

**RIVER PLANTATION MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**May 18, 2026**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Karl Sakocius, Tom Vandever, Mark Denham, Carey Poarch, and Doug Hernandez

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mia Sanders, Julie Gilmer, Jamie Goodman, Tim Goodman, Betty Brown, Laurie Kerekes, Laura Miranda, Rudy Miranda, Michael Murr, Dee Judge, Chris Wakefield,

Betty Brown, Dee Judge, Chris Wakefield, District residents; Mario Garcia of Municipal Operations and Consulting; Tiffany Loggins of L&S District Services, LLC;

**OTHERS PRESENT BY MICROSOFT TEAMS:**

J. Davis Bonham, Jr., District attorney  
Paul Radich of the Radich Law Firm  
Taylor Reed of Vogler & Spencer Engineering

**FIRST ORDER: RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The Board opened the floor for public comment. Betty Brown addressed the Board and thanked Julie Gilmer and Tim Goodman for all of the work that they did for the District. She then brought up concerns regarding gossip and inaccurate information which was spread in the community during the election. Laurie Miranda then addressed the Board regarding safety issues concerning dirt bikes on Charleston Path. She suggested the Board distribute park rules to the community annually. Dee Judge then addressed the Board regarding concerns related to Mosswood and Fairway Village pool access. Mia Sanders then addressed the Board regarding concerns with what she considers to be malicious prosecution, further demanding an immediate dismissal of the lawsuit and penalty against her and threatening a counterclaim.

**SECOND ORDER: PARK MAINTENANCE MATTERS**

The Board then considered park and maintenance matters. Director Denham presented an updated budget of \$11,500 to move forward with the installation of ten trees within the park, and now includes the additional irrigation costs. The Board then discussed the current mowing and maintenance agreement in detail. The Board recognized Steven Guillory who presented a proposal for mowing and maintenance from Silversand Services. The Board agreed that a formal request for proposals should be sent to request multiple bids for the work. Director Denham agreed to attend to the solicitation of bids with the assistance of the District's engineer. After discussion, upon motion made by Director Vandever, seconded by Director Poarch and unanimously carried, the Board approved the budget for the tree purchase and installation.

**THIRD ORDER: REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT BUTTERFLY GARDEN AND RELATED FACILITIES IN PARK**

The Board recognized Chris Wakefield who presented a request to construct a butterfly garden within the District. He noted an estimated cost of \$750,000, which would be a gift from John Gandy to be paid for from his estate. He is requesting the site for the butterfly garden, but desires to control the site and design for the project. The proposed site size is 1.25 acres with the potential to be 2 acres in the future. The Board discussed concerns including the location of the project and potential drainage impacts. The Board agreed that Director Denham and Director Vandever should be appointed to a committee to review the project and report back further.

**FOURTH ORDER: MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES; PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES FOR MEETING OR OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES**

The Board recognized Michael Murr who provided an update on the inspection of the sprinklers in Charleston Park. Upon review, he discovered a number of leaks and repairs to be completed. He will presented a cost estimate to compete the repairs. Director Vandever discussed concerns regarding the path condition and expressed a desire to make repairs and add approximately 70 feet of sidewalk in an area in which it is missing. The current path has little or no structural support. The Board discussed a potential funding source. After discussion, upon motion made by Director Denham, and seconded by Director Poarch, the Board approved the preparation of design and cost estimate for the repair project as presented.

**FIFTH ORDER: OPERATOR'S REPORT**

The Board recognized Mario Garcia, who presented the operator's report. The Board reviewed maintenance and repairs performed during the prior month in detail. The District maintained 976 connections and accounted for 93% of water produced. After discussion, upon motion made by Director Denham, seconded by Director Poarch and unanimously carried, the Board approved the operator's report as presented.

**SIXTH ORDER: ANNUAL CRITICAL LOAD SUBMISSION**

Davis Bonham noted that some of the District's facilities qualify for priority electricity restoration in the event of an outage and that the operator confirmed that he has completed paperwork to that effect.

**SEVENTH ORDER: ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Board recognized Taylor Reed who presented the engineer's report and reviewed ongoing construction projects. The operators are coordinating with the contractor to begin work at water plant no. 1. The engineer is working on updating the Emergency Response Plan and Risk and Resilience Assessment certifications. There were no further action items for consideration. Upon

motion made by Director Vandever, seconded by Director Denham, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the engineer's report as presented.

**EIGHTH ORDER: CYBER SECURITY AND AI TRAINING**

Mr. Bonham then discussed with the Board the requirements of HB 1500 and HB 3512 recently enacted by the Texas Legislature requiring all elected and appointed officials to take an artificial intelligence training program and a cyber security training program. Mr. Bonham advised that an email regarding the matter would be sent to all directors with a link to complete the training, which must be completed by August 31, 2026.

**NINTH ORDER: VIOLATION OF DISTRICT RULES; PUBLIC HEARING FOR VIOLATION OF DISTRICT RULES AND DAMAGE TO DISTRICT PROPERTY; ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES**

The Board then considered violations of District rules and regulations. Upon motion by Director Sakocius, seconded by Director Vandever, with Directors Poarch and Hernandez abstaining, the Board agreed that the unpaid \$5,000 should be added to the water bill of the homeowner, and that the additional violation should be added to the pending lawsuit.

**TENTH ORDER: EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 551 AS NECESSARY**

The Board entered executive session at 7:56 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 8:25 p.m.

**ELEVENTH ORDER: PENDING BUSINESS**

It was noted that the Mosswood and Fairway Village residents have access to the River Plantation pool, but pay a fee as all pool expenses are paid by River Plantation Community Improvement Association and the fee allows all users to share in the expenses necessary to operate the pool.

Upon motion duly made by Director Vandever, seconded by Director Denham and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.



Carey Poarch  
Secretary

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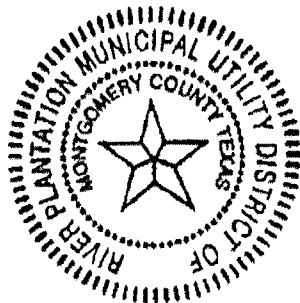
**NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING**

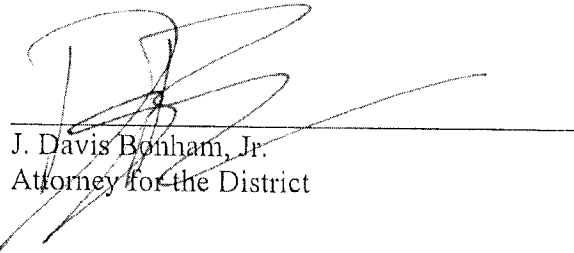
Notice is hereby given to all interested members of the public that the Board of Directors of the captioned district will hold a public meeting at **610 River Plantation Drive, Conroe, Texas 77302.**

The meeting will be held at **6:30 p.m.** on **Monday, May 18, 2026.**

The subject of the meeting is to consider and act on the following:

1. Receive comments from the Public on Matters Included on the Agenda
2. Park maintenance matters
3. Request to Construct Butterfly Garden and Related Facilities in Park
4. Maintenance and Repair of Administrative Facilities; Purchase of Equipment or Services for Meeting or other Administrative Purposes
5. Operator's Report
6. Annual Critical Load Submission
7. Engineer's Report
8. Cyber Security and AI Training
9. Violation of District rules; Public hearing for violation of District rules and damage to District property; assessment of penalties
10. Receive comments from the Public on Matters Not Included on the Agenda
11. Executive (closed) Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551 as necessary
12. Pending business



  
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J. Davis Bonham, Jr.  
Attorney for the District