

**NOTICE OF THE SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
A REGULAR SRBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.  
AT THE MOUNT PLEASANT CIVIC CENTER, 1800 NORTH JEFFERSON STREET  
MOUNT PLEASANT, TEXAS  
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

*Notice is hereby given per the Texas Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that the Board of Directors of the Sulphur River Basin Authority will conduct a meeting open to the public, on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., at the Mount Pleasant Civic Center, 1800 North Jefferson Street, Mount Pleasant, Texas.*

*The Board of Directors may discuss, consider, and take all necessary action, including possible expenditure of funds, regarding any of the items below. The Board of Directors is authorized by The Texas Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, to convene in a closed executive session for certain purposes at any time to discuss items on the board meeting agenda. These purposes include receiving legal advice from its Attorney (Section 551.071); discussing real property matter (Section 551.072); discussing gifts and donations (Section 551.073); discussing personnel matter (Section 551.074); discussing security personnel or devices (Section 551.076); or discussing economic development matter (Section 551.087). If the Board of Directors makes a determination to go into closed executive session on any item on this agenda, the Presiding Officer, will announce that a closed executive session will be held and will identify the item to be discussed and provision of The Open Meeting Act that authorizes the closed executive session.*

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Invocation.**
- 3. Roll Call and Announcement of Quorum.**
- 4. Public Comments.**

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- 5. Consent Agenda Items.**

*The Consent Agenda allows the Board of Directors to approve all routine, noncontroversial items with a single motion, without the need for discussion by the entire Board. Any item may be removed from consent agenda and considered individually upon request of a Board member or Authority staff, or at the request of a member of the public.*

**(A) Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on the Minutes for the July 16, 2024, Board Meeting.**

**(B) Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on the Monthly Financial Reports.**

This item will include a presentation of the Board Meeting Minutes and Monthly Financial Reports. Staff recommends approval.

Action Item: Consider the Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda.

**6. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Selecting a New Logo for the Authority.**

This item will include discussion and possible action on reviewing and selecting a new logo for the Authority. Staff recommends approval.

Action Item: Consider a Motion to change the Authority logo.

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- (A) Funding Partners**
- (B) Riverbend Water Resources District**
- (C) Region D Water Planning Group**
- (D) Region 2 Flood Planning Group**

This item will include discussion and possible action regarding activities of the above-listed entities.

**9. Reports and Updates from Executive Director:**

- (A) Segment 0305B - Auds Creek Fish Kill**
- (B) Community Impact Article**
- (C) RFI for Sulphur River Basin Authority FIF Abridged Application FME 021000062 Update**
- (D) Cyber Security Training**
- (E) Partner Outreach and Development**
- (F) Rural River Authority Coalition**

This item will include discussion and possible action regarding the above-listed reports and updates.

**10. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on New Business to be Placed on a Future Meeting Agenda.**

This agenda item will include discussion and possible action on future agenda items.

Action Item: Possible Motion to place items discussed on the agenda of a future meeting.

**11. Announcements from the Chairman/Board and/or Staff.**

**12. Adjournment.**

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**Sulphur River  
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**SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
TITUS COUNTY CIVIC CENTER  
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024**

## **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Kelly Mitchell, Chairman  
Wally Kraft, Vice President  
Kirby Hollingsworth, Director  
Emily Glass, Director  
Reeves Hayter, Director

**STAFF:** David Weidman, Executive Director  
Christi McIntosh, Administrative Assistant

**ABSENT:** Gary Cheatwood, Director

**VISITORS:** Sandy Cash, Wayne Dial, Brandon Walker

**ITEM# 1: Call to Order:**

Chairman Kelly Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

**ITEM# 2: Invocation:**

The Invocation was given by Director Kirby Hollingsworth.

**ITEM# 3: Roll Call and Announcement of Quorum:**

Chairman Kelly Mitchell, Vice President Wally Kraft, and Directors Kirby Hollingsworth, Emily Glass, and Reeves Hayter were in attendance. A quorum was present.

**ITEM# 4: Public Comments:**

None.



