

MINUTES
EMERALD FOREST UTILITY DISTRICT

January 8, 2026

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Emerald Forest Utility District (the "District") met in regular session, open to the public, on the 8th day of January, 2026, at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2400, Houston, Texas, outside the boundaries of the District, and the roll was called of the members of the Board:

DeWayne High	President
Bobby G. Dillard	Vice President
William B. Schmidt	Secretary
Donald F. Brooks	Asst. Vice President
Robert M. Kimball	Assistant Secretary

and all of the above were present, except Director Brooks, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present at the meeting either in person or via teleconference were Justin Waggoner of Touchstone District Services; Luly Stripling of District Data Services, Inc.; Erik Spencer of Vogler & Spencer Engineering, Inc. ("VSE"); Scott Barr of Regional Water Corporation ("RWC"); Debbie Arellano of Bob Leared Interests; Joseph Ellis of McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot Ellis PLLC; Christie Leighton of Best Trash, LLC; and Katie Sherborne and Jessica Richardson of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP ("ABHR").

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board

APPROVE MINUTES

The Board considered approving the minutes of the December 11, 2025, regular meeting. After review and discussion, Director Dillard moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2025, regular meeting. Director Schmidt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATION MATTERS

Mr. Waggoner presented and reviewed the website and communication report, a copy of which is attached.

SECURITY MATTERS

The Board reviewed the monthly activity report from Harris County Sheriff's Office, a copy of which is attached.

Director Dillard reported on a discussion he had with Sergeant William Greer and noted that Sergeant Greer informed him that the move to Harris County Precinct No. 6 has been postponed until the end of the first quarter of 2026.

APPROVE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Mr. Ellis presented the draft audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. Following review and discussion, Director Schmidt moved to approve the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, subject to final review. Director Dillard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TAX ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION MATTERS

Ms. Arellano presented the monthly tax report, including the delinquent tax roll, a copy of which is attached. She stated that 99.430% of the District's 2024 taxes and 30.654% of the District's 2025 taxes were collected as of December 31, 2025. After review and discussion, Director Schmidt moved to approve the tax report and payment of the tax bills. Director Dillard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL AND BOOKKEEPING MATTERS

Ms. Stripling presented and reviewed the bookkeeper's report, including the District's investments and the budget comparison, and submitted the bills for payment. After review and discussion, Director Dillard moved to approve the bookkeeper's report and payment of the bills. Director Schmidt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. A copy of the bookkeeper's report is attached.

DETENTION POND MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Mr. Barr updated the Board on the ongoing maintenance of the Schroeder Oaks detention pond by the Harris County Flood Control District.

GARBAGE COLLECTION MATTERS

Ms. Leighton addressed the Board regarding garbage collection matters in the District. The Board noted no issues with garbage collection.

OPERATION OF DISTRICT FACILITIES

Mr. Barr presented the operations report from RWC, a copy of which is attached. He reported on routine maintenance and repair items in the District, including lift

station cleanout. He stated that water accountability for the prior billing cycle was 92.30%. He stated that RWC has not received the monthly lab testing reports as of yet, but that no violations are expected.

Mr. Barr updated the Board on the status of the bacteriological testing and monitoring required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") as part of the conditional approval for the water well exception request. He stated that there were no excursions found.

After review and discussion, Director Dillard moved to approve the operator's report. Director Schmidt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

HEARING REGARDING TERMINATION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE

The Board conducted a hearing on the termination of water and sewer service to delinquent accounts. Mr. Barr stated that the residents on the list were delinquent in payment of their water and sewer bills and had been given written notification prior to the meeting of the opportunity to appear before the Board to explain, contest, or correct the utility service bills and to show reason for nonpayment, all in accordance with the District's Rate Order. After discussion, Director Dillard moved that, because the customers on the list were neither present at the meeting nor had presented any written statement on the matter, water and sewer service for accounts totaling \$10 or more would be terminated the following week in accordance with the District's Rate Order, except (i) accounts in compliance with payment agreements, and (ii) commercial accounts, which are to be contacted first by RWC and then terminated the following Tuesday if payment has not been received, subject to confirmation that the date of the Board meeting included in the delinquent notice was correct. Director Schmidt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ENGINEERING MATTERS

Mr. Spencer presented and reviewed the engineer's report, a copy of which is attached.

FEASIBILITY STUDIES, PLAN REVIEWS, AND SERVICE REQUESTS

Mr. Spencer updated the Board on the status of the pending plan reviews and service requests, as reflected in his report.

Mr. Spencer updated the Board on VSE's coordination with the three businesses on FM 1960 on connecting to the District's utility system. He confirmed that the tap should be installed at Tire and Wheel Mart.

