and Denton cities bring North Texas to over 8.3 million inhabitants

The Article is attached.

(E) Austin American Statesman-Will Texas have its biggest water session in history

The Article is attached.

(F) Environmental Impacts of Decommissioned Solar, Wind, and Electricity Storage Systems Final Report

The report is available on the share link in the cloud.

(G) TWA Legislative Agenda for the 89th Texas Legislative Session

The agenda is attached.

(H) Dallas Morning News – Marvin Nichols Feasibility Study Article

The article is attached.

(I) Grant Workshop Update

(J) Partner Outreach and Development

(K) Rural River Authority Initiative

Senator Perry has asked to meet with the Rural River Authority Coalition about our initiative.

We are scheduled to meet with him in Austin on January 30, 2025.

The Executive Director provided the following additional handouts: Marvin Nichols Reservoir deemed feasible despite local opposition; Texas has a big water problem. This state lawmaker hope he has the solution; Meet Dustin Burrows, Texas' new House Speaker and one of the most powerful people in the state.

ITEM# 18: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on New Business to be Placed on a Future Meeting Agenda.

Consider updating the Vacation Policy.

Consider providing a per diem for the Executive Director for his meal expenses when traveling.

ITEM# 19: Announcements from the Chairman/Board and/or Staff.

Chairman Kelly Mitchell stated that the Governor's Office is working on the vacancies and should have everything ready in the next two weeks.

ITEM# 20: Next Regular Meeting:

Sulphur River Basin Authority Regular Meeting, February 18, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Mount Pleasant Civic Center, 1800 North Jefferson Street, Mount Pleasant, Texas.

ITEM# 21: Adjournment.

Chairman Kelly Mitchell announced the meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

Kelly Mitchell, Chairman

Attested By: David Weidman, Secretary

THESE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 21, 2025, WERE ADOPTED ON _____.

Sulphur River Basin Authority

Checking-Guaranty, Period Ending 01/31/2025

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 02/10/2025

Reconciled by: Kathy Williams

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance.....	44,553.30
Interest earned.....	18.62
Checks and payments cleared (22).....	-134,947.91
Deposits and other credits cleared (5).....	211,957.81
Statement ending balance.....	<u>121,581.82</u>

Uncleared transactions as of 01/31/2025.....	-7,260.00
Register balance as of 01/31/2025.....	114,321.82
Cleared transactions after 01/31/2025.....	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 01/31/2025.....	-84,982.18
Register balance as of 02/10/2025.....	29,339.64

Details

Checks and payments cleared (22)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
12/19/2024	Bill Payment	9568	Nueces River	-6,348.36
12/19/2024	Bill Payment	9570	Wilf & Henderson, P.C.	-5,000.00
12/19/2024	Bill Payment	9571	Belinda C McIntosh	-17.03
12/19/2024	Bill Payment	9572	Integrated Data Service	-2,400.00
12/19/2024	Bill Payment	9573	Sledge Law Group PLLC	-302.50
01/06/2025	Bill Payment	DC	Music Mountain Spring Water	-24.94
01/10/2025	Payroll Check	DD	Christi McIntosh	-946.10
01/10/2025	Payroll Check	DD	David I. Weidman	-2,676.73
01/10/2025	Tax Payment		QuickBooks Payroll	-1,117.11
01/14/2025	Bill Payment	ACH	AT&T Mobility	-104.86
01/14/2025	Bill Payment	ACH	Nextiva, Inc.	-82.39
01/15/2025	Expense	DC	Texas Water Conservation As...	-525.00
01/22/2025	Transfer			-107,444.15
01/23/2025	Bill Payment	DD	Emily Glass	-106.00
01/23/2025	Bill Payment	DD	Kelly Mitchell	-136.80
01/23/2025	Bill Payment	DD	Kirby Hollingsworth	-80.80
01/24/2025	Payroll Check	DD	Christi McIntosh	-911.10
01/24/2025	Tax Payment		QuickBooks Payroll	-1,117.09
01/24/2025	Payroll Check	DD	David I. Weidman	-2,676.74
01/27/2025	Bill Payment	9577	Edward Jones	-584.14
01/29/2025	Expense		Amazon	-48.70
01/31/2025	Bill Payment	ACH	Blue Cross and Blue Shield	-2,297.37

