

MEETING MINUTES

THE NUECES RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD A MEETING AT 10:00 A.M. ON AUGUST 14, 2026, AT THE NUECES RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING ROOM 500 IH 69, SUITE 800, ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380.

1) Call to Order

President Eric Burnett called meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2) Invocation

The Invocation was provided by Director - William Dillard.

3) Roll Call:

Roll Call was conducted by Candace Gonzales with the following results.

Voting Members	Title	Attendance
Eric Burnett	President	Present
Allan Bloxsom	First Vice President	Online
Marshall Davidson	Second Vice President	Absent
Armandina (Dina) Ramirez	Ex.Com. Member at Large	Present
Jane Bell	Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Fohn Bendele	Member	Present
James Bendele	Member	Present
Ross Cansino	Member	Present
William Dillard	Member	Present
Shannon T. Freund	Member	Present
Gary G. Krause	Member	Present
Debra Hatch	Member	Present
Jeb Hogan	Member	Online
Olen R. Hughs	Member	Present
Daniel L. Kelley	Member	Present
Mike Moczygemba	Member	Present
Eliza McElhaney	Member	Present
Chasey Sanchez	Member	Online
Daniel R. Suckley	Member	Present
Tony Wood	Member	Present

Note: A quorum of board members was confirmed.

Nueces River Authority had the following staff present:

John J. Byrum, II	Executive Director NRA
John Chisholm	Dep. Executive Director NRA
Candace Gonzales	Executive Assistant
Robin Murray	Chief Financial Officer
Juan Cervantes	Director of IT
William Martin	Director of Infrastructure & Finance

Brian Sledge

NRA General Counsel -Online

Guest in Attendance:

David Preda- Aurora Tech. Services

Rick Coffin- IDE Development

Randy Palachek-Civitas

Justin Reeves

Stephanie Rogers- HDR

Mason Liebau-EGIS

Juan Moya-EGIS

Kay Culpepper

Judt Parker

Bill Hooper

Adrien Hilmy

Cathy Fulton

Lisa Turcotte

Peter Zanoni

Mark Ellison-IDE

4) Public Comments-

Cathy Fulton

Lisa Turcotte

Adrien Himley

BRIEFING ITEMS: (5. a - b)

5) Executive Director Reports

a) NRA Quarterly Financial Report. – Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer

b) Nueces River Authority Operations Report – John Chisholm, Deputy Executive Director

c) Proposed Dates for Regular FY 2027 Board of Director Meetings – November 6, 2026, February 5, 2027, May 7, 2027, and August 6, 2027. - John J. Byrum II - Executive Director

A motion made by Tony Wood to add another 3 months for monthly meetings; it was seconded by Dan Suckley. The dates are as follows; September 25, 2026, October 23, 2026, and November 13, 2026. The motion was passed for 3 additional meetings (Sep., Oct., Nov. 2026); Feller Hughs opposed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: (6 – 8)

6) Approval of the minutes of June 25, 2026, regular meeting of the Nueces River Authority Board of Directors. John J. Byrum II, Executive Director

7) Discussion and approval of a Resolution Approving Nueces River Authority Investment Policy and Investment Strategies. Robin Murray – Chief Financial Officer

8) Review, revise as necessary, and adopt a list of qualified brokers who are authorized to engage in investment transactions on behalf of the Nueces River Authority. - Robin Murray – Chief Financial Officer

A motion made by Jane Bell and seconded by Bill Dillard to approve the consent agenda items 6-8; the minutes of June 25, 2026, Discussion and approval of a Resolution Approving Nueces River Authority Investment Policy and Investment Strategies, Review, revise as necessary, and adopt a list of qualified brokers who are authorized to engage in investment transactions on behalf of Nueces River Authority, the motion was passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: (9-12)

9) Review, discussion, and potential action to approve the proposed communication policy developed by the Administrative Committee. Dr. Chasey Sanchez - Chair, NRA Administrative Committee

A motion made by Fohn Bendele and seconded by Debra Hatch to approve the review, discussion, and potential action to approve the proposed revised/redlined communication policy developed by the Administrative Committee was passed unanimously.

10) Review, discussion, and potential action to approve the proposed employee grievance policy developed by the Administrative Committee. – Dr. Chasey Sanchez – Chair, NRA Administrative Committee

Dr. Sanchez deferred the employee's grievance policy item to a future meeting because the final policy was not ready for presentation.

11) Discussion and action to engage Haynie & Company in conducting the financial audit of the Nueces River Authority's FY 2026 Financials. – Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer

A motion made by Dan Suckley and seconded by Eliza McElhaney to approve the discussion action and engage Haynie & Company to conduct the financial audit of the Nueces River Authority's FY 2026 Financials and be completed no later than February 28, 2027, the motion was passed unanimously.

12) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to execute, upon NRA legal counsel's review and approval as to legal form and compliance with applicable law, a master services agreement with EGIS, USA, Inc., San Antonio office for services associated with the Flood Infrastructure Nature Base Solutions Project and execute Task Order 1 for a fee not to exceed \$685,000.00. – John Chisholm, Deputy Executive Director

A motion made by Bil Dillard and second by James Bendele to approve the discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to execute, upon NRA legal counsel's review and approval as to legal form and compliance with applicable law, a master services agreement with EGIS, USA, Inc., San Antonio office for services associated with the Flood Infrastructure Nature Base Solutions Project and execute Task Order 1 for a fee not to exceed \$685,000.00 was passed, Shannon Freund abstained from voting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 10:51 am

13) Discussion regarding legal matters involving negotiations and agreements with the Development Partner for the Harbor Island Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant for the New Water for South Texas Project. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director

No action, no motion was taken.

Return to Open Session: 12:48 pm

No motion, no action was taken.

Discussion Items: (14 – 21)

14) Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director, upon NRA legal counsel's review and approval as to legal form and compliance with applicable law, to execute a Phase I development agreement with IDE for the Harbor Island Seawater Desalination Project. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director

A motion made by Allan Bloxsom and was seconded by Fohn Bendele to authorize the Executive Director of the NRA and legal counsel's representative and review to approve and to execute a Phase I development agreement with IDE with their Harbor Island project, does not incur any financial ability or liability the NRA unless, until the board in the future approves moving forward with Phase 2 of that contract was passed unanimously.

15) Discussion and Approval of the Nueces River Authority FY 2027 Budget (the proposed FY 2027 Budget may be viewed on the homepage of the NRA website at nueces-ra.org). – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director; Robin Murray – Chief Financial Officer

A motion made by Jane Bell and seconded by Ross Cansino to approve the Discussion and Approval of the Nueces River Authority FY 2027 Budget was passed. John Byrums' annual salary will be modified in the budget to reflect a partial salary since he will not be here for the full year. Please send the updated cashflow per Dan Suckley. Dan Suckley would like the board to be notified immediately if the \$280,000 drops from Kyle; the motion was passed. Dan Suckley, Jeb Hogan, and Chasey Sanchez were opposed to the Nueces River Authority FY 2027 Budget.

16) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order No. 2 of the master services agreement with Lockwood, Andrews, & Newnan, Inc. Task Order No. 2 governs the program manager and design services associated with the New Water for South Texas Conveyance System Phase 1. Execution of Task Order 2 is subject to NRA legal counsel's review and approval as to legal form and compliance with applicable law and the NRA Chief Financial Officer certifying funding sources. Fee is not to exceed \$3,125,000.00 of the grant provided by the Texas Water Development Board. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director

A motion made by Jane Bell and second by Bill Dillard to approve the discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order No. 2 of the master services agreement with Lockwood, Andrews, & Newnan, Inc. Task Order No. 2 governs the program manager and design services associated with the New Water for South Texas Conveyance System Phase 1. Execution of Task Order 2 is subject to NRA legal counsel's review and approval as to legal form and compliance with applicable law and the NRA Chief Financial Officer certifying funding sources. Fee is not to exceed \$3,125,000.00 of the grant provided by the Texas Water Development Board; the motion was passed. Eliza McElhaney and Shannon Freund abstained from voting.

17) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order 1 of the master services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for design services associated with the New Water for South Texas Conveyance System Phase I. Execution of Task Order 1 is subject to NRA legal counsel's review and approval as to legal form and compliance with applicable law and the NRA Chief Financial Officer certifying funding sources. Fee is not to exceed \$1,820,000.00 of the grant provided by the Texas Water Development Board. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director

A motion made by Jane Bell and second by Dina Ramirez to approve the discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order 1 of the master services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for design services associated with the New Water for South Texas Conveyance System Phase I. Execution of Task Order 1 is subject to NRA legal counsel's review and approval as to legal form and compliance with applicable law and the NRA Chief Financial Officer certifying funding sources. Fee is not to exceed \$1,820,000.00 of the grant provided by the Texas Water Development Board; the motion was passed. Tony

Wood abstained from voting and Debra Hatch and Eliza McElhaney opposed. Dan Suckley is requesting maps for the next board meeting.

18) Resolution supporting City Staff's efforts to pursue temporary relief under the Agreed Order pertaining to Special Condition 5.B., Certificate of Adjudication No. 21-3214. related to freshwater inflows and releases associated with the City's reservoir system, and Initiate Review of Potential amendments to the Agreed Order. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director

A motion made by Jane Bell and seconded by James Bendele to approve the resolution supporting City staff's efforts to pursue temporary relief under the Agreed Order pertaining to Special Condition 5.B., Certificate of Adjudication No. 21-3214, related to freshwater inflows and releases associated with the City's reservoir system, and to initiate review of potential amendments to the Agreed Order was passed, Debra Hatch opposed.

