EAST CEDAR CREEK FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19, 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 August 19, 2026. The meeting convened at 12:30pm, Vice-President Larry Bratton presiding.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Members present were Vice-President Larry Bratton, Treasurer Pat Mullaney, Secretary Terri Bradley, Director Ted Henley, and Director Michael Divine. Absent was President Jim Willi, and Director Debbie Emmerich. Other attendees in person were General Manager James Blodgett, Office Manager Angie Crowsey, Chief Water Operator Anthony McLaughlin, Shriram Manivannan/KSA Engineers a Pate-Dawson Co. and Joseph Stone/KSA Engineers a Pate-Dawson Co. Other Attendees by telephone/video conference were Russell Slator/The Monitor and Michael Miller.
4. A quorum was established.
5. Motion was made by Mr. Divine 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 July 15, 2026.** A motion was made by Ms. Bradley and seconded to approve the minutes from the workshop/regular meeting on July 15, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Public Comments**. Mr. Blodgett presented a handout he printed directly from the Tarrant Reginal Water District (TRWD) website showing lake levels of all lakes. Mr. Blodgett explained that the Districts conservation plan states that the District will go into stage one conservation when the capacity reaches 75% with both Richland Chambers and Cedar Creek Lake average. The District follows the TRWD conservation stages. Mr. Blodgett gave examples of stages and restrictions.
8. **Consent Agenda**:.
    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 #101214 Lift Station Improv 57 & 59 **4.** 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(i). Task Order #24. The Board noted that KSA Engineer's had completed the review of the revised plans on 06/12/2026 for the Pier 334 project and currently no action is needed by the District.

8.a(ii). 2022 Bond Projects. #1) Task Order #101210 NWWTP Catwalk. The project submittals are being reviewed, and it was noted that this project is estimated to be about a 2-to-3-day work onsite that most of the fabrication would take place offsite.

8.a(ii). 2022 Bond Projects. #2) Task Order #101212 SWWTP Improvement. Mr. Manivannan advised that they had met with the contractors prior to the board meeting today for some clarification and gave an update on delays due to the additional electrical infrastructure. Mr. Manivannan advised that they were currently working on a recovery schedule.

8.a(ii). 2022 Bond Projects. #3) Task Order #101214 Lift Station Improvement 57 & 59. Mr. Manivannan gave a brief overview of the current status advising that both lift stations have

been started up and commissioned and that they are currently seeding and performing general restoration at the lift station sites. The final pay request is estimated for October.
8.a(ii). 2022 Bond Projects. #4) Task Order #104320 Lake Crossing Project. The engineers met with a representative from Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) to discuss the project so that they had a better understanding of the importance of it and now TRWD is currently reviewing for approval. The project is estimated to start at the end of this year or first of next year.
8.a(iii). Task Order #11013984-003 North WWTP Permit Renewal. It was noted that the permit renewal usually takes 12 to 15 months from start to finish.
8.a(iv). Task Order #104966 2026 Bond Application. It was noted that the District will do a expedited bond application as recommended by the District's financial advisors. The cost for expedited versus regular is $500. Mr. Blodgett advised that the Board and the advisors would watch rates to see what would be more beneficial to the District.
8.b(v). Operations Report. The Board and Mr. Blodgett discussed the water loss report noting the improvement this month. It was assumed that the improvement was due to several factors, one being that the fiber optic installers have moved out of the area and are no longer causing water leaks and that staff have been trained again on the proper way of calculating water loss. Motion was made by Mr. Mullaney and seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Discuss and/or take action to approve change order #3 for Task Order #101212 SWWTP Improvement project in the amount of $71,160.40 for a 2022 Bond project**. Motion was made by Mr. Henley and seconded to approve change order #3 for Task Order #101212 SWWTP Improvement project in the amount of $71,160.40 for a 2022 Bond project. As discussed earlier the increase was due to the additional wiring and electrical infrastructure. It was noted that the District did get credit for the chart recorder and the tank clean up that was done in house. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **Discuss and/or take action to approve pay request #6 from J & K Excavation for Task Order #101212 SWWTP Improvement project & Task Order #101214 Lift Station Improv 57 & 59 in the amount of $190,004.80 to be paid out of the 2022 Bond**. Motion was made by Ms. Bradley to approve pay request #6 from J & K Excavation for Task Order #101212 SWWTP Improvement project & Task Order #101214 Lift Station Improv 57 & 59 in the amount of $190,004.80 to be paid out of the 2022 Bond. Motion carried unanimously.
11. **Discuss and/or take action to approve rebuilding the McKay WTP raw water pumps not to exceed the amount of $21,000.00 to be paid out of the Operating Reserve for an unbudgeted 2026/2027 capital expenditure**. Motion was made by Mr. Divine and seconded to approve rebuilding the McKay WTP raw water pumps not to exceed the amount of $21,000.00 to be paid out of the Operating Reserve for an unbudgeted 2026/2027 capital expedition. Mr. Blodgett advised that since there are three pumps the District does not keep back up pumps. These pumps are used in rotation with one running at a time not all three at once. It was noted that the District will budget next year to replace one of the other two pumps next year. Motion carried unanimously.
12. **Discuss and/or take action to approve repairing the Brookshire WTP gate not to exceed the amount of $1,200 to be paid out of the Operating Reserve for an unbudgeted 2026/2027 capital expenditure**. Motion was made by Mr. Henley and seconded to approve repairing the Brookshire WTP gate not to exceed the amount of $1,200 to be paid out of the Operating Reserve for an unbudgeted 2026/2027 capital expenditure. Mr. Blodgett explained that the employees were having to reach through the gate and hit the keypad which was a safety issue, so now the gate is left open while staff is present until repaired. Motion carried unanimously.