Total -134,947.91

Deposits and other credits cleared (5)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
01/15/2025	Receive Payment		Franklin County Treasurer	8,000.00
01/17/2025	Transfer			107,444.15
01/22/2025	Receive Payment		City of Talco, Texas	1,000.00
01/29/2025	Receive Payment		TCEQ	28,847.00
01/29/2025	Receive Payment		Upper Trinity Regional Water ...	66,666.66

Total 211,957.81

Additional Information

Uncleared checks and payments as of 01/31/2025

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
01/16/2025	Bill Payment	9575	Network Technologies	-1,999.50
01/16/2025	Bill Payment	9576	Network Technologies	-2,062.50
01/27/2025	Bill Payment	9580	Sledge Law Group PLLC	-3,028.00
01/27/2025	Bill Payment	9578	Reeves Hayter	-50.00
01/27/2025	Bill Payment	9579	Wally Kraft	-120.00
Total				-7,260.00

Uncleared checks and payments after 01/31/2025

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
02/04/2025	Transfer			-80,000.00
02/05/2025	Bill Payment	To print	Music Mountain Spring Water	-14.69
02/06/2025	Bill Payment	DD	Kathy Williams	-277.61
02/07/2025	Payroll Check	DD	Christi McIntosh	-898.87
02/07/2025	Payroll Check	DD	David I. Weidman	-2,676.72
02/07/2025	Tax Payment		QuickBooks Payroll	-1,114.29
Total				-84,982.18

Sulphur River Basin Authority

TexPool, Period Ending 01/31/2025

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 02/10/2025

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USD

Statement beginning balance.....	383,947.58
Interest earned.....	1,523.00
Checks and payments cleared (3).....	-23,973.12
Deposits and other credits cleared (1).....	107,444.15
Statement ending balance.....	<u>468,941.61</u>

Register balance as of 01/31/2025.....	468,941.61
Cleared transactions after 01/31/2025.....	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 01/31/2025.....	80,000.00
Register balance as of 02/10/2025.....	<u>548,941.61</u>

Details

Checks and payments cleared (3)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
01/22/2025	Bill Payment	ACH	Water Monitoring Solutions	-23,060.00
01/22/2025	Bill Payment	ACH	Ashley Office System	-13.12
01/27/2025	Bill Payment	ACH	Titus County	-900.00
Total				-23,973.12

Deposits and other credits cleared (1)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
01/22/2025	Transfer			107,444.15
Total				107,444.15

Additional Information

Uncleared deposits and other credits after 01/31/2025

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
02/04/2025	Transfer			80,000.00
Total				80,000.00



Monthly Financial Report

Sulphur River Basin Authority
For the period ended January 31, 2025

Prepared by
David Weidman, Executive Director

Prepared on
February 10, 2025

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Balance Sheet

As of January 31, 2025

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking-Guaranty	114,321.82
TexPool	468,941.61
Total Bank Accounts	583,263.43
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	25,000.00
Total Accounts Receivable	25,000.00
Other Current Assets	
Other Current Asset	
Firewall License	390.27
Mt Pleasant Civic Center	2,000.00
Network Technologies	1,832.87
Prepaid Web Services	2,200.00
TWCA Legislative Monitoring	1,246.86
Total Other Current Asset	7,670.00
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Total Current Assets	615,933.43
TOTAL ASSETS	\$615,933.43
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	292.30
Total Accounts Payable	292.30
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	
TX Unemployment Tax	117.42
Total Payroll Liabilities	117.42
Total Other Current Liabilities	117.42
Total Current Liabilities	409.72
Total Liabilities	409.72
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	345,044.11
Unrestricted Net Assets	64,169.58
Net Income	206,310.02
Total Equity	615,523.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$615,933.43