**ITEM# 5: Consent Agenda Items:**

**(A). Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the Minutes for June 18, 2024 Board Meeting.**

**(B). Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on the Monthly Financial Reports:**

A motion was made by Vice President Wally Kraft and seconded by Director Emily Glass to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

June 18, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes and the Monthly Financial Reports are attached.

**ITEM# 6: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the FY 2024-2025 Authority Budget.**

A motion was made by Director Reeves Hayter and seconded by Director Kirby Hollingsworth to approve the FY 2024-2025 Authority Budget as presented.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

The FY 2024-2025 Authority Budget is attached.

**ITEM# 7: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving Resolution No. R7162024-01 Sulphur River Basin Authority Resolution To Support Rural River Authority Coalition Request For State Funding In The 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.**

A motion was made by Vice President Wally Kraft and seconded by Director Emily Glass to approve Resolution No. R7162024-01 Sulphur River Basin Authority Resolution To Support Rural River Authority Coalition Request For State Funding In The 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session as presented.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

The Resolution No. R7162024-01 is attached.

**ITEM# 8 Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving Seeking the Appointment of the Executive Director to a Position on the Region D Water Planning Group as a Voting Member.**

A motion was made by Director Kirby Hollingsworth and seconded by Director Reeves Hayter to approve submitting the Executive Director's nomination as a voting member of the Region D Water Planning Group.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

**ITEM# 9: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Selecting a New Logo for the Authority.**

No action was taken.

**ITEM# 10: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Annual Performance Review and Compensation of the Executive Director.**

The Board went into Executive Session to Discuss the Annual Performance Review and Compensation of the Executive Director at 2:05 P.M. No action was taken during the Executive Session. The Board came out of Executive Session and reconvened into Regular Session at 2:56 P.M.

A motion was made by Director Reeves Hayter and seconded by Director Kirby Hollingsworth to change the Executive Director's salary to \$90,000.00 annually and the Administrative Assistant's pay to \$18.50 hourly, effective September 1, 2024.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

**ITEM# 11: Updates on the Clean Rivers Program (Randy Rushin – Water Monitoring Solutions)**

Executive Director David Weidman gave a brief update regarding the Clean Rivers Program. The Board meeting agendas will have specific wording for public outreach required by TCEQ regarding the Clean Rivers Program. He stated that Randy was unable to attend the meeting but sent an email update, which was included in the packet.

The email is attached.

**ITEM# 12: Regional Entities Reports:**

- (A) Funding Partners** – Sandy Cash gave a report on behalf of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District. They are hoping to have the installation of pumps by the end of this year, and the balancing reservoir done by the end of 2025. Everything is still on schedule.
- (B) Riverbend Water Resources District** – No report.
- (C) Region D Water Planning Group** - No report.
- (D) Region 2 Flood Planning Group** – Director Reeves Hayter gave a report. He stated the group met last week and are in the process of executing contracts with their consultant for round two. They will not be meeting in August.

**ITEM# 13: Reports and Updates from Executive Director:**

- (A) Segment 0305B – Auds Creek Fish Kill** – The Executive Director included in the board packet the Auds Creek Fish Kill Report.
- (B) Chris Spencer Service Award**
- (C) Cyber Security Training**

**ITEM# 14: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on New Business to be Placed on a Future Meeting Agenda.**

**ITEM# 15: Announcements from the Chairman/Board and /or Staff.**

**ITEM# 16: Adjournment.**

Chairman Kelly Mitchell announced meeting Adjourned at 2:56 P.M.

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**Kelly Mitchell, Chairman**

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**Attested By: David Weidman, Secretary**

**THESE MINUTES FOR JULY 16, 2024, WERE ADOPTED ON \_\_\_\_\_.**

# Monthly Financial Report

Sulphur River Basin Authority

For the period ended July 31, 2024



Prepared by

**David Weidman, Executive Director**

Prepared on

**August 13, 2024**

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# Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2024

	<b>Total</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Certificate of Deposit (6 Months)	104,816.72
Checking-Guaranty	52,063.72
TexPool	259,602.58
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>416,483.02</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Other Current Asset	
Firewall License	724.41
Mt Pleasant Civic Center	916.69
Network Technologies	833.09
Prepaid Web Services	1,000.00
TWCA Legislative Monitoring	177.82
<b>Total Other Current Asset</b>	<b>3,652.01</b>
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<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>420,135.03</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$420,135.03</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Balance Equity	345,044.11
Unrestricted Net Assets	55,995.03
Net Income	19,095.89
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>420,135.03</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$420,135.03</b>

