MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NORTH HARRIS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

July 7, 2025

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (the "Authority") met in public session at 6:00 p.m. at the Authority's office located at 3648 Cypress Creek Parkway, Suite 110, Houston, Texas, a public meeting place within the boundaries of the Authority; whereupon, the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, towit:

Melissa Rowell	President
Kelly P. Fessler	Vice President
Ron Graham	Secretary
David Barker	Treasurer
Mark Ramsey	Director

All members of the Board were present, thus constituting a quorum. Also attending the meeting were: Mr. Jun Chang, P.E., D.WRE, General Manager for the Authority; Mr. Mark Evans, Director of Planning and Governmental Affairs for the Authority; Mr. Raj Singh, P.E., Engineering Manager for the Authority; Ms. Cynthia Plunkett, Finance Director for the Authority; Ms. Amber Batson of Carollo Engineers, Inc., Program Manager for the Authority; Ms. Kassandra Medina, Administrative Assistant for the Authority; Mr. Bryan Thomas of Inframark; Mr. Andrew P. Johnson, III, Attorney and Ms. Monica Alvarado, Paralegal, of Johnson Petrov LLP, General Counsel for the Authority. Other members of the public and consultants to the Authority were also present at the meeting. Copies of the public sign-in sheets are attached hereto.

WHEREUPON, the meeting was called to order and evidence was presented that public notice of the meeting had been given in compliance with the law.

CALL TO ORDER

Director Rowell, Board President, called the meeting to order. Mr. Curran McDowell then led the attendees in the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jerry Homan addressed the Board.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS

Director Rowell welcomed everyone, including those online, and informed them of her attendance at the Association of Water Board Directors ("AWBD") Conference.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2025 and JUNE 2, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

Upon motion by Director Graham, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting in

favor, the Board approved the minutes of the May 5, 2025 and June 2, 2025 regular Board meetings.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT, INCLUDING MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mrs. Plunkett reviewed with the Board the Authority's Financial Report and the checks being presented for payment.

Upon motion by Director Fessler, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting in favor, the Board approved the Financial Report and the checks being presented for payment.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. <u>Status of Water Supply and Conversion</u>. Ms. Batson provided an update on the progress of converting to surface water within the current permit year and presented charts illustrating the conversion over time. She then discussed the HGSD 60% conversion requirement and the Authority's inability to meet same.
- B. <u>Authorize General Manager for the Procurement of New Billing Software</u>. Ms. Batson discussed the current status of the Authority's metering program and informed the Board that the current Online Pumpage Reporting System does not have the ability to communicate with Smart Meters. She then recommended that the Board authorize the General Manager to contract with Springbrook as the Authority's new billing software.
 - Upon motion by Director Fessler, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting in favor, the Board authorized the General Manager to procure the new software.
- C. <u>Assignment and Assumption of Alternative Water Use Incentive Agreement Harris County MUD 383/Glennloch Pines, LLC (the "Assignment")</u>. Mr. Johnson advised the Board that he and Authority staff both reviewed the Assignment with Harris County MUD 383 and Glennloch Pines, LLC and recommended that the Board approve same.
 - Upon motion by Director Fessler, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting in favor, the Board approved the Assignment.
- D. Interlocal Agreement for Authority Waterline Upsizing, Cypress Hill MUD No. 1 (the "ILA"). Mr. Singh discussed with the Board the ILA and the upsizing of the Authority's waterline for Cypress Hill MUD No. 1's water pressure issues and new development.
 - Upon motion by Director Graham, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting in favor, the Board approved the ILA.
- E. <u>Approval of Amendment to the Rate Order regarding GRP Participation Fee</u>. Mr. Chang reminded the Board that it postponed this item in May until the July meeting and advised that the Committee reached an agreement on the amendments to the Rate Order. He then presented a chart demonstrating how the fee is calculated for new participants.
 - Upon motion by Director Barker, seconded by Director Ramsey, after full discussion and

with Directors Barker, Ramsey, Fessler and Graham voting in favor, and Director Rowell voting nay, the Board approved the amended Rate Order.

F. Approval of a Resolution authorizing a feasibility study RFQ for siting of a surface water treatment plant (the "Resolution"). Mr. Chang discussed with the Board the surface water supply contract with the City of Houston and advised that he has initiated an application TCEQ for surface water rights. He then discussed the need for an engineering firm to conduct a feasibility study on the diversion point site to build a treatment plant and receive the surface water.

Upon motion by Director Graham, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting in favor, the Board approved the Resolution.

OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT

Mr. Thomas updated the Board on various operations in the region.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. Evans discussed with the Board the special legislative session that will be held on July 21, 2025.

CONSTRUCTION/ENGINEERING UPDATE

- A. Update on NEWPP Expansion Project. Mr. Singh provided an update regarding the NEWPP.
- B. <u>Award of Project 31F contingent on TWDB approval to award</u>. Upon motion by Director Graham, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting in favor, the Board authorized the award of Project 31F to RAVA Construction, LLC.

AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURAL RULES OF THE AUTHORITY, INCLUDING AMENDING SECTIONS 2.05 AND 2.06

Mr. Johnson advised the Board of a new State law which changes the requirements for the posting of agendas, effective September 1, 2025.

Upon motion by Director Ramsey, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting in favor, the Board postponed this item until the August meeting.

HGSD UPDATE

Mr. Chang informed the Board of his meeting with HGSD's general manager after the Legislative Session, during which he presented an Impact on Compliance chart which illustrated the Authority's need for regulatory relief. Mr. Chang advised that he will continue discussions with HGSD to discuss viable options for relief.

AUTHORIZE A PUBLIC HEARING ON RATE INCREASE BASED ON THE COST OF WATER

Mr. Chang presented to the Board a chart illustrating the cost of water as requested by a Director. Director Barker inquired about the Authority's improvement funds, Director Fessler stated that he disagrees with losing money per gallon of water provided, and Director Ramsey stated that he is in favor of waiting for the results of the rate study.

Director Ramsey moved to postpone consideration of a public hearing until the rate study is complete, then amended his motion to postpone said consideration of a hearing for six months.

Upon motion by Director Rasmey, after full discussion and with Directors Ramsey, Rowell, and Barker voting in favor, and Directors Fessler and Graham voting nay, the Board approved Director Ramsey's amended motion to postpone consideration of a hearing on a rate increase for six months.

LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Director Rowell expressed her concerns surrounding General Counsel.

Director Fessler moved to postpone this item until the August meeting. After full discussion and with Directors Fessler and Ramsey voting in favor, and Directors Rowell, Graham, and Barker voting nay, the motion failed.

Upon motion by Director Rowell, after full discussion and with Directors Rowell, Fessler and Barker voting in favor, Director Ramsey voting nay, and Director Graham abstaining, the Board postponed this item until the September meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Ramsey requested that an item for online check registration be added to the August agenda.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Director Rowell advised that the next regular meeting will take place on August 4, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection, Director Rowell adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the 4th day of August, 2025.

Secretary, Board of Directors