Profit and Loss by Class

September 2024 - January 2025

	Clean Rivers Program	Maintenance and Operating	TOTAL
INCOME			
Interest Income			0.00
Guaranty Bank and Trust		1,741.54	1,741.54
TexPool		5,173.37	5,173.37
Total Interest Income		6,914.91	6,914.91
Partner Contributions		313,999.98	313,999.98
TCEQ Reimbursement	28,847.00		28,847.00
Total Income	28,847.00	320,914.89	349,761.89
GROSS PROFIT	28,847.00	320,914.89	349,761.89
EXPENSES			
Board Meeting Venue		933.36	933.36
Clean Rivers Program			0.00
Consultant	23,060.00		23,060.00
Lab	5,787.00		5,787.00
Total Clean Rivers Program	28,847.00		28,847.00
Director's Fees		1,250.50	1,250.50
Employee Benefits			0.00
Employee Health Insurance		11,486.85	11,486.85
Employee Life Insurance		106.06	106.06
Total Employee Benefits		11,592.91	11,592.91
Employee Bonds		114.82	114.82
Information Technology			0.00
Equipment and Supplies		143.86	143.86
Information Technology Services		330.00	330.00
Website		9,497.50	9,497.50
Total Information Technology		9,971.36	9,971.36
Legislative Outreach		6,348.36	6,348.36
Mileage			0.00
Administration		882.29	882.29
Director		1,264.90	1,264.90
Total Mileage		2,147.19	2,147.19
Office Expense			0.00
Cellular Telephone		524.26	524.26
Copier		165.11	165.11
Miscellaneous Office Expense		419.95	419.95
Office Supplies		252.17	252.17
Office Telephone		411.82	411.82
Postage		39.20	39.20

	Clean Rivers Program	Maintenance and Operating	TOTAL
Total Office Expense		1,812.51	1,812.51
Office Rental		4,500.00	4,500.00
Payroll Expenses			0.00
Company Contributions			0.00
Retirement		1,473.71	1,473.71
Total Company Contributions		1,473.71	1,473.71
Taxes		3,875.20	3,875.20
Wages		49,121.44	49,121.44
Total Payroll Expenses		54,470.35	54,470.35
Professional Services			0.00
Audit		10,000.00	10,000.00
Bookkeeping		511.50	511.50
Legal		6,101.50	6,101.50
Total Professional Services		16,613.00	16,613.00
Reimbursements		175.00	175.00
Special Projects		635.00	635.00
Subscription			0.00
Firewall-Sophos		278.45	278.45
Legislative Monitoring		296.58	296.58
NextCloud Business		833.09	833.09
Quick Books		604.30	604.30
Total Subscription		2,012.42	2,012.42
Travel and Training			0.00
Training and CEU		975.00	975.00
Travel Expense		1,053.09	1,053.09
Total Travel and Training		2,028.09	2,028.09
Total Expenses	28,847.00	114,604.87	143,451.87
NET OPERATING INCOME	0.00	206,310.02	206,310.02
NET INCOME	\$0.00	\$206,310.02	\$206,310.02

Open Invoices Report

CUSTOMER	DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	TERMS	DUE DATE	OPEN BALANCE
City of Sulphur Springs						
City of Sulphur Springs	11/06/2024	Invoice	21	Net 30	12/06/2024	\$25,000.00
Total for City of Sulphur Springs						\$25,000.00
						\$25,000.00



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OF THE SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY
ADOPTING A MEAL PER DIEM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AND AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE POLICY MANUAL**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Sulphur River Basin Authority (the “Authority”) is a conservation and reclamation district created by the 69th Texas Legislature under the authority of Section 59, Article XVI, of the Texas Constitution, and in accordance with Chapter 49 of the Texas Water Code by the Act of May 28, 1985, 69th Leg., 1st C.S., ch. 3, 1985 Tex. Gen. Laws 3798, codified at TEX. SPEC. DIST. LOC. LAWS CODE ANN. ch. 8508, as amended (the “Act”);

