MEETING MINUTES

THE NUECES RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD A MEETING AT 10:00 A.M. ON OCTOBER 23, 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 10:06 a.m.

2) Invocation
The Invocation was provided by President- Eric Burnett.

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	Present
Armandina (Dina) Ramirez	Ex.Com. Member at Large	Online
Jane Bell	Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Fohn Bendele	Member	Absent
James Bendele	Member	Present
Ross Cansino	Member	Present
William Dillard	Member	Absent
Shannon T. Freund	Member	Absent
Gary G. Krause	Member	Present
Debra Hatch	Member	Present
Jeb Hogan	Member	Present
Olen R. Hughs	Member	Present
Daniel L. Kelley	Member	Absent
Eliza McElhaney	Member	Present
Mark Moczygemba	Member	Present
Chasey Sanchez	Member	Present
Bill Schuchman	Member	Resigned
Daniel R. Suckley	Member	Absent
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

Guest in Attendance:
Cathy Fulton
Peter Zanoni
Rafael Ortega- Aurora
Marai C.- CCW

4) Public Comments-
Cathy Fulton

Executive Session: 10:15 a.m.
No action or motion was taken

Returned to open Session: 11:20 a.m.

BRIEFING ITEMS: (5.a-f)

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) Progress on infrastructure repairs related to heavy rain in the Leakey Regional Wastewater System. – *John Chisholm, Deputy Executive Director*

d) Update on NRA Education Program and Announcement of future events. – *Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer*

e) Status of Executive Director Transition – *John J. Byrum II, Executive Director*

f) Proposed Dates for Regular FY 2027 Board of Director Meetings - *John J. Byrum II - Executive Director*

Dates that were set at the September 2026 BOD meeting were Oct.23 2026, Nov. 13, 2026, Feb. 2027, May 2027, Aug 2027

DISCUSSION ITEMS: (6-13)

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

Motion was made by Jane Bell and seconded by Eliza McElhaney to approve the minutes of September 25, 2026, regular meeting of the Nueces River Authority Board of Directors and the correction of the "proposed dates for the FY 2027 Board of Directors Meetings"- October 23, 2027, to October 23,2026. The motion was passed unanimously.

7) **Authorize the Administrative Committee to review the Authority's Travel and Expense Policy and recommend any revisions to the Nueces River Authority Board at a future meeting.** – *John J. Byrum II, Executive Director*

Motion was made by Marshall Davidson and second by James Bendele to authorize the administrative committee to review the authority's travel and expense policy and recommend any revisions to the Nueces River Authority board at a future meeting. The motion passed.

8) **Authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Legend Labs to provide on-going counsel to NRA leadership and Board for an initial term of 6 months.** *Eric Burnett, President*

Motion was made by Eliza McElhaney and seconded by Debra Hatch to defer the agenda Item to the next board meeting on Nov. 13, 2026, authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Legend Labs to provide on-going counsel to NRA leadership and Board for an initial term of 6 months. The motion was passed unanimously.

9) **Approval to establish a new checking account at the First State Bank of Uvalde for the Nueces River Authority to accept monies and make payments associated with the Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund Nature Based Solutions Grant.** – *Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer*

Motion was made by Allan Bloxsom and seconded by Jane Bell approving to establish a new checking account at the First State Bank of Uvalde for the Nueces River Authority to accept money and make payments associated with the Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund Nature Based Solutions Grant. Chasey Sanchez and Tony Wood opposed, the motion was passed.

10) **Announcement of the President's appointment of the members of the Nominating Committee appointed to recommend to the Board a slate of directors for appointment as officers of the Nueces River Authority as 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, and Executive Committee member at Large.** – *Eric Burnett, President*

The members that were appointed were Bill Dillard for the upper basin representative-chairmen, Shannon Freund the lower basin representative and Marshall Davidson executive committee representative. In keeping up with the bylaws this Nominating Committee should be active for 30 days. Board members should get with the representatives to submit any questions and recommendations for the positions in question. The representatives of the committee will return to the next board meeting with recommendations and then to be voted up or down at that point.

11) Recognition of Executive Director John J. Byrum II's retirement and his 7.5 years of service to the Nueces River Authority. – *Eric Burnett, President*

The board presented John Byrum with a Plaque for years of service

12) Discussion and possible action regarding the evaluation, duties, employment, reassignment, or compensation of the Authority's Interim Executive Director. – *Eric Burnett, President*

No action or motion was taken here at this meeting.

13) Meeting adjournment 12:34 p.m.

Passed and approved this the 13th day of NOV, 2026.

Eric Burnett, President

Attest:

Allan Bloxsom, 1st Vice-President

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