# Profit and Loss by Class

September 2023 - July 2024

	Clean Rivers Program	Maintenance and Operating	TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>			
Interest Income			0.00
Guaranty Bank and Trust		8,115.30	8,115.30
TexPool		538.99	538.99
<b>Total Interest Income</b>		<b>8,654.29</b>	<b>8,654.29</b>
Other Revenue		975.43	975.43
Partner Contributions		251,999.98	251,999.98
TCEQ Reimbursement	88,175.00		88,175.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>88,175.00</b>	<b>261,629.70</b>	<b>349,804.70</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>88,175.00</b>	<b>261,629.70</b>	<b>349,804.70</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Board Meeting Venue		1,283.31	1,283.31
Clean Rivers Program			0.00
Consultant	65,695.00		65,695.00
Lab	15,530.00		15,530.00
<b>Total Clean Rivers Program</b>	<b>81,225.00</b>		<b>81,225.00</b>
Contract Labor		1,300.00	1,300.00
Director's Fees		2,500.00	2,500.00
Dues		454.00	454.00
Employee Benefits			0.00
Employee Health Insurance		24,188.95	24,188.95
Employee Life Insurance		106.06	106.06
<b>Total Employee Benefits</b>		<b>24,295.01</b>	<b>24,295.01</b>
Employee Bonds		256.82	256.82
Fees		42.91	42.91
Information Technology			0.00
Equipment and Supplies		318.24	318.24
Information Technology Services		4,174.27	4,174.27
Internet		553.24	553.24
Website		1,400.00	1,400.00
<b>Total Information Technology</b>		<b>6,445.75</b>	<b>6,445.75</b>
Insurance		3,490.00	3,490.00
Meals		1,502.92	1,502.92
Mileage			0.00
Administration		2,761.29	2,761.29
Director	165.06	3,841.15	4,006.21

	Clean Rivers Program	Maintenance and Operating	TOTAL
<b>Total Mileage</b>	<b>165.06</b>	<b>6,602.44</b>	<b>6,767.50</b>
Office Expense			0.00
Cellular Telephone		2,072.54	2,072.54
Copier		503.13	503.13
Miscellaneous Office Expense		1,576.92	1,576.92
Office Supplies		1,672.31	1,672.31
Office Telephone		947.37	947.37
Postage		387.49	387.49
<b>Total Office Expense</b>		<b>7,159.76</b>	<b>7,159.76</b>
Office Rental		11,568.52	11,568.52
Payroll Expenses			0.00
Company Contributions			0.00
Retirement		3,371.10	3,371.10
<b>Total Company Contributions</b>		<b>3,371.10</b>	<b>3,371.10</b>
Taxes		9,313.61	9,313.61
Wages		117,720.00	117,720.00
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>		<b>130,404.71</b>	<b>130,404.71</b>
Professional Services			0.00
Audit		9,450.00	9,450.00
Bookkeeping		1,679.96	1,679.96
Legal		30,434.50	30,434.50
<b>Total Professional Services</b>		<b>41,564.46</b>	<b>41,564.46</b>
Subscription			0.00
Adobe		166.40	166.40
Firewall-Sophos		792.59	792.59
Google G-Suite		327.87	327.87
Legislative Monitoring		653.18	653.18
Microsoft Office		75.76	75.76
NextCloud Business		1,166.41	1,166.41
Quick Books		845.37	845.37
<b>Total Subscription</b>		<b>4,027.58</b>	<b>4,027.58</b>
Travel and Training			0.00
Training and CEU		2,445.00	2,445.00
Travel Expense		3,975.56	3,975.56
<b>Total Travel and Training</b>		<b>6,420.56</b>	<b>6,420.56</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>81,390.06</b>	<b>249,318.75</b>	<b>330,708.81</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>6,784.94</b>	<b>12,310.95</b>	<b>19,095.89</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,784.94</b>	<b>\$12,310.95</b>	<b>\$19,095.89</b>



