

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 2024**

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Jacinto River Authority was held at 8:00 a.m., October 24, 2024, at the San Jacinto River Authority General and Administration Building. Notice of said meeting was posted as required by law. President Ronnie Anderson, Vice President Ed Boulware, Treasurer Mark Micheletti, Secretary Wil Faubel, Secretary ProTem Ricardo Mora, Director Stacey Buick, and Director Stephanie Johnson were present. Also in attendance were Aubrey A. Spear, General Manager; Heather Ramsey, Director of Communications and Public Affairs; Pam Steiger, Chief Financial Officer; Cynthia Bowman, Chief of Staff; and Mitchell Page, General Counsel.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

**2. Ceremonial Items**

**2.1 Invocation**

The invocation was delivered by Pastor David Reynolds of Lone Star Cowboy Church.

**2.2 Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags**

The Pledges of Allegiance were led by Director Anderson.

**2.3 Receipt of Commendation, Awards, and Honoraria**

The Accounting Department was presented with the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

**3. Public Comments**

Mr. Kevin Lacy spoke about item 6.1 on the Regular Agenda.

**4. Work Session**

**4.1 Update by the General Manager regarding meetings and events attended by staff.**

Mr. Spear provided updates related to various meetings attended and commented on the importance of various statewide water conservation efforts.

**4.2 Update by the Director of Communications and Public Affairs regarding updates related to various division and departmental projects, initiatives, tours, meetings, and social media platforms.**

Ms. Ramsey provided updates related to various division and departmental projects, initiatives, tours, meetings, and social media. She also presented *Imagine a Day Without Water*, a new video directed and produced by the Public Communications Department.

#### **4.3 Update on requests from GRP Participants for SJRA to supply their utility with surface water.**

Mr. Chris Meeks, Utility Enterprise Division Manager, provided information related to certain GRP Participants' requests for surface water. He explained that MidSouth Enterprises relinquished their annual surface water allocation of 0.69 million gallons per day (“MGD”) as of October, 2024. He stated that a portion of MidSouth's allocation will satisfy the request by Municipal Utility District 88/89 (“MUD 88/89”) and Spring Creek Utility District for 0.50 MGD in the next two to three years, following design and construction of their pipeline. Mr. Meeks also explained that the City of Oak Ridge North, an existing surface water user and existing GRP Participant, requested 0.04 MGD and is currently receiving the additional surface water. Mr. Meeks stated that the GRP Review Committee recommended: acceptance of the relinquishment of MidSouth Enterprise’s annual surface water allocation; approval of the Supplemental Agreement with MUD 89 for surface water allocation; and approval of the surface water allocation adjustment for the City of Oak Ridge North. Further, he stated the GRP Review Committee voted to defer the City of Conroe’s request for additional surface water and recommended that SJRA work with Water Control and Improvements District No. 1 regarding their request.

### **5. Consent Agenda**

Director Buick made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Johnson and carried unanimously.

#### **5.1 G&A – Minutes**

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of September 26, 2024.

#### **5.2 G&A – Unaudited Financials**

Approve the unaudited financials for the month of July, 2024.

### **6. Regular Agenda**

#### **6.1 Flood Management – Interlocal Agreement – Lake Conroe-Lake Houston Joint Reservoir Operations Study**

Mr. Matt Barrett, Water Resources and Flood Management Division Manager, explained that in 2021, the City of Houston and the City of Humble agreed to collectively fund a fifty percent local match required by the Flood Infrastructure Fund grant awarded to the San Jacinto River Authority for the Lake Conroe-Lake Houston Joint Reservoir Operations Study. He stated that the three-year agreement expired on July 16, 2024. Mr. Barrett explained that the study has been on hold awaiting the results of the City of Houston’s preliminary design and funding acquisition efforts related to construction of additional gates at the Lake Houston Dam, causing substantial scheduling delays. The City of Houston has completed these efforts, and the Joint Reservoir Operations Study is anticipated to begin in early 2025. He stated that the proposed interlocal agreement provides for local match funding support by the City of Houston and the City of Humble for an additional six years to provide ample time, including contingency, to perform consultant selection and procurement, complete the estimated three-year long study, and perform any required Texas Water Development Board coordination. Director Micheletti made a motion to authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement by and among San Jacinto River Authority, City of Houston, Texas, and City of Humble, Texas, for the Lake

Conroe-Lake Houston Joint Reservoir Operations Study. The motion was seconded by Director Johnson and carried unanimously.

## **6.2 GRP - Request by MUDs 88, 89, and Spring Creek Utility District for Surface Water**

Director Johnson made a motion to approve the recommendation from the GRP Review Committee regarding requests from Montgomery County MUD 88, Montgomery County MUD 89, and Spring Creek Utility District for surface water supply. The motion was seconded by Director Mora and carried unanimously.

## **7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was convened in executive session at 8:54 a.m., under the following provisions:

**7.1 Discussion regarding items identified elsewhere on the agenda pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, Consultation with Attorney; 551.072, Real Property; 551.073, Prospective Gifts; 551.074, Personnel Matters; or 551.076, Security Devices, as applicable.**

**7.2 Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney:**

7.2.1 Litigation related to Hurricane Harvey, including additional legal services to be provided;

7.2.2 Pending litigation involving City of Conroe, City of Magnolia, Quadvest, L.P., Woodland Oaks Utility, L.P., related to GRP, and other potential litigation related to GRP; and

7.2.3 Water Supply Contract dated October 16, 2009, between the San Jacinto River Authority and the City of Houston.

**7.3 Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.072, Real Property:**

7.3.1 Lake Conroe Park;

7.3.2 Conroe Lake House; and

7.3.3 Lease agreement with U.S. Forest Service for property associated with Lake Conroe Reservoir.

## **8. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

With a quorum of the Board present, the meeting was called into open session at 11:06 a.m.


## **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS / FUTURE AGENDA**

It was announced that the next San Jacinto River Authority Regular Board Meeting will take place on December 12, 2024.

## **10. ADJOURN**

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.



  
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 Wil Faubel  
 Secretary, Board of Directors