

**EAST CEDAR CREEK FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT
MINUTES WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2026, 12:30 PM**

1. A meeting of the Board of Directors for East Cedar Creek FWSD was held at the Administration building in Gun Barrel City, Tx on March 18, 2026. The meeting convened at 12:30pm, President Jim Willi presiding.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Members present in person were, President Jim Willi, Vice-President Larry Bratton, Treasurer Pat Mullaney, Secretary Terri Bradley, Director Ted Henley, Director Michael Divine, and Director Debbie Emmerich. Other attendees in person were General Manager James Blodgett, Office Manager Angie Crowsey, Operations Manager Shawn Zbleski, Chief Water Operator Anthony McLaughlin, Shriram Manivannan/KSA Engineers a Pate-Dawson Co., John Reidy/KSA Engineers a Pate-Dawson Co., John Lacey/KSA Engineers a Pate-Dawson Co., and Joseph Stone/KSA Engineers a Pate-Dawson Co.. Other attendees by telephone/video conference was Russel Staton/The Monitor
4. A quorum was established.
5. Motion was made by Mr. Mullaney and seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Discuss and/or take action to approve the minutes from the workshop/regular meeting on March 18, 2026.** Motion was made by Ms. Bradley and seconded to approve the minutes from the workshop/regular meeting on March 18, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Public Comments.** President Willi wanted to recognize Chief Water Operator Anthony McLaughlin for completing the Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA) Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) which was a lot of hard work to complete this program that is designed for up-and-coming leaders in the Texas rural water industry.
8. **Consent Agenda:** The Board requested that all items under the Engineer's Report be removed for discussion.
 - a. KSA Engineer's Report
 - i. Task Order #24 General Services
 - ii. 2022 Bond Projects. 1. Task Order #101210 NWWTP Catwalk 2. Task Order #101212 SWWTP Improvement 3.Task Order #101213 Brookshire GST. 4. Task Order #101214 Lift Station Improv 57 & 59 5. Task Order #104320 Lake Crossing Project.
 - iii. Task Order #11013984-003 North WWTP Permit Renewal.
 - iv. Task Order #104966 2026 Bond Application.
 - b. General Manager's Monthly Report.
 - i. Key Monthly Activities. ii. Staff Changes. iii. Work Orders. iv. Project Status. v. Operations Report.

Without objections the Board discussed the following consent agenda items.

8.a. KSA Engineer's Report. Mr. Manivannan reviewed the Engineer report with the Board.

- **8.a (i) Task Order #24 General Services.**
 - **Enriched Life Medical.** KSA is reviewing the revised plan for this project which was noted that this is a doctors office off of Municipal Drive.
 - **Walmart Expansion** – Mr. Blodgett explained that they are putting in new freezers and requested that the District relocate a fire hydrant.
- **8.a(ii) 2022 Bond Projects. (#1)Task Order #101210 NWWTP Catwalk.** This project is being put out for bid, Adverting has been published in the newspapers, and the bid opening is set for May 6th. Mr. Manivannan advised as discussed in earlier meetings that they are estimating that the costs of this project will be slightly over by around \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00 from the original estimates but that Mr. Blodgett has confirmed that there are enough funds to cover this.
- **8.a(ii) 2022 Bond Projects.(#2)Task Order #101212 South Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP) Improvement.** The engineers have been working through several items

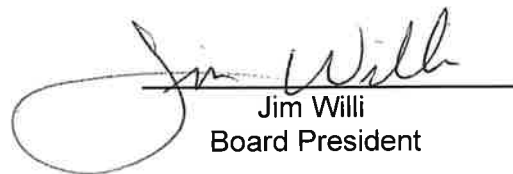
including the architect improvements which are now complete with one change order on today's agenda for approval. It was noted that for the SWWTP project there is a one-month lead time before equipment starts arriving.