# Open Invoices Report

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CUSTOMER	DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	TERMS	DUE DATE	OPEN BALANCE
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Sulphur River Basin Authority

Checking-Guaranty, Period Ending 07/31/2024

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 08/12/2024

Reconciled by: Kathy Williams

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance.....	268,566.27
Interest earned.....	74.18
Checks and payments cleared (32).....	-240,005.48
Deposits and other credits cleared (5).....	87,084.25
Statement ending balance.....	<u>115,719.22</u>
Uncleared transactions as of 07/31/2024.....	-63,655.50
Register balance as of 07/31/2024.....	52,063.72
Cleared transactions after 07/31/2024.....	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 07/31/2024.....	-4,353.67
Register balance as of 08/12/2024.....	47,710.05

Details

Checks and payments cleared (32)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
06/17/2024	Bill Payment	9522	Titus County	-900.00
07/01/2024	Bill Payment	9528	Wally Kraft	-50.00
07/01/2024	Bill Payment	9523	Edward Jones	-536.60
07/01/2024	Bill Payment	9525	Lower Colorado River Authority	-5,160.00
07/01/2024	Bill Payment	9526	Water Monitoring Solutions	-19,050.00
07/01/2024	Bill Payment	9527	Reeves Hayter	-115.50
07/02/2024	Bill Payment	9529	Ashley Office System	-49.76
07/02/2024	Bill Payment	DD	Emily Glass	-102.40
07/02/2024	Bill Payment	DD	Kelly Mitchell	-131.22
07/02/2024	Bill Payment	DD	Kirby Hollingsworth	-78.82
07/02/2024	Bill Payment	DD	Kathy Williams	-178.46
07/02/2024	Transfer			-100,000.00
07/03/2024	Tax Payment		IRS	-976.07
07/12/2024	Payroll Check	DD	David I. Weidman	-2,490.13
07/12/2024	Payroll Check	DD	Christi McIntosh	-840.65
07/15/2024	Bill Payment	ACH	AT&T Mobility	-104.81
07/15/2024	Expense	DC	Amazon	-41.84
07/15/2024	Bill Payment	ACH	Nextiva, Inc.	-82.29
07/17/2024	Tax Payment		IRS	-1,022.89
07/17/2024	Expense		Texas Water Conservation As...	-175.00
07/24/2024	Transfer			-100,000.00
07/25/2024	Bill Payment	9531	Edward Jones	-552.80
07/25/2024	Bill Payment	9530	David Weidman	-140.83
07/26/2024	Payroll Check	DD	Christi McIntosh	-858.48
07/26/2024	Bill Payment	DD	Kelly Mitchell	-131.22
07/26/2024	Bill Payment	DD	Kirby Hollingsworth	-78.82
07/26/2024	Payroll Check	DD	David I. Weidman	-2,490.13
07/26/2024	Bill Payment	DD	Emily Glass	-102.40
07/26/2024	Bill Payment	DD	Kathy Williams	-211.46
07/30/2024	Bill Payment	ACH	Blue Cross and Blue Shield	-2,297.37
07/31/2024	Tax Payment		TX TWC	-38.14
07/31/2024	Tax Payment		IRS	-1,017.39

**Total** **-240,005.48**

Deposits and other credits cleared (5)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
07/02/2024	Deposit		Interest Income -Guaranty Bank	119.25

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
07/11/2024	Receive Payment	0175894	City of Sulphur Springs	25,000.00
07/15/2024	Receive Payment		TCEQ	33,280.00
07/18/2024	Receive Payment	12860	City of Talco, Texas	1,000.00
07/25/2024	Receive Payment	FSR Q3	TCEQ	27,685.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>87,084.25</b>

**Additional Information**

Uncleared checks and payments as of 07/31/2024

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
07/01/2024	Bill Payment	9524	TWCA Risk Management Fund	-3,490.00
07/25/2024	Bill Payment	9533	Wally Kraft	-115.50
07/25/2024	Bill Payment	9532	Reeves Hayter	-50.00
07/31/2024	Transfer			-60,000.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>-63,655.50</b>