WHEREAS, the Authority is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and a body politic and corporate. The Authority was created to serve a public use and benefit, and is essential to accomplish the objectives set forth in § 59, Article XVI, of the Texas Constitution. The Authority’s territory is as described in Sec. 8508.0006 of the Act;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Authority has adopted, in writing, an Employee Policy Manual for the Authority, which provides important information concerning conditions, policies, guidelines, rules, benefits, and procedures of employment for all employees of the Authority;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Authority has determined that amendments to the Employee Policy Manual are necessary in order to establish a meal per diem for the Authority’s Executive Director while he is traveling on Authority business;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that a meal per diem in the amount of \$150.00 per day is appropriate for the Executive Director while traveling on Authority business;

WHEREAS, the Board of the Authority met in a public meeting, noticed properly in accordance with applicable law, and considered adoption of a meal per diem for the Executive Director, as incorporated into the attached amended Employee Policy Manual, and approval of this resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board of Directors of the Sulphur River Basin Authority hereby adopts a meal per diem for the Executive Director of the Authority in the amount of \$150.00 per day while traveling on Authority business.
3. The Board of Directors hereby adopts the attached amended Employee Policy Manual as a policy for the Authority.

4. The Board of Directors and its officers and Executive Director are further authorized to take any and all actions necessary to implement this resolution.
5. The Employee Policy Manual so adopted shall become effective on the date of this resolution and shall continue in effect from that date until modified by the Board of Directors.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 18th day of February, 2025.

SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY

By: _____
Chairman

Secretary

REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

The Board of Director's policy on expenses related to ~~training~~ travel for employees is as follows:

- SRBA shall pay the actual cost of lodging when the lodging is approved by the employee's immediate supervisor:
- SRBA shall reimburse the actual cost of meals, excluding alcoholic beverages. Meal reimbursement must be reasonable and documented in detail, with receipts for such meal expense to be furnished to SRBA simultaneously with the reimbursement request.
- SRBA shall pay mileage at the maximum rate allowed by State of Texas guidelines when the employee does not use transportation provided by the SRBA; and,
- SRBA shall pay the cost of ~~tuition or fees associated with~~ employee attendance at a conference or ~~of the~~ training event. ~~The SRBA shall issue a check to the employee for payment reimbursement of the tuition or fees associated with attendance~~ the cost of a conference or ~~of the~~ training event, lodging expenses. ~~The SRBA shall issue a check,~~ and mileage. The SRBA shall reimburse meals upon proof of payment.

The Executive Director shall receive a per diem to cover the cost of meals during overnight travel in the amount of \$150.00 per day. Receipts for meals covered by the per diem are not required. The Executive Director shall receive reimbursement for the cost of a conference or training event, lodging, and mileage in the same manner as other SRBA employees, except that lodging does not require approval from the Board Chairman as a condition of reimbursement.



8. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Amending the Authority's Employee Vacation and Personal Leave Policy.

This item will include discussion and possible action on amending the Authority's Employee Vacation and Personal Leave Policy.

Action Item: Consider a Motion to approve the development of an amended Employee Vacation and Personal Leave policy.



B. Vacation and Personal Leave

Employees will be eligible for two (2) weeks' vacation (10 days) beginning on the anniversary date of their employment, subject to other terms in this policy. The employee is eligible for vacation days only after twelve (12) months continuous service.

Employees will be eligible for three (3) weeks' vacation (15 days) when the employee completes five (5) years of continuous service.

Employees will be eligible for four (4) weeks' vacation (20 days) when the employee completes fifteen (15) years of continuous service.

Unused vacation days from one (1) year may not be carried over to the following year. If the days are not used in the year they are awarded, they will be lost. Between August 1 and August 20 each employee has the option to notify the Payroll department that they choose to exchange one (1) week of unused vacation time for compensation. The extra pay will be included on their last paycheck in August. No other compensation will be paid for unused vacation days.

Vacation leave may be granted as follows:

- one (1) day at a time;
- one (1) week at a time;
- two (2) weeks at a time, maximum.



9. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Investment or Reinvestment of \$100,000 Certificate of Deposit.

This item will include discussion and possible action on the placement of \$100,000 in Authority funds from a matured certificate of deposit.

Action Item: Consider a Motion to approve the placement of \$100,000 in Authority funds from a matured certificate of deposit.



