

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Jacinto River Authority was held at 9:00 a.m., January 22, 2026, 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, Secretary Wil Faubel, Secretary ProTem Ricardo Mora (videoconference), Director Stacey Buick, and Director Stephanie Johnson were present. Treasurer Mark Micheletti was absent. Also in attendance were Aubrey A. Spear, General Manager; Heather Ramsey, Director of Communications and Public Affairs; Ed Shackelford, Director of Operations, Connie Curtis, Director of Technical and Operational Services, Pam Steiger, Chief Financial Officer; Cynthia Bowman, Chief of Staff; Amy Sims, General Counsel, and Mitchell Page, General Counsel.

1. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags

The invocation was given by Director Stacey Buick and the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags were led by Director Ronnie Anderson.

2. Ceremonial Items

2.1 Receipt of Commendations, Awards, and Honoraria

- **H-Town Showdown Awards**
Mr. Chris Meeks, Mr. Jeff Meyer, and Mr. Matthew Parks presented awards received by the GRP and Woodlands Divisions at the H-Town Showdown competition.
- **Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**
Ms. Pam Steiger and the Accounting Department received the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award.

3. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

4. Public Comments

Mr. Kevin Lacy provided comments related to Lake Conroe.

5. Work Session

5.1 Update by the General Manager regarding meetings, projects, events, issues, and activities pertinent to the Authority

Mr. Spear provided comments related to the various meetings, projects, events, issues, and activities pertinent to SJRA.

5.2 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 information related to various community engagement events, social media highlights, and employee highlights.

5.3 Presentation of the Annual Historically Underutilized Business ("HUB") Report

Mr. Justin Ford, Procurement Manager, provided the Board of Directors with the annual Historically Underutilized Business Report.

5.4 Presentation regarding the Entergy Powerline Replacement Project

Mr. David Sidney, Lake Conroe Manager, presented information related to the Entergy Powerline Replacement Project.

5.5 Presentation regarding Lake Conroe Gate Operations

Mr. Bret Raley, Raw Water Enterprise Manager, and Mr. Matt Barrett, Water Resources and Flood Management Division Manager, presented information regarding the Lake Conroe gate operations, forecast tool development, and the Lake Conroe and Lake Houston Joint Operations Study.

6. Consent Agenda

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

6.1 G&A - Minutes

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of December 11, 2025.

6.2 G&A - Unaudited Financials

Consider approval of the unaudited financials for the month of November, 2025.

6.3 Highlands - Amendment to Water Supply Contract with Industrial Customer

Authorize the General Manager to execute an amendment to a water supply contract, in a form approved by the General Counsel, with an industrial customer for the Highlands Division.

6.4 Lake Conroe - Work Order No. 2 for Dam Relief Wells Annual Maintenance

Authorize the General Manager to execute Work Order No. 2 with Integrity Pipeline Services, Inc., in the amount of \$82,702, for Lake Conroe Dam Relief Wells Annual Maintenance Services, and contract modifications up to the amount approved per the Procurement Policy.

6.5 Raw Water Enterprise - Work Order No. 8 for Raw Water Enterprise Rate Model Support Services

Authorize the General Manager to execute Work Order No. 8 with Carollo Engineers, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for Raw Water Enterprise Rate Support for the Raw Water Enterprise.

7. Regular Agenda

7.1 G&A - Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Ms. Jamye Lewis, Accounting Manager, reported on the processes involved in the compilation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (“ACFR”). Ms. Jennifer Weineke, Auditor with Knox Cox and Company, presented the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and reported an unmodified (“clean”) opinion with no material internal control weaknesses or deficiencies. Director Faubel, on behalf of the Finance Committee, commended the Accounting Department for their efforts. Director Buick made a motion to accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report - Audited Financial Statements and Related Notes, and the State Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Faubel and carried unanimously.

7.2 GRP - Resolution - Amended Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget for the GRP Division*

Ms. Steiger provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2026 GRP Operating Budget. She summarized prior Board and GRP Review Committee actions related to increased surface water production capacity, associated rate reductions, and the use of City of Conroe settlement funds for bond defeasance. Ms. Steiger explained that the two proposed budget amendment options directly correlate with the two Fiscal Year 2026 GRP rate order options. She reviewed both proposed budget amendment options which reflected differing levels of rate reduction and the potential inclusion of a \$500,000 transfer to the Repair and Replacement Fund (“R&R Fund”). Ms. Steiger noted that if approved, the amended rates would become effective February 1, 2026, and that both options are projected to provide sufficient revenue to support GRP operations under anticipated demand conditions. Discussion ensued. Director Faubel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-R-01, of the San Jacinto River Authority Board of Directors adopting an amended Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget for the GRP Division by selecting Option 2, whereby reducing the GRP groundwater rate by \$0.11, from \$2.62/1,000 gallons to \$2.51/1,000 gallons, as well as reducing the GRP surface water rate by \$0.11, from \$3.21/1,000 gallons to \$3.10/1,000 gallons, and including a \$500,000 transfer to the R&R Fund. The motion was seconded by Director Buick and carried unanimously.

7.3 GRP - Order - Amended Rate Order for GRP Participants

Ms. Steiger reiterated that the two proposed budget amendment options directly correlate with the two Fiscal Year 2026 GRP rate order options, therefore selecting Option 2 provides for a reduction to the GRP groundwater rate of \$0.11, from \$2.62/1,000 gallons to \$2.51/1,000 gallons as well as a reduction to the GRP surface water rate of \$0.11, from \$3.21/1,000 gallons to \$3.10/1,000 gallons. Director Buick made a motion to adopt Order No. 2026-O-01, of the San Jacinto River Authority Board of Directors amending the Rate Order for GRP Participants, to be effective February 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Director Johnson and carried unanimously.

7.4 Highlands - Change Order No. 2 for Siphon 39 and Levee Improvements Project

Mr. Dan Hilderbrandt, Technical Services Manager, provided an overview of the Siphon 39 and Levee Improvements Project and further explained the circumstances that necessitate Change Order Nos. 2 and 3. Director Johnson made a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute Change Order No. 2 with LASS Engineering and Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$149,752.14 and 114 calendar days for the Siphon 39 and Levee Improvements Project for the Highlands Division. The motion was seconded by Director Boulware and carried unanimously.

7.5 Highlands - Change Order No. 3 for Siphon 39 and Levee Improvements Project

Director Buick made a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute Change Order No. 3 with LASS Engineering and Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$186,858 and 21 calendar days, for the Siphon 39 and Levee Improvements Project for the Highlands Division. The motion was seconded by Director Johnson and carried unanimously.

8. Executive Session

The meeting was convened into executive session at 10:56 a.m., under the following provisions:

8.1 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.

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

8.2.1 Discuss litigation related to Hurricane Harvey, including additional legal services to be provided by Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP; and

8.2.2 Discuss litigation involving City of Magnolia, Quadvest, L.P., Woodland Oaks Utility, L.P., Titter-Bell and CDF Textiles, LTD, related to GRP, and other potential litigation related to GRP; and

8.3 Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters:

8.3.1 Discussion regarding General Manager, Director of Operations, Director of Technical and Operational Services, Director of Communications, Chief Financial Officer, General Counsel, and Chief of Staff.

9. Reconvene In Open Session

With a quorum of the Board present, the meeting was called into open session at 11:37 a.m.

10. Announcements / Future Agenda

It was announced that the next San Jacinto River Authority Regular Board Meeting will take place on February 26, 2026.

11. Adjourn

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.



Wil Faubel
Secretary, Board of Directors