Uncleared checks and payments after 07/31/2024

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
08/09/2024	Payroll Check	DD	David I. Weidman	-2,490.13
08/09/2024	Payroll Check	DD	Christi McIntosh	-840.65
08/14/2024	Tax Payment		IRS	-1,022.89
<b>Total</b>				<b>-4,353.67</b>

Sulphur River Basin Authority

TexPool, Period Ending 07/31/2024

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 08/12/2024

Reconciled by: Kathy Williams

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Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance.....	0.00
Interest earned.....	538.99
Checks and payments cleared (2).....	-936.41
Deposits and other credits cleared (2).....	200,000.00
Statement ending balance.....	<u>199,602.58</u>

Uncleared transactions as of 07/31/2024.....	60,000.00
Register balance as of 07/31/2024.....	259,602.58

Details

Checks and payments cleared (2)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
07/24/2024	Bill Payment	ACH	Ashley Office System	-36.41
07/29/2024	Bill Payment	To print	Titus County	-900.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>-936.41</b>

Deposits and other credits cleared (2)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
07/02/2024	Transfer			100,000.00
07/24/2024	Transfer			100,000.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>200,000.00</b>

Additional Information

Uncleared deposits and other credits as of 07/31/2024

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
07/31/2024	Transfer			60,000.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>60,000.00</b>

Sulphur River Basin Authority

Certificate of Deposit (6 Months), Period Ending 08/04/2024

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 08/12/2024

Reconciled by: Kathy Williams

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Summary

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Statement beginning balance.....	104,816.72
Interest earned.....	969.20
Checks and payments cleared (0).....	0.00
Deposits and other credits cleared (0).....	0.00
Statement ending balance.....	<u>105,785.92</u>

Register balance as of 08/04/2024..... 105,785.92

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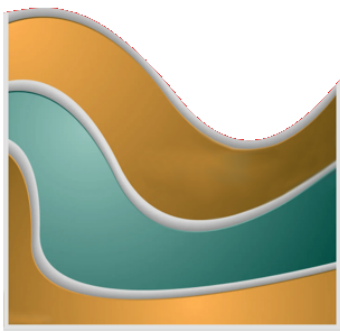
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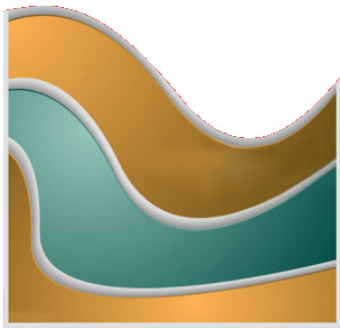
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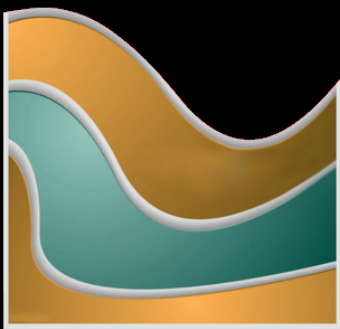
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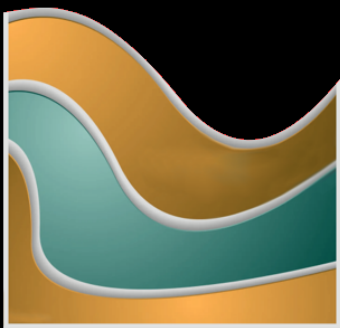
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**From:** Randy Rushin randy@water-monitor.com   
**Subject:** RE: August 20th Board Meeting  
**Date:** August 13, 2024 at 5:42 PM  
**To:** David Weidman dweidman@srbatx.org  
**Cc:** Christi McIntosh cmcintosh@srbatx.org



Hi David,

Below is our report of our CRP activities.

We have had very few activities since the last board meeting as we have completed most tasks due in FY 2024.

We were finishing up the routine water quality sampling when the July meeting was held – all routine sampling has been completed for the quarter. All Q2 and Q3 data were submitted to TCEQ on 7/26 - ahead of the 8/1 deadline. The FY 2025 QAPP Update has been finalized and was approved by TCEQ on 8/2. We are waiting on a signature from NTMWD in order for it to go into effect.