INVESTMENT INFORMATION

(Rates are for Public Funds and are current as of 2/10/2025)

Guaranty Bank

CD rates to quote SRBA are:

- 1) 6 month – 2.82% (2.85% APY)
- 2) 1 year – 2.87% (2.90% APY)
- 3) 18 months – 2.92% (2.95% APY)
- 4) 2 years – 2.67% (2.70% APY)

Note: Public Funds are excluded from advertised special rates for CD's and Jumbo CD's. Per Senior VP Guaranty Bank & Trust.

TexPool



Pool Information

Location: 79974
Sulphur River Basin Authority

TexPool

Average Daily Net Yield for January	4.3919%
Average Dividend Factor for January	0.000120325
Information as of February 10, 2025	
Daily Net Yield	4.3624%
Dividend Factor	0.000119518
7 Day Net Yield	4.37%
Daily Assets	\$40,839,870,399.85
Weighted Average Maturity	35 days
Weighted Average Life	88 days
NAV	1.00001

TexPool Prime

Average Daily Net Yield for January	4.5206%
Average Dividend Factor for January	0.000123852
Information as of February 10, 2025	
Daily Net Yield	4.4841%
Dividend Factor	0.000122852
7 Day Net Yield	4.48%
Daily Assets	\$16,070,676,876.07
Weighted Average Maturity	52 days
Weighted Average Life	63 days
NAV	1.00008

Contact Information	
Participant Services	1-866-839-7665

Objectives.

The primary objectives, in priority order, of investment activities of the Authority shall be:

- A. **Preservation and Safety of Principal.** Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. The objective will be to mitigate credit risk and interest rate risk.
1. **Credit Risk.** Credit Risk is the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer or backer. Credit risk may be mitigated by:
 - * Limiting investments to the safest types of securities, taking into account the suitability of the investment to the financial requirements of the Authority;
 - * Pre-qualifying the financial institutions, broker/dealers, intermediaries, and advisors with which the Authority will do business; and
 - * Diversifying the investment portfolio so that potential losses on individual securities will be minimized.
 2. **Interest Rate Risk.** Interest rate risk is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in general interest rates. Interest rate risk may be mitigated by:
 - * Structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity, and
 - * By investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities.
- B. **Liquidity.** The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to enable the Authority to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated. This is accomplished by structuring the portfolio so that securities mature concurrent with cash needs to meet anticipated demands. Furthermore, since all possible cash demands cannot be anticipated, the portfolio should consist largely of securities with active secondary or resale markets.
- C. **Yield.** The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and liquidity needs. Return on investment is of least importance compared to the safety and liquidity objectives described above. The core of investments is limited to relatively low risk investments in anticipation of earning a fair return relative to the risk being assumed. Investments shall not be sold prior to maturity with the following exceptions:
1. a declining investment could be sold early to minimize loss of principal;

2. an investment sale or swap would improve the quality, yield, or target duration in the portfolio; or
3. liquidity needs of the portfolio require that the investment be sold.



10. Updates on the Clean Rivers Program (Randy Rushin-Water Monitoring Solutions).

Prepared in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The preparation of this report was financed in part through funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

This item will include discussion and possible action regarding activities with the Clean Rivers Program.



From: Randy Rushin randy@water-monitor.com 
Subject: CRP Update
Date: February 11, 2025 at 11:18 AM
To: David Weidman dweidman@srbatx.org
Cc: Christi McIntosh cmcintosh@srbatx.org

David,

Below are activities since the last board meeting:

- The 2026 Coordinated Monitoring Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, 3/26 at the NETMWD office. A virtual attendance option is available.
- The 2025 Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday morning, 3/27. An email to stakeholders was distributed. The meeting will be held at North Texas Community College, along with a virtual attendance option.
- The draft 2025 Basin Highlights Report was submitted on 2/11. This report is Program Update – which is a summary of activities within the basin.
- All 2nd quarter sampling was conducted between 1/28 and 2/3.
- TCEQ is considering adding an extra day to the annual SWQM Workshop to focus specifically on CRP issues. WMS submitted a response to their survey on behalf of SRBA.
- All data collected by NTMWD and WMS in FY 2024 through Q1 FY 2025 have been submitted to TCEQ.