19) Discussion and action to ratify the Executive Director's decision to join the City of Corpus Christi and the City of Three Rivers to pursue temporary relief under the Agreed Order pertaining to Special Condition 5.B., Certificate of Adjudication No. 21-3214. related to freshwater inflows and releases associated with the City's reservoir system, and Initiate Review of Potential amendments to the Agreed Order. - John J. Byrum II, Executive Director

A motion made by James Bendele and seconded by Feller Hughs to approve the discussion and action to ratify the Executive Director's decision to join the City of Corpus Christi and the City of Three Rivers to pursue temporary relief under the Agreed Order pertaining to Special Condition 5.B., Certificate of Adjudication No. 21-3214. related to freshwater inflows and releases associated with the City's reservoir system, and Initiate Review of Potential amendments to the Agreed Order, motion was passed. Debra Hatch and Tony Wood and opposed, Chasey Sanchez abstained from voting because of the retroactive ratification request. Will be the last time Dan Suckley agrees to ratify an item unless it is an emergency; Eliza McElhaney agreed with Dan.

Tony Wood moved to reactivate the Nueces Estuary Advisory Council, seconded by Eliza McElhaney. Counsel advised that the proposed action was outside the scope of the posted agenda item and could not be acted upon at that meeting. No vote was taken on the motion.

20) Discussion and action on a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Nueces River Authority requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board, authorizing the filing of an application for assistance; and making certain findings in connection therewith. The application is to be filed for TWDB State Water Infrastructure Grant (SWIG) for Phase I of the New Water for Texas Project which would supply water to Corpus Christi Water and the City of Portland, Texas. - John Chisholm - Deputy Executive Director

A motion made by Jane Bell and seconded by Bill Dillard to approve the discussion and action on a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Nueces River Authority requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board, authorizing the filing of an application for assistance; and making certain findings in connection therewith. The application is to be filed for TWDB State Water Infrastructure Grant (SWIG) for Phase I of the New Water for Texas Project which would supply water to Corpus Christi Water and the City of Portland, Texas, the motion was passed unanimously.

21) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Legend Labs for a fee not to exceed \$38,000 for Phase I Situational Analysis. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director

A motion made by Shannon Freund and seconded by Jane Bell to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Legend Labs for Phase I Situational Analysis for a fee not to exceed \$38,000. The motion passed unanimously. Duration is about 120 days for phase one then we would bring back to the board and do a month to month.

22) Report from Director Gary Krause on flood damage to the Leakey Regional Wastewater System and request for action. – NRA Director Gary Krause

“I move that the board direct the Executive Director to assess the reported post-flooded conditions in the Twin Forks and Camino Alto, address any immediate safety concerns, and report findings and recommended next steps to the board in advance of the next board meeting.” Not a motion, just a recommended action directing the Exec. Dir. John Byrum to do a complete thorough study with proper whoever not me that can really understand this, in detail do the kind of research and give a report and give them a response. We are at litigation risk. I'd like to amend that to within 30 days or the end of September. - Gary Krause

Motion was made by Eliza McElhaney and seconded by Debra Hatch to direct the Executive Director to assess the reported post-flooded conditions in the Twin Forks and Camino Alto, address any immediate safety concerns, and report findings and recommend next steps to the board in advance of the next board meeting. Gary Krause proposed an amendment requiring a response within 30 days rather than in advance of the next board meeting and that formal communication would also be provided to the affected parties within that timeframe. Motion was passed opposed by Feller Hughs.

“Mr. President, on a separate matter, I move that discussion and possible action regarding the employment, evaluation, discipline, and possible dismissal of Executive Director John J. Byrum II be placed on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting.” - Gary Krause

Motion was made by Gary Krause and seconded by Eliza McElhaney that the discussion and possible action regarding the employment, evaluation, discipline, and possible dismissal of Executive Director John J. Byrum II be placed on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting. A discussion was held, and the motion passed with a vote of 9-5.

23) Certificate of Resolution approving the execution and delivery of a grant agreement in the aggregate amount of \$750,000 with the Texas Water Development Board for flood control improvements; and resolving other matters relating to the subject. – John Chisholm, Deputy Executive Director

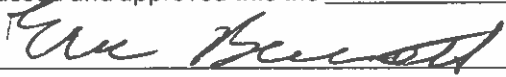
A motion made by James Bendele and seconded by Shannon Freund to approve the certificate of Resolution approving the execution and delivery of a grant agreement in the aggregate amount of \$750,000 with the Texas Water Development Board for flood control improvements; and resolving other matters relating to the subject, the motion was passed unanimously.

24) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 WITH THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR FLOOD CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT. – John Chisholm, Deputy Executive Director

A motion was made by Dan Kelly and seconded by James Bandele to approve the resolution approving the execution and delivery of a grant agreement in the aggregate amount of \$750,000 with the Texas water development board for flood control improvements; and resolving other matters relating to the subject, the motion was passed unanimously.

25) Meeting adjournment 2:45 pm

Passed and approved this the 25th day of Sept, 2026.


Eric Burnett, President

Attest:


Allan Bloxsom, 1st Vice-President

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