Mr. Spencer reported that the District's water line and force main along Cypress North Houston will need to be relocated for construction of a new

Harris County detention pond. Ms. Sherborne noted that if Harris County does oversee the relocation, the District will require the right to inspect the project.

SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION TO SERVE 21-ACRE TRACT

Mr. Spencer presented and reviewed a cost estimate for the sanitary sewer extension to serve the QuikTrip gas station and Bubble Bath car wash proposed to be developed on a 21-acre tract located at the intersection of Mills Road and F.M. 1960, reflecting the total estimated contract cost of \$911,984.50 and noted that the District's share of the project would be approximately \$373,549.32. He reported that the QuikTrip representatives have not responded to the cost estimate.

GENERATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, WATER PLANT NO. 3, AND GREEN CREEK LIFT STATION

Mr. Spencer updated the Board on the generator replacement project for the wastewater treatment plant, water plant no. 3, and Green Creek lift station. Mr. Spencer presented a proposal from CenterPoint Energy to install a gas line to each of the generator locations in the amount of \$24,392.00. Following review and discussion, Director Dillard moved to approve the CenterPoint Energy proposal. Director Schmidt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

SANITARY SEWER CLEANING AND TELEVISIONING OF TURTLE LAKES SECTIONS 1 AND 2 AND TURTLE HILL VILLAGE

Mr. Spencer updated the Board on the status of the Turtle Lakes Sections 1 & 2 and Turtle Hill Village project. He reported that ABHR is in the process of reviewing the contract documents.

LINNFIELD DETENTION POND REHABILITATION

Mr. Spencer updated the Board on the Linnfield detention pond rehabilitation project.

LIFT STATION NO. 2

Mr. Spencer updated the Board on lift station no. 2 project.

UPDATE REGARDING EXCEPTION REQUESTS FROM TCEQ AND COMPLIANCE WITH ENFORCEMENT ORDER

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Spencer updated the Board on updates to the District's five-year Capital Improvement Plan.

DEEDS, EASEMENTS, AND/OR CONSENTS TO ENCROACHMENT

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

OTHER ENGINEERING MATTERS

There were no additional engineering items for Board discussion.

AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VSE

Mr. Spencer presented and reviewed an amendment to the District's Professional Services Agreement (the "Agreement") with VSE, including the revised rate sheet. Following review and discussion, Director Dillard moved to approve the Agreement and rate sheet. Director Schmidt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO REIMBURSE

The Board determined to defer action on a Resolution Expressing Intent to Reimburse pending award of a construction contract for the sanitary sewer extension to serve the QuikTrip gas station and Bubble Bath car wash.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT REGARDING POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE POLICY

Ms. Sherborne reported that ABHR has no recommendations to revise the District's existing post-issuance compliance policy.

ANNUAL CYBERSECURITY AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TRAINING

The Board deferred discussion on this agenda item.

2026 DIRECTORS ELECTION

Ms. Sherborne discussed the District's 2026 Directors Election. She presented and reviewed a Resolution Designating an Agent of the Secretary of the Board of

Directors During the 2026 Directors Election Period. Following review and discussion, Director Schmidt moved to adopt a Resolution Designating an Agent of the Secretary of the Board during the 2026 Directors Election Period appointing Jessica Richardson as the agent of the Secretary of the Board of Directors to perform the duties of the District's Directors Election and to authorize the agent to post the related notice as required. Director Dillard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Sherborne reported on requirements to file a Notice of Deadline to File Applications for Place on the Ballot for the 2026 Directors Election. Following discussion, Director Schmidt moved to authorize the Secretary's agent to post the notice as required. Director Dillard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Sherborne discussed exemptions from using electronic voting systems during the 2026 Directors Election. Following discussion, Director Schmidt moved to authorize the Secretary's agent to publish Notice of Exemption in a newspaper of general circulation. Director Dillard seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the pay scale for election officials. Following review and discussion, Director Schmidt moved to set the pay for election officials at \$20.00 per hour. Director Dillard seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

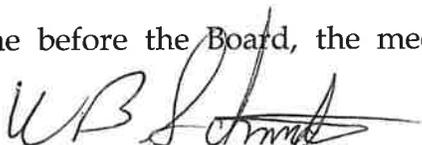
DISCUSS MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board discussed its meeting schedule and concurred to not hold a special meeting in the month of January and to next meet on February 12, 2026.

OPERATOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

The Board reopened discussion of the operator's report and discussion ensued regarding the District's water supply sources. Director High inquired about the status of the District's interconnect with Reid Road Municipal Utility District. Mr. Barr confirmed that the District currently receives all of its water from the North Harris County Regional Water Authority.

There being no further matters to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary, Board of Directors

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