- **8.a(ii) 2022 Bond Projects. (#4) Task Order #101214 Lift Station Improvement. 57 & 59.** The pumps have been ordered and should arrive around mid-May with SCADA ready to go and some major materials have already been delivered.
- **8.a(ii) 2022 Bond Projects. Task Order #104320 Lake Crossing Project.** Design is complete and the engineers will be in contact with Tarrant Regional Water District as well as the homeowners involved.
- **8.a(iii) Task Order #11013984-003 North WWTP Permit Renewal.** The Engineers have been working on gathering documents and will have testing in April.
- **8.a(iv) Task Order #104966 2026 Bond Application.** Sites visits are being done today for these projects with the District's staff.
- **8.b. General Manager's Monthly Report.** Mr. Blodgett pointed out the new capital improvement project status showing all projects and asked that the Board review and let him know if they wanted to see any changes to the new report. Mr. Blodgett also discussed Mr. McLaughlin completing the TRWA Emerging Leaders Program (ELP), pointing out that this was a nine-month program that he completed. One of the projects Mr. McLaughlin did was a community participation in Gun Barrel City's national night out which the District will continue to participate in every year. Mr. Blodgett also advised that all four generators are now installed and are operational, but that the District does need a new automatic transfer switch at the raw water intake and will have to replace some fencing at the intake as well, which will all be paid out of the 2022 bond.
- The Board discussed the GIS system that was removed from the 2026 Bond project list. Mr. Blodgett advised that this project is needed due to sudden growth and the District may consider using Capital Improvement Funds to purchase a GIS system. The Board discussed the remaining funds in the 2022 Bond for the AMR project and Mr. Blodgett explained that the District is currently looking into purchasing bigger meters for the Southside. The Board discussed the text messaging program and procedures, and it was noted that there will be some promotional posts, newsletters, and even a QR code in the lobby to encourage customers to opt into the text messaging. Mr. Blodgett presented a handout showing current lake levels which were at 89.2% combined with Richard Chambers, pointing out that the lake is lower than it was in 2011 during the drought. Mr. Blodgett advised that we know the lake is low on water and it should be full right now and noted that if it goes below 75% the District will go into stage 1 conservation. It was discussed that this data could be put into the next newsletter sent out.

Motion was made by Mr. Henley and seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Discuss and/or take action to approve change order #1 for Task Order #101212 SWWTP Improvement project in the amount of \$5,524.91.** Motion was made by Mr. Divine and seconded to approve change order #1 for Task Order #101212 SWWTP Improvement project in the amount of \$5,524.91. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **Discuss and/or take action to approve pay request #2 from J & K Excavation for Task Order #101212 SWWTP Improvement project in the amount of \$79,200.00 to be paid out of the 2022 Bond.** Motion was made by Mr. Mullaney and seconded to approve pay request #2 from J & K Excavation for Task Order #101212 SWWTP Improvement project in the amount of \$79,200.00 to be paid out of the 2022 Bond. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Discuss and/or take action to approve to replace cabinets at the Brookshire WTP not to exceed the amount of \$5,700 for an unexpected 2026-2027 capital improvement expenditure to be paid out of the Operating Reserves account.** Motion was made by Ms. Bradley and seconded to approve to replace cabinets at the Brookshire WTP not to exceed the amount of \$5,700 for an unexpected 2026-2027 capital improvement expenditure to be paid out of the Operating Reserves account. Mr. Blodgett explained that the current cabinets are falling apart and need to be replaced. Motion carried unanimously.
12. **Discuss and/or take action to approve transferring three (3) operations accounts to Southside Bank and authorize signers for these accounts.** Motion was made by Mr. Mullaney and seconded to approve transferring three (3) operations accounts to Southside Bank and authorize signers for these accounts. It was explained that the District would be moving three of their day-to-day operating accounts over to Southside bank while leaving the current ones at the First State Bank for up to one year to make sure all expenses and checks have cleared before closing those out. The District will leave the Operating Reserve Fund account and the Bond System Reserve account at First State. It was noted that the accounts to be transferred will be the operating account, the manager's account, and the payroll account. Mr. Mullaney advised that one of the accounts named manager's account will be changed to service deposit account. The current signers at existing accounts will be the same when the transfer happens. Motion carried unanimously.
13. **Committee Reports.**
 - a. **Operations Committee.** There was no report.
 - b. **Personnel Committee.** There was no report.
 - c. **Finance Committee.** Mr. Mullaney advised that they Finance Committee met before today's meeting to review and discuss transferring the three bank accounts.
14. **Review and discuss the March 2026 financial reports.** The Board reviewed and discussed the financials and noted that the debt ratio ended good at 2.86. The Board discussed current staff going into the new fiscal year noting that the District is down a couple of crew leaders at the current time.
15. **Discuss and/or take action to approve the payment of bills.** Motion was made by Mr. Mullaney and seconded to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Motion was made by Mr. Bratton and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Board convened out of the meeting at 1:11pm.


Jim Willi
Board President

05/20/2026
Date