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11. Reports and Updates from Executive Director:

- (A) Governor’s State of the State Address Concerning Water**
- (B) Lieutenant Governor’s Top 40 Priority Bills for 2025 Legislative Session**
- (C) Summary of Chairman Perry’s Water Supply Legislative Package**
- (D) Grant Workshop Update**
- (E) Partner Outreach and Development**
- (F) Rural River Authority Initiative**

This item will include discussion and possible action regarding the above-listed reports and updates.





EMERGENCY ITEM: TEXAS-SIZE INVESTMENT IN WATER

As people and businesses continue to flock to our state, Texas must invest in new, innovative water projects to tap into new water supplies and repair existing pipelines to save billions of gallons of water each year. By investing in sustainable long-term water infrastructure, we can ensure the Texas economic miracle continues and improve the livelihood of Texans for generations.

Working with the Texas Legislature, Governor Greg Abbott made historic investments to improve the reliability of the state's water supply, including:

- Funded over \$13 billion in low or no-interest loans to cities and water supply corporations to invest in water infrastructure through the State Water Infrastructure for Texas (SWIFT)
- Dedicated an additional \$1 billion to maintain existing and build new water infrastructure
- Created the New Water Supply for Texas fund, which funds innovative strategies to increase the state's water supply in addition to managing and developing existing sources

Yet, some of our water supplies are drying up. Many communities have leaking and broken water lines, and agriculture producers in the Rio Grande Valley and West Texas do not have enough water to grow their crops.

To put Texas on a path to have plenty of water for the next 50 years, Governor Abbott will work with the Texas Legislature to:

- Make the one-time largest investment in water in Texas history, as well as dedicate \$1 billion a year for 10 years to tap into new water supplies and repair existing pipes to save billions of gallons of water each year
- Invest in new water supply strategies that develop resources like desalination and move water from areas of abundance to areas of need
- Invest in existing programs to ensure rural communities throughout Texas have the necessary resources to maintain existing water supply systems
- Create a long-term dedicated funding stream to invest in critical water infrastructure for future generations of Texans to have a reliable water supply



LT. GOV. DAN PATRICK ANNOUNCES FIRST ROUND OF TOP 40 PRIORITY BILLS FOR THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

January 29, 2025

AUSTIN – Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued this statement today upon announcing the first round of his top 40 priority bills for the 89th regular legislative session:

“Thousands of bills are filed by Texas senators each session. Traditionally, bill numbers 1 through 20 have indicated the Lt. Governor’s priorities for the Senate. In 2017, I increased the number of priority bills to 30. This year, I am increasing the number of priority bills to 40.

“Senators like having a low bill number since it shows their bill is a priority of the Lt. Governor and has a high probability of passage. These bills represent the will of the conservative majority of Texans, and many will pass with bipartisan support. Just because a bill is not included in the top 40 does not mean it is not a priority for me or the Senate. There will be hundreds of bills that pass the Senate, all of which are important to Texas.

“Many other priorities are included in our state budget, such as border security funding, hiring more state troopers for the Department of Public Safety, and enhancing statewide disaster response with new equipment and more personnel.

“Over the last four years, the Texas Senate held the line, fighting back against President Biden’s disastrous agenda. Now, with President Trump back in office, Texas has a friend in the White House. The Texas Senate will continue to lead as the preeminent legislative body in America by passing our bold, conservative agenda, helping President Trump deliver on his promise of making America great again.”

Lt. Gov. Patrick’s Priority Bills:

- Senate Bill 1 – Senate’s Budget for Texas
- Senate Bill 2 – Providing School Choice
- Senate Bill 3 – Banning THC in Texas
- Senate Bill 4 – Increasing the Homestead Exemption to \$140,000 (\$150,000 for seniors)
- Senate Bill 5 – Combatting Alzheimer’s – Establishing DPRIT (Dementia Prevention & Research Institute of Texas)
- Senate Bill 6 – Increasing Texas’ Electric Grid Reliability
- Senate Bill 7 – Increasing Investments in Texas’ Water Supply
- Senate Bill 8 – Requiring Local Law Enforcement to Assist the Federal Government’s Deportation Efforts

