



**TERREBONNE DOMESTIC
WATER DISTRICT**

Terrebonne Domestic Water District

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Regular Public Board Meeting May 12th, 2026

The Regular Public Board Meeting was **called to order** at 18:01 hours on May 12th, 2026 with 5 directors present: Board President Eric Fisher, Secretary Jim Wilhelm, Treasurer Kevin Byrne, Board Member Velda Aldous and Board Member Matt Banton . Also present was District Manager Dan Bruce There were no members of the public attending or on Zoom.

Agenda: Eric presented the agenda to the board (see agenda).

Minutes: Minutes for the March 10th 2026 public board meeting were reviewed by the board. (see minutes). Jim made a motion that the board accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Velda.

VOTES: Eric-yes, Velda-yea, Jim-yea, Kevin-yea, Matt-yea. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The current financial report was reviewed by the board, (see report). Kevin reported \$44,664 in income (\$7,700 of this was SDE fees), \$31,117 of expenses and **\$13,547** of net income for the month of February. Current accounts showed onhand funds of **\$954,302**. Kevin made a motion that the board accept the financial report and the checks as presented, seconded by Matt.

VOTES: Eric-yes, Velda-yea, Jim-yea, Kevin-yea, Matt-yea. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: Eric brought to the board's attention that current reports reflect a possible super El Nino this year. It was noted that could lead to a better year in water sales for the district.

District Manager's Report: Dan presented his report to the board (see report).

PFAS Testing: Dan informed the board that he will be doing the second round of testing for PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances). Dan stated that this test is required and if we test clean on this report we should not have to do more testing. The cost of the test should be about \$1,200 and should be completed by the end of the month.

Business Discussed: Items noted on agenda:

ODOT HWY 97 Project: Reported that the ODOT is moving along, to which Eric replied “Yea right”. Dan did have a problem locating one of the new water lines. ODOT agreed to correct this problem as he requested. At this point ODOT has requested that Dan preapprove the ongoing plan for work required on our pipes. This request is a change for the good and change of attitude toward Dan. Dan was asked about the problem with “water hammering” that the district had been experiencing. Dan noted that after having one last talk with the workers the problem seems to be taken care of. Jim noted that both Jennifer and Dan have been having to work some nights and days off while working on this project. The board wanted to recognize this extra effort by the staff.

Rate Resolution Discussion: Dan introduced three items that need to be addressed concurring with our proposed new rate resolution. 1) SDC fees interest rates, 2) Lien fees to be applied, 3) Rate increase for new fiscal year.

- 1) SDC fees are now set with a voluntary payment interest rate of 1% to be paid over 30 years. This interest rate was put in place to assist property owners during a planned expansion. Since this is a very low interest rate it now needs to be adjusted. The board agreed to move the interest rate to Prime + 1% and reduce the term to 10 years. Dan noted that it is possible that the district no longer needs to present property owners pay these fees over time. Dan will check on this and report back to the board.
- 2) It was noted that fees from the county to file a lien were about \$176. In addition to these fees it is time and driving that are involved. The board agreed that our resolution should reflect "administration fees", paid to the county, and processing fees to reflect district time and driving costs. Dan will establish processing based on our costs.
- 3) Each board member was asked their opinion on how much to raise current rates. Jim wanted an increase of \$1 (2.35% increase) as a place holder until the district can do a rate study. Matt wanted a \$1.50 (3.53% increase) to be closer to inflation. Both Kevin and Velda supported an \$2 (4.71% increase) with the thought that the district has been collecting less than inflation for the last few years. Eric took the position of mediator on this issue and guided the deliberations. Dan's input was that any increase the board agrees to must be based on "data" and at this point because we do not have a rate study we do not have the date to properly justify an increase larger than \$1.
After much discussion Jim made a motion that the board set an increase for the next fiscal year of \$1.50, seconded by Matt. It was noted that this increase reflects the current inflation rate of 3.5%.

VOTES: Eric-yes, Velda-yea, Jim-yea, Kevin-yea, Matt-yea. The motion passed unanimously.

For the Good of the Order: Issues for board consideration.

Community Event: Matt asked that the board consider having some kind of community event, open house, BBQ or other gathering for the community. The goal would be to get more insight and participation from community members. The board agreed to consider this at a later time.

Petition Impact: Jim questioned what amount of support we had on the petition to protect our wells. Dan noted that at this point the petition has about 170 signers. Dan does not believe we are getting the results from the county we are looking for. It was agreed that Dan will be allowed to ramp up the pressure through our lawyer by any means he deems necessary.

First Public Budget Meeting: June 9th, 2026 @ 18:00 hours @ TDWD district office.
Next Regular Board Meeting: June 9th, 2026 @ 18:30 hours @ TDWD district office.
Second Public Budget Meeting: June 16th, 2026 @ 18:00 hours @ TDWD district office

Meeting Adjourned: 19:08 hours

Submitted By: Jim Wilhelm
Secretary TDWD

Recorded Action Points