The bioassessment (ALM) in the North Sulphur was performed on July 27<sup>th</sup>, and the only remaining item left to complete for the fiscal year, the Auds Creek ALM, is scheduled for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>. We wanted to allow as much time as possible for the fish populations to recover from the June 29 kill. Fish were observed when we sampled there last month so I am hopeful that we will have a successful sampling event.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Randy Rushin

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024 11:09 AM  
**To:** Randy Rushin <randy@water-monitor.com>  
**Cc:** Christi McIntosh <cmcintosh@srbatx.org>  
**Subject:** Re: August 20th Board Meeting

Good morning, have you been able to email me your report for the Board packet?

Regards,

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On Aug 12, 2024, at 3:49 PM, Randy Rushin <[randy@water-monitor.com](mailto:randy@water-monitor.com)> wrote:

Ok. I'll send something shortly.

Randy Rushin

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**Subject:** Re: August 20th Board Meeting

An email would be fine, it's going to be a short meeting anyway.

Regards,

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**8. Regional Entities Reports:**

- (A) Funding Partners**
- (B) Riverbend Water Resources District**
- (C) Region D Water Planning Group**
- (D) Region 2 Flood Planning Group**

This item will include discussion and possible action regarding activities of the above-listed entities.



**Sulphur River  
Basin Authority**

**9. Reports and Updates from Executive Director:**

**(A) Segment 0305B - Auds Creek Fish Kill**

**(B) Community Impact Article**

**(C) RFI for Sulphur River Basin Authority FIF Abridged Application FME 02100062  
Update**

**(D) Cyber Security Training**


**(E) Partner Outreach and Development**

**(F) Rural River Authority Coalition**

This item will include discussion and possible action regarding the above-listed reports and updates.



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**From:** Randy Rushin randy@water-monitor.com   
**Subject:** RE: Auds Creek Fish Kill  
**Date:** July 16, 2024 at 3:39 PM  
**To:** Jenna Wadman Jenna.Wadman@tceq.texas.gov, Adam Whisenant Adam.Whisenant@tpwd.texas.gov, Richard Baetz richard.baetz@tceq.texas.gov  
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All,

Good news.

I collected routine quarterly samples in Auds Creek today. I observed quite a number of juvenile and very small fish in the stream. Most appeared to be minnows and shiners, but I didn't have a net to collect any.

I am optimistic that we will be able to perform the critical period ALM there before the end of August.

Randy Rushin

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**Subject:** Re: Auds Creek Fish Kill

Hi Randy,

Sorry for the delayed response. TCEQ doesn't have specific written guidance related to this situation and senior staff have said that it ultimately depends on what may have caused the fish kill and how long it persists. Because of the variety of factors that can affect environmental conditions and the amount of time it may take a stream to recover, SWQM Vol 2 allows the ability to exercise best professional judgement. As with any biological monitoring event, conditions should be consistent with the guidelines listed on page 2-3 of SWQM Vol 2.

Thank you for the detailed report!

Jenna Wadman  
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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
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**From:** Randy Rushin <randy@water-monitor.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2024 3:10 PM  
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**Subject:** Auds Creek Fish Kill

All,

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Adam – I hope this is the information that you/TPWD KAST needs for your report. Also, I've spoken with Lauren Pulliam and Richard Baetz with TCEQ Region 5 office. Lauren connected me with Richard since he is the CAFO coordinator and has been in contact with the Daisy Dairy located upstream of the station. The fish kill may have extended upstream of the farm. Daisy Dairy staff sent a photo of a large dead catfish at SH 19/24 along with an empty container of 2,4 D. The local game warden apparently responded to a fish kill at Pat Mayse lake this week, too. I plan to take a look at the SH 19/24 and another upstream crossing when I retrieve the sonde tomorrow.

Richard – feel free to add any information to the group.

Jenna – obviously, we will not be able to complete the Index period ALM – so we will need to move that event to October. Please ask Standards how long we should delay the Critical period sampling. I was thinking that we should wait until late August. Or should we try to complete two Critical period events next summer instead?


Let me know if you have any questions or need the individual photos.

Have a great weekend.

