

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JULY 23, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Jacinto River Authority was held at 9:00 a.m., July 23, 2026, at the San Jacinto River Authority General and Administration Building. Notice of said meeting was posted as required by law. Vice President Ed Boulware, Treasurer Mark Micheletti, Secretary Wil Faubel, Secretary ProTem Ricardo Mora, Director Stacey Buick, and Director Stephanie Johnson were present. President Ronnie Anderson 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; and Amy Sims, General Counsel.

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

The invocation was given by Dr. Jason Nelson of Grace Woodlands and the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags were led by Director Boulware.

2. Ceremonial Items

2.1 Recognition of winners of the Tinker Program at Tough Elementary

Ms. Michelle Simpson, Public Communications Manager, recognized the winners of the Tinker Program from Tough Elementary.

3. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

4. Public Comments

Mr. Dan Krueger spoke about the Joint Operations Study.

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 Bear Branch 10-Year Project Plan

Mr. Bret Raley, Raw Water Enterprise Manager, provided an overview of the Bear Branch 10-Year Project Plan, specifically highlighting projects that will be implemented in Fiscal Year 2027.

5.4 Presentation of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

Ms. Jamye Lewis, Controller, presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget. She provided an overview of various budget assumptions, the GRP Division's surface water production and pumpage statistics, and targeted reserve funds for the five divisions. She then provided budget summaries for each of the divisions to include Bear Branch and the Region H Water Planning Group.

5.5 Presentation of the Calendar Year 2027 rates for Raw Water Customers

Ms. Lewis presented the proposed raw water rate for Calendar Year 2027, which is \$0.72 per 1,000 gallons, a 9.09% increase over the previous year's rate of \$0.66 per 1,000 gallons.

5.6 Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2027 rates for Woodlands Division Customers

Ms. Lewis presented information related to the Fiscal Year 2027 proposed rates for Woodlands Division customers. She stated that the wholesale water rate and the wholesale wastewater rate would remain the same as in Fiscal Year 2026, being \$2.73 per 1,000 gallons and \$5.65 per 1,000 gallons, respectively. She went on to state however, that the GRP blended fee will be \$2.83 per 1,000 gallons.

5.7 Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2027 rates for GRP Participants.

Ms. Lewis presented information related to the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 rates for GRP participants. She stated that the groundwater pumpage rate and the surface water rate would remain at \$2.51 per 1,000 gallons and \$3.10 per 1,000 gallons, respectively.

6. Consent Agenda

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

6.1 G&A Division - Minutes

Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting of June 25, 2026

6.2 G&A Division - Unaudited Financials

Consider approval of the unaudited financials for the month of May, 2026.

6.3 G&A Division - Actuarial Consulting Services

Consider authorizing the General Manager to execute a Services Agreement with Milliman, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, to provide actuarial consulting services for the Employee Pension Benefit Plan.

6.4 G&A Division - Actuarial Review Services

Consider authorizing the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with The Howard E. Nyhart Co., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, to provide independent actuarial review services.

6.5 G&A Division - Construction Materials Testing Services for all SJRA Divisions (Aviles)

Consider authorizing the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Master Professional Services Agreement with Aviles Engineering Corporation for construction materials testing services for all SJRA Divisions.

6.6 G&A Division - Construction Materials Testing Services for all SJRA Divisions (Geoscience)

Consider authorizing the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Master Professional Services Agreement with Geoscience Engineering & Testing, Inc., for construction materials testing services for all SJRA Divisions.

6.7 G&A Division - Construction Materials Testing Services for all SJRA Divisions (Geotest)

Consider authorizing the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Master Professional Services Agreement with Geotest Engineering, Inc., for construction materials testing services for all SJRA Divisions.

6.8 Woodlands Division - Sludge Hauling, Sludge Disposal, and Debris Waste Management Hauling Services

Consider authorizing the General Manager to execute the second renewal term of the General Services Agreement with Republic Services, in an amount not to exceed \$32,000, to continue providing sludge hauling, sludge disposal, and debris waste management hauling services for the Woodlands Division.