- Senate Bill 9 – Reforming Bail – Keeping Violent Criminals Off Our Streets
- Senate Bill 10 – Placing the Ten Commandments in School
- Senate Bill 11 – Protecting the Freedom to Pray in School
- Senate Bill 12 – Establishing a Parental Bill of Rights in Public Education
- Senate Bill 13 – Guarding Against Inappropriate Books in Public Schools
- Senate Bill 14 – Texas DOGE – Improving Government Efficiency
- Senate Bill 15 – Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing
- Senate Bill 16 – Stopping Non-Citizens from Voting
- Senate Bill 17 – Stopping Foreign Adversaries' Land Grabs
- Senate Bill 18 – Stopping Drag Time Story Hour
- Senate Bill 19 – Stopping Taxpayer Dollars for Lobbyists
- Senate Bill 20 – Stopping AI Child Pornography
- Senate Bill 21 – Establishing the Texas Bitcoin Reserve
- Senate Bill 22 – Establishing Texas as America's Film Capital
- Senate Bill 23 – Removing the Cap on the Rainy Day Fund to Secure Texas' Long-term Financial Future
- Senate Bill 24 – Educating Texas Students on the Horrors of Communism
- Senate Bill 25 – Making Texas Healthy Again

Senate Priority Bills 26 through 40 ... coming soon.

Categories: News (<https://www.ltgov.texas.gov/category/news/>)

Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Summary of Sen. Perry's 89(R) Water Supply Legislative Package

Overview & Background:

Sen. Perry's office is preparing a suite of approximately half a dozen pieces of legislation to address the state's existing and anticipated future water supply shortages and infrastructure problems. The legislative package includes funding, implementation, legislative oversight, and streamlining components.

During the 88th Regular Session, the Senate passed SJR 75 and SB 28 creating the Texas Water Fund, a central fund that supports several, pre-existing program funds administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), and the New Water Supply for Texas Fund (NWSTF). **TWDB programs currently supported by the Water Fund include:**

- State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT)
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
- Rural Water Assistance Fund (RWAFF)
- Water Assistance Fund (WAF)
- Texas Water Development Fund II (D-FUND)
- Statewide Water Public Awareness Account
- State Participation Account
- *NWSTF*: Supports desalination (all forms) and produced water treatment projects, surface water transfers, and infrastructure projects that will convey water from new sources to the areas of the state in need.

89(R) Legislation:

- *Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF)*: Add FIF to the Water Fund structure, making it eligible to receive funds out of the Water Fund.
- *Expand & Clarify NWSTF*: Make "shovel-ready" reservoir projects eligible for NWSTF funding; clarify that TWDB has authority to finance purchases of out-of-state water.
- *Expand Legislative Oversight*: Consolidate existing legislative advisory committees for SWIFT and Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund and give consolidated committee oversight jurisdiction over the entire Water Fund structure.
- *Create Texas Water Supply Distribution Authority (TWSDA)*: Establish a new, central entity to build out the distribution network of pipelines to convey water from new water sources to municipal, commercial, industrial, and agricultural water users.
- *Produced Water*: Expand existing liability protections to facilitate further progress in produced water treatment and beneficial reuse; move land application permits from the Railroad Commission to TCEQ.

89(R) Funding Requests:

- **A lump sum appropriation of \$5 Billion** to the Water Fund for 2026-27 biennium, allocating by rider 80% to NWSTF, 10% to SWIFT, and 10% to be allocated by TWDB at their discretion.
- **A constitutional amendment to dedicate a revenue stream of up to \$1 Billion per year** to the New Water Supply Fund beginning in the 2028-29 biennium.
 - **Like the State Highway Fund dedication**, the dedication will have an initial, 16 year term and be renewable by Legislature in ten year increments afterward.
 - The dedication will have the same allocation as the lump sum (80/10/10) for the initial term.
 - **For each ten year renewal, the Legislature will be able to reallocate the funding within the Water Fund structure by statute.**
- A \$5 million appropriation to support the Produced Water Consortium.
 - This includes the produced water treatment pilot projects, and the labs and equipment necessary to test treated produced water and, ultimately, certify treatment methods.
 - **Treating produced water for beneficial use is the only alternative to injection well disposal, and thus the only solution to the seismicity problem.**