Randy Rushin

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**From:** Randy Rushin randy@water-monitor.com   
**Subject:** RE: Auds Fish Kill  
**Date:** July 19, 2024 at 2:07 PM  
**To:** David Weidman dweidman@srbatx.org  
**Cc:** Christi McIntosh cmcintosh@srbatx.org



David,

I haven't received anything from either agency. I don't anticipate that any action will be taken by either agency. You've been copied on all correspondence with them and their responses.

Randy Rushin

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**Subject:** Auds Fish Kill


Good morning Randy, The Board meeting went well. Reeves wanted a follow-up communication on the various agencies' response and final disposition.

Regards,

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**Date:** June 29, 2024 at 2:58 PM  
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Adam,

I retrieved the sonde this morning and have included the DO & pH values in the report. Also, I had to correct the size of the large catfish – it was 64 cm, not 84 cm. That information has also been updated in the attached.

Also, I noted that the rain was on Wednesday around noon and the skies cleared later in the afternoon. On Thursday, the skies were very cloudy until around midday.

Finally, I visited the Auds Creek crossings at SH 19/24 and at FM 137. I did not observe any dead fish at either location; however as noted in the report, many of the small fish were missing from the site this morning.

Based upon my observations, I think the fish kill had been very recent – within hours prior to my arrival at the site yesterday. With all that in mind, I'm thinking the cause of the fish kill may have been due to low DO.

Let me know if you need any further information or the original photos.

Randy Rushin

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Thanks Richard and Randy!

Adam



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Thanks Randy!

I contacted Kelly Cupp, employee with Daisy Dairy. Mr. Cupp stated that he has not observed a discharge of waste/wastewater into Auds Creek from the dairy. He did state that they have been spraying their corn crop over the last couple of weeks with Alfaguard, used to control aflatoxin in corn. They have also been spraying the alfalfa crop. I am not sure what was applied to the alfalfa. Mr. Cupp stated that the facility received 1.0" of rainfall on Wednesday at one rain gauge and 1.5" of rainfall at another rain gauge.

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## Counties statewide to receive \$3 billion for water projects



By [Jonathan Perriello](#) | 3:32 PM Jul 31, 2024 CDT  
Updated 3:32 PM Jul 31, 2024 CDT



The state allocated nearly \$483 million for two Upper Trinity Regional Water District projects, including construction of the Lake Ralph Hall reservoir in Fannin County. (Courtesy Upper Trinity Regional Water District)

The [Texas Water Development Board](#) approved more than \$3 billion in financial assistance for

water and wastewater projects statewide July 23.

Seventeen projects across various counties are set to receive a portion of the funds, including nearly \$483 million for two Upper Trinity Regional Water District projects.

Additionally, the state allocated \$125 million for a water treatment plant project in Fort Worth. The city could save approximately \$11 million over the life of the loan, per a TWDB news release.

The board administers financial assistance for various water projects through the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas program. The program helps communities mitigate cost by providing low-interest financing, extended repayment terms, deferred repayments and incremental repurchase terms.

## The details



The Upper Trinity Regional Water District is using \$320.8 million of the state funds to continue construction of the Lake Ralph Hall reservoir in Fannin County and \$162 million for the expansion of the Tom Harpool Regional Water Treatment Plant in Denton County, said Jason Pierce, manager of governmental affairs and communications.

The district supplies water to cities in Denton, Dallas, Collin, Cooke, Fannin, Grayson, Hunt and Wise counties, according to documents. The agency also provides water treatment services, and draws water from Lake Lewisville and Ray Roberts Lake through contracts with Denton and Dallas counties, Pierce said.

The reservoir is over 20 years in the making. As the counties it serves continue to grow, the district anticipates needing an additional reservoir by the end of the 2020s and designed Lake Ralph Hall to meet that need. The district submitted a water rights permit in 2003, and construction began in 2021, Pierce said.

"With Ralph Hall coming online, it shifts the supply-and-demand curve further out so it will be another 15 to 20 years before we need another water supply," he said.

