

CITY OF HARLINGEN WATERWORKS SYSTEM
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 24, 2026

The Regular Board Meeting of the Utility Board of Trustees was conducted on the 24th day of June 2026 at 5:00 P.M. in the Harlingen Waterworks System's Board Room located on the second floor at 121 East Harrison Avenue, in the City of Harlingen, Texas.

City Commissioners Present: Gabriel Gonzlaez, City Manager
Delia Cavazos, District 1
Frank Morales, District 4

Board Members' Present: Michael Murphy, Vice Chairman
Scott Allex, Trustee
Jessica Gonzalez, Trustee
Wayne Lowry, Trustee

Staff Present: Roy Rodriguez, Interim General Manager
Ron De La Garza, Director of Finances
Florita J. Rodriguez, Customer Service Director
Michael Chamberlain, Purchasing Manager
Jose L. Rodriguez, Director of Information Technology
Gabriel Trevino, Utility Engineer
Mario A. Gonzalez, Water Services Director
Cassandra Mata, HR Manager
Jon Hedgard, Wastewater Director

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: OPEN MEETING AND WELCOME

Vice Chairman Michael Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M. and inquired if the agenda had been posted in compliance with the law, which Alexandra Torres confirmed it had.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY INVOCATION

Michael Murphy commenced the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and honoring our country with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roy Rodriguez followed with a prayer.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Michael Murphy read the conflict-of-interest disclosure and asked the Board if anyone had any known conflicts of interest for this Board Meeting. None of the trustees reported a conflict of interest.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: COMMUNICATION / INPUT FROM CUSTOMERS AND RESIDENTS OF HARLINGEN

None.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With no corrections requested, a motion to approve the Board Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of May 27, 2026, was made.

Motion: Scott Allex
Second: Wayne Lowry

Motion to approve was carried by a vote of the Board (4-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

a) Presentation of Delinquent Accounts in excess of \$500.

Florita Rodriguez presented the delinquent accounts that were still pending. Discussion by the Board ensued.

b) Presentation of Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Improvements Program.

Gabriel Trevino and Joseph Lunn presented a comprehensive presentation on the status of current year Capital Improvement Projects and proposed projects for FY 2026-27. Discussion by the Board ensued.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: FINANCIALS

a) Monthly Financial Report for month ending May 31, 2026.

Ron De La Garza gave an overview of the financial reports ending May 31, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: RESOLUTIONS

Consent Agenda

- a) **R2526-63** Approve contract extension for Banking Services.
- b) **R2526-64** Approve contract extension for Internet and Phone Services.
- c) **R2526-65** Approve contract extension for Investment Advisory Services.
- d) **R2526-66** Approve contract extension for Supply of Ultrasonic Water Meters.
- e) **R2526-67** Approve contract extension for Bedding and Backfill Sand.
- f) **R2526-68** Approve contract extension for Maintenance of HVAC Systems and Ice Makers.
- g) **R2526-69** Approve contract extension for Supply of Liquid Ammonium Sulfate.
- h) **R2526-70** Approve contract extension for Supply of Liquid Aluminum Sulfate.
- i) **R2526-71** Approve contract extension for Supply of Water Treatment Alum Polymer Blend Coagulant.

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- j) **R2526-72** Approve contract extension for Supply of Water Treatment Coagulant.
- k) **R2526-73** Approve contract extension for Supply of Polymer for Acti-Flo System for Water Treatment.
- l) **R2526-74** Approve contract extension for Supply of Polymer to Condition Sludge for Belt Press Operations.
- m) **R2526-78** Amending and adopting the redevelopment of Technically Based Local Limits (TBLLs) as part of the approved Pretreatment Program

A motion was made to approve Resolutions No. R2526-63-R2526-74 and R2526-78 by consent agenda.

Motion: Scott Allex
Second: Wayne Lowry

Motion to approve was carried by a vote of the Board (4-0).

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R2526-75 Awarding a Construction Phase Services Contract for Little Creek Interceptor Project.

Gabriel Trevino reported that, as the Little Creek Interceptor Project moves into the construction phase, engineering services will continue throughout construction. The scope of work includes full-time construction inspection, engineering support during construction, field modifications, site visits, and project close-out services. Mr. Trevino recommended approval of the construction phase services contract with Halff & Associates in the amount of \$846,975.00.

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. R2526-75 Awarding a Construction Phase Services Contract for Little Creek Interceptor Project.

Motion: Scott Allex
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Motion to approve was carried by a vote of the Board (4-0).

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R2526-76 Authorizing Texas Water Development Board Funding Application Filing and Appointment of Authorized Representative.

Gabriel Trevino informed the Board that the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has opened a one-time funding opportunity under the Water Supply & Infrastructure Grant Program. The program provides 100% grant funding, with each eligible entity limited to one application based on its service population. Gabriel Trevino recommended that the Board authorize submission of the grant application and designate the Interim General Manager Roel 'Roy' Rodriguez as HWWS's authorized representative.

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. R2526-76 Authorizing Texas Water Development Board Funding Application Filing and Appointment of Authorized Representative.

Motion: Jessica Gonzalez
Second: Wayne Lowry

Motion to approve was carried by a vote of the Board (4-0).

R2526-77 Authorizing Change Order #1 for Additional Geotechnical Construction Phase Services for the Warehouse Yard Improvements Project

Roy Rodriguez recommended this item be Tabled as more details were needed.

A motion to Table Resolution No. R2526-77

Motion: Scott Alex
Second: Wayne Lowry

Motion to table was carried by a vote of the Board (4-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: MANAGER'S REPORT.

a) Plant Pumpage Report May 2026

Roy Rodriguez made note that the Plant Pumpage Report could be found in the board packet for review.

b) Plant Treatment Report May 2026

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c) Future Agenda Items.

- General Manager Roy Rodriguez advised approval of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.
- Board Member Wayne Lowry requested discussion on General Manger transition.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- n) Discussion regarding potential General Manager candidates, pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §551.074.
- o) Consultation with Attorney regarding real property transactions, pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §551.072.

A motion to enter Executive Session was made.

Motion: Jessica Gonzalez Seconded: Wayne Lowry.

Motion to Approve: 4 Yeas 0 Nays

Entered Executive Session at: 6:03 P.M.

Exited Executive Session at: 6:32 P.M.

Action Taken: No actions

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Michael Murphy adjourned the meeting at 6:32 P.M.

Attest: 

Alexandra Torres, Board Secretary