Dedicated Revenue:

In consultation with the Lt. Governor's staff, Sen. Huffman, the Comptroller's office and others, Sen. Perry has identified multiple potential sources of revenue for the constitutional dedication. Each source can be dedicated individually, or **some combination thereof** can be dedicated. The sources are:

- the mixed beverage gross receipts tax (i.e., 6.7% of mixed beverage gross revenue, all paid by the establishment; currently yields approximately \$650 Million per year);
- the **mixed beverage** sales tax (i.e., 8.25% of the retail price of mixed beverages, all paid by the customer and received by the state; currently yields approximately \$850 Million per year);
- the **ordinary** sales and use tax (i.e., 8.25% of the retail price of most items, 6.25% of which is received by the state; also the source for the State Highway Fund dedication);
- the 25% of severance tax revenue returned to general revenue from the Economic Stabilization Fund; or
- various interest and investment earnings from the state treasury, Economic Stabilization Fund, and other sources not currently dedicated (amounts not yet calculated).

Up to \$1 Billion would be dedicated either from one individual source or collectively from a combination of sources. Sen. Perry needs feedback from the members about these sources. The need is present, pressing, and expensive, and the dedication is necessary because of the long-term nature of water infrastructure development. The funding commitment will address concerns becoming louder from the business community that have located or desire to locate to Texas.

Implementation:

Funding for new water supply projects to be distributed primarily through loans to **local sponsors and/or public-private partnerships** that will construct, own, operate, and maintain the desalination plants, produced water treatment plants, surface water sources, and so on. **Locally sponsored projects are and will remain under TWDB supervision.**

To move water from those sources to the water utilities and other users who will treat and/or use that water for residential, commercial, agricultural, and industrial purposes, a single, new central entity is needed to construct, own, operate, and maintain a distribution network of water pipelines that spans every region of the state—the **Texas Water Grid**. A new type of conservation and reclamation district, the **Texas Water Supply Distribution Authority (TWSDA)**, will be created.

Like river authorities, TWSDA will be overseen by a board of gubernatorial appointees. The Governor will be required to appoint board members from every region of the state. Importantly, **TWSDA will be a statewide district, not a new state agency**, and thus a political subdivision. Current law authorizes TWDB to use up to 2% of the Water Fund for administrative expenses. TWDB will be given authority to pay TWSDA's administrative costs from that portion of the Water Fund to get TWSDA up and running.

For water from in-state sources, TWSDA will only be responsible for conveying water from seller to buyer using a rate structure based on the amount of water conveyed and the distance over which it is transported. Essentially, the water grid will work on a common carrier business model. **TWSDA will be prohibited from purchasing in-state water rights.** Those rights will remain within the river basins that have surplus water to sell to other parts of the state, preserving the agency of East Texas river authorities to voluntarily determine when and whether to sell water, how much water to sell, the sale price, etc., via long-term agreements with individual purchasers tied into the grid.

For out-of-state water, TWSDA will be delegated authority from the state to negotiate the purchase of water and/or water rights from other states. TWSDA will sell that water to utilities at a mark-up to cover costs. This ensures a single point of contact between Texas and other states for water imports.

Like TxDOT, TWSDA will have eminent domain authority; however, TWSDA will seek and use existing transportation and pipeline right-of-way whenever possible to build out the grid, minimizing both cost and condemnation. Because TWSDA is a political subdivision, TWDB will be able to finance construction directly through state participation. TWSDA's enabling statute will allow excess revenue to be transferred back to the Water Fund so TWDB can recover its costs over time.



12. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on New Business to be Placed on a Future Meeting Agenda.

This agenda item will include discussion and possible action on future agenda items.

Action Item: Possible Motion to place items discussed on the agenda of a future meeting.





13. Announcements from the Chairman/Board and/or Staff.





14. Next Regular Meeting

Sulphur River Basin Authority Regular Meeting, March 18, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
at Mount Pleasant Civic Center, 1800 North Jefferson Street, Mount Pleasant,
Texas.

