MEETING MINUTES

THE NUECES RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD A MEETING AT 10:00 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 25, 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 10:01 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	Present
Marshall Davidson	Second Vice President	Present
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	Online
Jeb Hogan	Member	Present
Olen R. Hughs	Member	Present
Daniel L. Kelley	Member	Absent
Mike Moczygemba	Member	Present
Eliza McElhaney	Member	Present
Chasey Sanchez	Member	Present
Daniel R. Suckley	Member	Online
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:
Nancy Riley
Jim Riley
Debbie Jackson
Darcie Mosier
David Weber
Glenn Bradley
Susan Deagan
Mark Moiser
Dara Pena
Leslie Zunker
Kandee Richardson-Guatuche
Kathy Fulton
Peter Zanoni C.C City Mgr.
Mark Ellison-IDE
Kirsten Stanzel-CBBEP

4) Public Comments-
Nancy Riley
Jim Riley
Debbie Jackson
Darcie Mosier
David Weber
Glenn Bradley
Susan Deagan
Mark Moiser
Dara Pena
Leslie Zunker
Kandee Richardson-Guatuche
Kathy Fulton

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

City of Poth utilities contract was renewed, City of Jourdanton, wastewater treatment plant and some distribution and utilities responsibilities are being considered as an expansion to the current contract.

Legend labs will have 3 workshops for the board members. The New Water for South Texas stakeholders meeting is set on Oct 16th. Harbor Island discharge permit was issued this past Tuesday morning by TCEQ. The discharge permit was the last permit needed to move forward for

design. NRA received the $7 million dollars, and it was funded on Sept. 24th. The TWDB requested changes to the Nature Based Solutions Grant agreement, The do not want The Nature Conservancy to be mentioned in the contract. This has pushed the closing of that grant to Oct 15th. Grant tracker for board members will maybe be sent out on a quarterly basis. The operation and construction committee will add the tracker to the list.

c) Assessment of flood-related infrastructure damage in the Twin Forks and Camino Alto subdivisions following the recent Leakey flooding. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director

John Byrum met with Glen Bradley and the Real County Judge, the Honorable Bella Rubio. NRA will increase communication among all parties, level roads with an asphalt type of material in areas where settling occurred. NRA will update the emergency contact form for emergencies.

d) New Water for South Texas Status Update. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director

New Water for South Texas Project Harbor Island Seawater Desalination

- August 2024: NRA began development of the concept for the Harbor Island Seawater Desalination Project.
- 2024–2025: NRA submitted an unsolicited proposal to the Port of Corpus Christi (POCC) to lease 30 acres on Harbor Island for development of the desalination plant.
- July 18, 2025: NRA and the POCC executed a long-term lease for 30 acres on Harbor Island.
- December 2025: NRA secured water reservations for 100% of the plant's planned 100 million gallons per day (MGD) capacity.
- NRA procured and contracted with Black & Veatch to develop the Project's Engineering Feasibility Report.
- NRA approved up to $1 million for preliminary pipeline routing and easement procurement activities.
- NRA procured five engineering firms to design the five sections of the 191-mile water conveyance pipeline.
- March 10, 2026: NRA issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a project developer to finance, design, construct, and operate the desalination treatment plant.
- June 2026: The project was awarded to IDE, a developer with more than 60 years of experience in seawater desalination and more than 400 seawater desalination plants operating worldwide.
- August 2026: NRA executed a Predevelopment Agreement for Phase 1 of plant construction with IDE, initiating site development activities.
- August 2026: NRA was awarded a $7 million grant from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for design and engineering of the first phase of the conveyance system, extending from the desalination plant to the City of Corpus Christi's intake point.
- September 2026: The final remaining permit, authorizing discharge into the Gulf of America, was placed on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) meeting agenda for approval.
- An additional $28 million in TWDB grant funding is anticipated as an addition to the initial grant through the Water Supply & Infrastructure Grant Program established by the Texas Legislature in 2025.
- NRA has active applications and is pursuing multiple federal funding opportunities, including grant programs and low-interest loans to support the large-scale public-private partnership (P3) project.
- December 2026: NRA plans to secure "take-or-pay" contracts to finance the remaining project costs.

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e) Proposed Dates for Regular FY 2027 Board of Director Meetings – October 23, 2027, November 13, 2026, February 5, 2027, May 7, 2027, and August 6, 2027. - John J. Byrum II - Executive Director

DISCUSSION ITEMS: (6 – 13)

6) Approval of the minutes of August 14, 2026, regular meeting of the Nueces River Authority Board of Directors. John J. Byrum II, Executive Director

A motion made by Eliza McElhaney and second by Dina Ramirez to approve the minutes of August 14, 2026, regular meeting of the Nueces River Authority Board of Directors passed unanimously.

7) Presentation and discussion regarding IDE's current concept and anticipated design approach for the proposed Harbor Island seawater desalination facility, including treatment technology, plant configuration, intake and discharge systems, power requirements, site considerations, construction approach, and related infrastructure considerations. – Mark Ellison, IDE Technologies

A brief discussion and presentation was provided by Mark Elison regarding IDE's current concept and anticipated design approach for the proposed Harbor Island seawater desalination facility. Mr. Ellison stated that this is IDE's #1 project and a top priority. IDE will come back in Jan. to look at the price. They are hopefully going to name their general contractor pick within a month. Regarding financing terms, IDE is investing their money for the pre-development. This project is one of the key projects in the world. Technical and financial reps will report to the board at each milestone or every stage. IDE will have a representative at every board meeting as long as they are given enough time to schedule and plan.

8) Discussion and possible action authorizing and directing the Executive Director to request that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality convene a meeting of the Nueces Estuary Advisory Council and directing staff to coordinate with the City of Corpus Christi and the City of Three Rivers, as fellow certificate holders, regarding submission of similar requests in support of reconvening the Council. - Tony Wood, Nueces River Authority

A motion was made by Chasey Sanchez and seconded by Gary Krause authorizing and directing the Executive Director to request that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality convene a meeting of the Nueces Estuary Advisory Council and directing staff to coordinate with the City of Corpus Christi and the City of Three Rivers, as fellow certificate holders, regarding submission of similar requests in support of reconvening the Council 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 State Water Infrastructure Grant Fund. – Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer

A motion made by Marshall Davidson and seconded by Allan Bloxsom 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 State Water Infrastructure Grant Fund passed. Director Bill Dillard abstained from voting.

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10) Closed session discussion regarding water reservation contracts for the New Water for South Texas Project.

11) Closed session discussion regarding the evaluation, duties, discipline, employment, reassignment, or dismissal of the Authority's Executive Director.

12) Closed session discussion regarding promotion of transparency and open government statutory requirements.

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13) Discussion and possible action regarding the evaluation, duties, discipline, employment, reassignment, or dismissal of the Authority's Executive Director.

A motion made by Chasey Sanchez and seconded by Allan Bloxsom to accept the notice of John Byrum's retirement to be effective 10/31/26 and appoint John Chisholm as interim director effective 11/1/26 seconded passed unanimously.

14) Meeting adjournment3:06 p.m.

Passed and approved this the 23rd **day of** October **, 2026.**

Eric Burnett

Eric Burnett, President

Attest:

~~Allan Bloxsom, 1st Vice-President~~

MARSHALL DAVIDSON 2nd V.P.

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