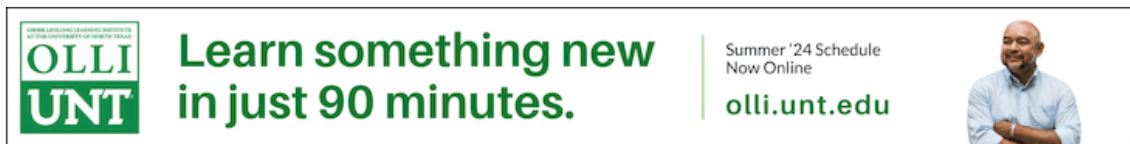


The lake will be about the size of Grapevine Lake when complete but will yield twice the water due to the increased depth of 59 billion gallons, Pierce said. It will also help reduce the impact of continued erosion and restore portions of the original river channel to its natural path. The district plans to deliver 54 million gallons of water from the reservoir per day by 2026.

**Zooming in**

Concurrently, the district is in the design phase of the water treatment plant expansion located north of Lake Lewisville and south of Celina near Providence Village, Pierce said. The expansion will increase the treatment capacity from 20 million gallons per day to 30 million by 2025, according to district documents.

Construction crews will also build additional administration and maintenance facilities. The second phase of the expansion will increase treatment capacity from 30 million gallons per day to 60 million. The project should move to construction in the next 60 to 90 days, Pierce said.



**What else?**

Similarly, Fort Worth is using \$125 million in SWIFT funds to expand the Eagle Mountain Water Treatment Plant, according to a TWDB news release.

The project provides the city redundancy and flexibility within the system to address future needs. The expansion includes the addition of a raw water ozone system, sedimentation basins, filtration, disinfection and other improvements, per the release.

Part of the expansion includes constructing a 54-inch pipeline as part of the city’s push to increase the water treatment plant’s pumping capacity. The proposed water transmission main would extend from the southwest end of the treatment plant, at 6801 Bowman Roberts Road, to an existing 36-inch water main at the intersection of Willow Springs Road and Blue Mound Road, per



city documents.



### The context

Since 1957, the Texas Water Development Board has led the state's efforts in ensuring water security, including implementing the [State Water Plan](#). The agency is charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional water and flood planning, and preparing the state water and flood plans, according to TWDB documents.

By [Jonathan Perriello](#)   
Reporter

Jonathan is a features reporter covering businesses and restaurants across the northern Dallas-Fort Worth region. He joined Community Impact in July 2023 after earning a journalism degree at The University of Texas at Arlington and writing for the college newspaper.



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**Subject:** RE: RFI for Sulphur River Basin Authority FIF Abridged Application FME 021000062  
**Date:** August 7, 2024 at 2:17 PM  
**To:** David Weidman [dweidman@srbatx.org](mailto:dweidman@srbatx.org)

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your response. We will share it with the reviewers. We will let you know if we have any additional questions.

Best,

**Sara Sopczynski (she/her/hers)**  
Flood Infrastructure Fund Program Coordinator  
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**Subject:** Re: RFI for Sulphur River Basin Authority FIF Abridged Application FME 021000062  
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The \$950k in the RFP was an early planning estimate. As we discussed and refined the scope, the final amount requested is \$850k, which is needed to complete the scope outlined in the FIF application.

Regards,

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On Jul 25, 2024, at 1:27 PM, FIF <[fif@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:fif@twdb.texas.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

TWDB staff is continuing to review abridged applications submitted for the SFY 2024-25 FIF cycle for eligibility and prioritization. Below are comments that will need to be addressed.

- Decrease of \$100,000 in total cost from \$950,000 in the RFP to \$850,000 in the Abridged Application. Please provide details on the cost decrease.

Please respond to this email with the requested information no later than Thursday, August 8. Let us know if you have any questions.

Best,

**Sara Sopczynski (she/her/hers)**  
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Subject: SFY 2024-2025 Flood Infrastructure Fund Abridged Application - Sulphur River Basin Authority

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Attached is the above-referenced application.

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**10. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on New Business to be Placed on a Future Meeting Agenda.**

This agenda item will include discussion and possible action on future agenda items.

Action Item: Possible Motion to place items discussed on the agenda of a future meeting.

**11. Announcements from the Chairman/Board and/or Staff.**



**Sulphur River  
Basin Authority**