13. **Discuss and/or take action to approve repairing the McKay WTP overhead door not to exceed the amount of $2,850 to be paid out of the Operating Reserve for an unbudgeted 2026/2027 capital expenditure**. Motion was made by Mr. Mullaney and seconded to approve repairing the McKay WTP overhead door not to exceed the amount of $2,850 to be paid out of the Operating Reserve for an unbudgeted 2026/2027 capital expenditure. Mr. Blodgett advised that one door vendor recommended not opening the door due to safety issues so with the door closed it is creating a hot work area for staff. Motion carried unanimously.
14. **Discuss and/or take action to close the Bond System Fund Reserve CD at First State Bank and transfer the account balance of $33,161.56 into the Operating Reserve account at First State Bank**. Motion was made by Ms. Bradley and seconded to close the Bond System Fund Reserve CD at First State Bank and transfer the account balance of $33,161.56 into the Operating Reserve account at First State Bank. Ms. Crowsey explained that she researched this account and found that it was opened as a special bond reserve account when the District's 2004 Bond and 2010 Bond were issued and both of these bonds are now closed. Ms. Crowsey advised that she worked with the District's financial advisor at Hilltop Securities who confirmed that the District no longer has to have this special account and since the account was funded with operating funds and not actual bond funds then the District is allowed to close and move the funds into any operating accounts the Board chooses. Motion carried unanimously.
15. **Discuss and/or take action to perform the annual review of the District's investment policy**. Motion was made by Ms. Bradley and seconded to perform the annual review of the District's investment policy. Ms. Crowsey advised that there were no changes made to the investment policy. Motion carried unanimously.
16. **Discuss and/or take action to approve an ad hoc committee for the District's fifty-year anniversary celebrations**. The Board discussed that the District's fifty-year anniversary would be in June of 2027 and wanted a committee to work with the District's administration for the celebration. Motion was made by Ms. Bradley and seconded to appoint Terri Bradley and Debbie Emmerich to this ad hoc committee with President Jim Willi serving as the third member on the committee. Motion carried unanimously.
17. **Committee Reports**.
    a. **Operations Committee**. There was no report.
    b. **Personnel Committee**. Mr. Bratton advised that the Personnel Committee did meet to discuss some personnel issues that have been resolved.
    c. **Finance Committee**. There was no report.
18. **Review and discuss the July 2026 financial reports**. The Board reviewed the July 2026 financials noting that revenues were up. It was noted that this year's debt ratio is at 2.66 versus 2.93 from last year but in general the debt ratio is good.
19. **Discuss and/or take action to approve the payment of bills**. Motion was made by Ms. Bradley and seconded to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.
20. Motion was made by Mr. Divine and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned out of the regular meeting at 1:23pm.

Larry Bratton
Board Vice President

09/16/2026
Date