



**BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIONS
July 26, 2021**

The Brazos River Authority's Board of Directors held their regular bi-monthly meeting Monday, July 26, 2021. The Board took the following actions:

Clean Rivers Program Contract FY 2022 & 2023

The Board of Directors authorized the General Manager/CEO to enter into a contract with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). As part of the contract, the TCEQ will provide funding to the Brazos River Authority to perform water quality monitoring services and other activities under the Texas Clean Rivers Program.

Integrated Water Resource Plan

The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to develop Phase I of the Integrated Water Resource Plan for an amount not to exceed \$1,439,754.00.

Clute-Richwood Wastewater Treatment Operations Contract

The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to execute a one-year extension of the Clute-Richwood Regional Sewerage System Agreement to begin on October 1, 2021, and expire on September 30, 2022.

Surplus

The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to dispose of the presented surplus personal property under the terms and conditions that are in the best interest of the Brazos River Authority. The Board also authorized the General Manager/CEO in certain instances to continue to use and/or maintain previously authorized surplus property in a manner that is in the best interest of the Brazos River Authority until appropriate replacement property is received and placed in service.

East Williamson County Regional Water System (EWCRRS) Expansion Engineering Services

The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with CDM Smith, Inc. for engineering services associated with conducting an engineering evaluation, engineering design, preparation of subsequent bidding and contract documents, and resulting construction activities, as required, to make improvements and expand components of the East Williamson County Regional Water System, to integrate the existing groundwater well and to make recommendations on the construction and use of future groundwater wells. The fee for engineering services associated with the initial assessment (study/engineering evaluation phase) shall not exceed \$2,697,471, and engineering fees for subsequent phases of the project, including design, bidding, and construction, will be presented to the Brazos River Authority Board of Directors for future consideration.

Proposed FY2022 Strategic Plan

The Board approved and adopted the Strategic Plan, including the Mission Statement, Guiding Principles, Goals, Objectives and Strategies as presented at the July 26, 2021 meeting.

Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Operating Plan (Budget) and Adoption of Budget

The Board approved and adopted the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Operating Plan and Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan (Budget) as presented to the Board at the July 26, 2021 meeting. The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to make expenditures and enter into contracts for expenditures as listed in the Budget, in accordance with the Brazos River Authority's General Operations Practices, Policy 2.01, Authority And Responsibilities Of The Board Of Directors And General Manager/Chief Executive Officer.

The Board also authorized the General Manager/CEO to make adjustments in the individual line item amounts of the Budget provided that the total amount expended does not exceed the total amount authorized for each operating division.

The Board also adopted the Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan as presented in the Budget and approved and adopted a rate of \$83.00 per acre-foot of water annually for Fiscal Year 2022, for both the System Water Rate and the Interruptible Water Rate. The Board adopted a rate of \$58.10 per acre-foot of water annually for Fiscal Year 2022, for the Agricultural Water Rate.

The Board adopted a methodology for quarterly or monthly payments that includes a multiplier to be applied to the annual payment to allow the Brazos River Authority to recover interest lost on any unpaid balance plus a service charge for administrative costs, including, but not limited to, costs involving the billing, accounting and collecting for the quarterly or monthly payments. The methodology used to determine the multiplier consists of applying the current savings rate the Brazos River Authority would be earning on the funds if paid in full annually, to the unpaid balance on a monthly or quarterly schedule, to determine lost interest; and that the Service Charge shall remain at twenty dollars (\$20.00) per invoice to cover additional administrative costs for billing, accounting and collecting the associated payments. The annual interest rate of 4.0% and a daily interest rate charge of .0109589% ($4\% \div 365$), to be applied for quarterly and monthly payments for Fiscal Year 2022, shall remain the same.

Texas Water Development Board Regional Water Planning Contract

The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO, as administrative agent for the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group, to enter into and execute a Regional Water Planning Contract with the Texas Water Development Board for \$338,173 to support the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group activities. The Board also authorized the General Manager/CEO, as administrative agent for the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group, to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement for an amount up to \$338,173 with Carollo Engineering to complete tasks identified in the Regional Water Planning Contract Scope of Work.

Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Amendment

The Board approved amendments to the Fiscal Year 2021 Cost Reimbursable Operating Budget as follows: Increase the Cost Reimbursable FY 2021 Operating Budget and corresponding Revenues by \$600,000, from its current level of \$14,685,273 to \$15,285,273."

Allens Creek Reservoir

The Board authorized an increase to the contractual not-to-exceed amount for legal services in relation to Allens Creek Reservoir and Texas House Bill 2846 by \$200,000.

Executive Compensation and Evaluation Committee

The Board approved the Executive Compensation and Evaluation Committee's recommendation that the sustained exemplary performance by the General Manager/CEO warrants an annual salary increase of 10% of his existing salary and justifies a one-time bonus of 10% of his existing salary.