

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MAY 27, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Jacinto River Authority was held at 8:00 a.m., May 27, 2021, at the San Jacinto River Authority General and Administration Building, a notice of said meeting was posted as required by law. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.125, as amended, and as modified by the temporary suspension of various provisions thereof effective March 16, 2020, by the Governor of Texas in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, all as related to the Governor's proclamation on March 13, 2020, and as renewed, certifying that the COVID-19 pandemic poses an imminent threat of disaster and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas, the San Jacinto River Authority Board of Directors meeting was held via publicly accessible webinar/telephone conference. A roll call of the Board of Directors was taken and President Ronnie Anderson, Vice President Ed Boulware, Treasurer Mark Micheletti, Secretary Wil Faubel, Secretary Pro Tem Ricardo Mora, and Director Stacey Buick were present. Also in attendance were Jace Houston, General Manager; Ron Kelling, Deputy General Manager; Tom Michel, Director of Financial and Administrative Services; Heather Ramsey-Cook, Director of Communications; Ed Shackelford, Director of Utility Operations; Wayne Owen, Director of Raw Water Operations; Cynthia Bowman, Administrative Services Manager; and Mitchell Page, General Counsel.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledges of Allegiance were led by Director Anderson.

Director Anderson introduced Ms. Stacey Buick, the newest member appointed by Governor Abbott to the San Jacinto River Authority Board of Directors. Mr. Houston introduced Wayne Owen, Director of Raw Water Operations.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs spoke in reference to the Lakeside Cove odor control report and issues of subsidence in The Woodlands. Mr. Dan Krueger thanked the Authority for its operation of Lake Conroe during several weeks of heavy rainfall.

4. DIVISION UPDATES

a. G & A:

Mr. Houston provided a brief legislative update.

b. G & A

Ms. Cook provided an update related to various Public Communications efforts as well as ongoing division projects. She highlighted the various published articles, reported on social media outlets, and various meetings attended by San Jacinto River Authority staff.

c. G & A

Mr. Michel provided no update related to Finance and Administration.

d. Woodlands

Mr. Meeks provided no update related to the Woodlands Division.

e. GRP

Mr. Meeks provided no update related to the GRP Division.

f. Lake Conroe

Mr. Raley provided an update regarding the recent weather events in the months of April and May. He provided statistics on the daily basin average rainfall, lake levels, and Lake Conroe releases from April 1 through May 25, 2021.

g. Highlands

Mr. Smith provided an update regarding the in-house project performed by Highlands Division staff of Siphon 37 and provided information regarding the Siphon Inspection Program.

h. Flood Management

Mr. Barrett provided no update related to the Flood Management Division.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Director Micheletti made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as recommended. The motion was seconded by Director Boulware and carried unanimously, following a roll call of the Board of Directors.

a. Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of April 22, 2021.

b. Unaudited Financials

Approve the unaudited financials for the month of April, 2021.

c. Consulting Services Agreement - Social Media Communications

Authorize the General Manager to execute a Consulting Services Agreement with Pink Cilantro Agency for professional social media communications consulting services.

d. Construction Contract - Lift Station No. 13 Rehabilitation

Authorize the General Manager to execute a construction contract with Solid Bridge Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$1,532,874, for Lift Station No. 13 Rehabilitation in The Woodlands.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

a. Resolution - Designating Authorized Signatories

Jamye Lewis, Accounting Manager, explained the proposed changes to the current resolution relative to designated authorized signatories and limits. Director Faubel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-R-12 designating authorized signatories for all Authority financial transactions with the authorized depository banks and any other financial institutions in order to execute necessary financial transactions to conduct the Authority's financial business. The motion was seconded by Director Mora and carried unanimously, following a roll call of the Board of Directors.

b. Amended Rate Order - GRP Participants

Mr. Corley, Utility Enterprise Customer Service Manager, updated the board regarding the proposed GRP budget that was originally presented on April 22, 2021. He stated the proposed rates for groundwater pumpage and surface water are \$2.88 per 1,000 gallons and \$3.30 per 1,000 gallons, respectively. Director Boulware moved to adopt Order No. 2021-O-01 by the San Jacinto River Authority Board of Directors of an amended Rate Order for GRP Participants, effective September 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Director Micheletti and carried unanimously.

c. Resolution - Grant Funding for Flood Early Warning System for San Jacinto County

Matt Barrett, Flood Management Division Manager, provided an overview of the flood early warning system for San Jacinto County. He explained that operations and maintenance will be funded by San Jacinto County and performed by San Jacinto River Authority staff. Director Micheletti moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2021-R-13 of the San Jacinto River Authority Board of Directors authorizing the General Manager to execute an agreement with the Texas Water Development Board for grant funding from the Flood Infrastructure Fund for the Flood Early Warning System for San Jacinto County. Director Faubel seconded the motion with all present voting aye.

7. BRIEFINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Presentation of the Raw Water Enterprise 10-Year Project Plan

Amber Batson, Technical Services Manager, provided an overview of the Raw Water Enterprise 10-year Project Plan, highlighting a variety of projects identified in the Raw Water Supply Master Plan.

b. Presentation of the Lake Conroe Division 10-Year Project Plan

Greg Lushbaugh, Engineer, provided an overview of the Lake Conroe Division 10-Year Project Plan, highlighting key projects for Fiscal Year 2022.

c. Presentation of the Highlands Division 10-Year Project Plan

Dan Hilderbrandt, Division Engineer, provided the Highlands Division 10-Year Project Plan highlighting Fiscal Year 2022 projects to include the Lake Houston Pump Station, South Canal and Reservoir Improvements, the Emergency Operations Center Campus Improvements, Siphon 7 Improvements, and SCADA Improvements.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors did not convene in executive session.

9. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Because the Board of Directors did not convene in executive session, there was no action.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS / FUTURE AGENDA

It was announced that the next San Jacinto River Authority Regular Board Meeting will be held on June 24, 2021.

11. ADJOURN

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.



Wil Faubel
Secretary, Board of Directors