7. Regular Agenda

7.1 Woodlands Division - Lift Station No. 5 Force Main Replacement

Mr. Aaron Schindewolf, Engineering Manager, presented information related to the Lift Station No. 5 Force Main Replacement Project. He explained that the project involves the design and replacement of approximately 8,100 linear feet of aging 24" ductile iron force main serving Lift Station No. 5. He stated that this project was previously placed on hold while a comprehensive study was conducted to evaluate the feasibility of taking five lift stations offline, beginning with Lift Station No. 5. He explained that the study concluded that the cost of the required system improvements would outweigh the potential benefits and was not financially justifiable. He explained that based on the findings, the project to replace the force main from Lift Station No. 5 to Wastewater Treatment Facility No. 1 should be restarted. Director Johnson made a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with ARKK Engineers, LLC, in the amount of \$310,364, for final design of the Lift Station No. 5 Force Main Replacement Project for the Woodlands Division. The motion was seconded by Director Mora and carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Lewis explained that an amendment to the GRP Division's Fiscal Year 2026 budget is necessary to accommodate the White Oak Creek Transmission Line Replacement Project. She stated that the project includes the installation of a new section of 12-inch high density polyethylene transmission line beneath White Oak Creek. Director Buick made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-R-08, of the San Jacinto River Authority Board of Directors, adopting an amended Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget for the GRP Division. The motion was seconded by Director Johnson and carried unanimously.

7.3 Woodlands Division - Resolution - Amended Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget for the Woodlands Division*

Ms. Lewis explained that the Woodlands Division is requesting an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 budget to purchase two fleet vehicles in the amount of \$59,211. Director Faubel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-R-09, of the San Jacinto River Authority Board of Directors, adopting an amended Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget for the Woodlands Division. The motion was seconded by Director Mora and carried unanimously.

8. Executive Session

The meeting was convened into executive session at 10:27 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; 551.076, Security Devices, or 551.0761, Critical Infrastructure, as applicable.

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

- 8.2.1** Litigation related to Hurricane Harvey, including additional legal services to be provided by Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP; and
- 8.2.2** Litigation involving City of Magnolia, Quadvest, L.P., Woodland Oaks Utility, L.P., related to GRP, and other potential litigation related to GRP; and
- 8.2.3** Receive legal advice regarding the disposition of fee simple property around Lake Conroe.

8.3 Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.072, Real Property:

- 8.3.1** Discuss a 0.2854 acre tract of real property located in the John Corner Survey, A-108, near Montgomery, Texas.

9. Reconvene In Open Session

With a quorum of the Board present, the meeting was called into open session at 12:07 p.m.

10. Lake Conroe Division - Sale of Real Property (Attique)

Mr. Bret Raley, Raw Water Enterprise Manager, provided information related to a request to purchase a small tract of property owned by the San Jacinto River Authority which is immediately adjacent to the applicant's property. Mr. Raley explained the methodology related to the acquisition. Director Micheletti made a motion to declare to be surplus and authorize the disposal by sale of a 0.2854 acre

tract of real property located in the John Corner Survey, A-08, Montgomery, Texas, in the amount of \$114,996.22, plus an administrative reimbursement amount of \$2,370, for a total amount of \$117,366.22, to Aisha Attique, Alina Attique, and Bushre Attique, and authorize the General Manager to execute all necessary documents to complete the transaction. The motion was seconded by Director Mora and carried unanimously.

11. Lake Conroe Division - Irrevocable Encroachment Agreement (Attique)

Mr. Raley provided information related to the submittal of an irrevocable encroachment agreement application by the Attique's. Director Buick made a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute an irrevocable encroachment agreement between the San Jacinto River Authority and Aisha Attique, Alina Attique, and Bushre Attique in the total reimbursement amount of \$600 (administrative reimbursement was applied to the sale of real property in agenda item 10.), to encroach upon the Authority's permanent easement in the John Corner Survey, A-08, Montgomery, Texas. The motion was seconded by Director Micheletti and carried unanimously.

12. Announcements / Future Agenda

It was announced that the next San Jacinto River Authority Regular Board Meeting will take place on August 27, 2026.

13. Adjourn

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Wil Faubel
Secretary, Board of Directors

