May 27, 2026

The Board of Directors of Bell County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 of Bell County, Texas met in Regular Session, open to the public, in the Conference Room, 201 South 38th Street, Killeen, Texas 76543, at 09:00 a.m., on the 27th day of May 2026, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board.

Robert R Robinson	President	Richard Grandy	Director
Kenny Wells	Vice President	Fred Welch	Director
Sandra Blankenship	Secretary	Brian Dosa	Fort Hood Representative
Ricky Wilson	Director	Trevor Butler	General Manager
Dr. Joyce Bateman Jones	Director		

Public attendees were Dale Treadway, City of Copperas Cove; and Ricky Garrett, CTWA.

With all said members present except the following absentee(s): Brian Dosa, thus constituting a quorum.

President Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There were no public comments.

At 9:01 a.m., President Robinson announced that the Board would convene in Executive Session. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to enter Executive Session and seconded by Vice President Wells. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

At 9:09 a.m., the Board reconvened in open session, and no action was taken.

The first item of business was the consent items, which included the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 29, 2026, and approval of the April 2026 Financial Statements. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the minutes of the meetings on April 29, 2026 as presented and seconded by Director Welch. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next consent item was to discuss and consider approval of financial statements for April 2026. Natasha Keeney, Office Manager, presented the financial statements for both water and wastewater for the month of April 2026. Year-to-date water expenditures were reported at 82% of budget, while wastewater expenditures were reported at 88% of budget. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve April 2026 financial statements and seconded by Director Jones. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

New Business Items: The first item of business was special recognition of District employees. James Horton was recognized for obtaining his Class B Surface Water Operator License and for five years of service with the District. Curtis Jackson was recognized for obtaining his Class C Wastewater Treatment Operator License. The Board congratulated both employees on their accomplishments and dedication to the District.

The next item of business was to discuss and consider a resolution confirming continuance of the District's Investment Policy and take the appropriate action. Trevor Buter, General Manager, explained that the Board is required to review the Investment Policy annually in accordance with the Texas Public Funds Investment Act. Revisions to the policy included updating the General Manager designation to Trevor Butler, reflecting recent bank merger information, and correcting grammar and punctuation. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the resolution confirming continuance of the District's Investment Policy as presented and seconded by Director Wilson. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item of business was to discuss and consider declaring certain District property as surplus and authorizing disposal in accordance with the Texas Water Code, and take appropriate action. Mr. Butler explained that certain District-owned equipment and property had been determined to be obsolete, damaged, no longer serviceable, or no longer necessary for District operations. In accordance with Texas Water Code Section 49.226, Board approval was requested to formally declare the identified items as surplus property so they may be disposed of through sale, trade-in, auction, recycling, or other appropriate means. Staff recommended declaring the identified property as surplus and authorizing the General Manager to dispose of the items in accordance with Texas Water Code Section 49.226 and applicable law. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the item as presented and seconded by Director Grandy. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item of business was to discuss and consider awarding a contract to Blastco Texas, Inc., Channelview, Texas, for the Station 3 Recoating and Improvements Project in the amount of $4,620,273.00 and take appropriate action. Mr. Butler reported that Station 3, part of the Southern Pressure System, was constructed in 1964 and consists of two 5-million-gallon steel ground storage tanks. What was originally anticipated to be a standard recoating project expanded after the coating consultant identified lead paint and severe corrosion of roof support members requiring repair or replacement. After evaluating several alternatives, CDM Smith determined that recoating the tanks and replacing the roofs with geodesic domes was the most cost-effective option. This project represented the final bond-funded project to be bid and was properly advertised in accordance with the Texas Administrative Code. Three qualified contractors submitted bids for consideration. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to award the contract to Blastco Texas, Inc., in the amount of $4,620,273.00, and seconded by Director Welch. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The final item of business was a presentation by CDM Smith regarding upcoming project next steps. Staff outlined the following anticipated schedule for remaining bond and capital improvement projects: completion of BP9 (Raw Water Pump Station) design with issuance for bids no later than the end of July; completion of the chlorine facility design with issuance for bids no later than the end of October; BP5 (Plant 1 and Plant 4 improvements) is design complete, with construction bidding planned after the summer peak water demand period; and BP12 (site improvements) will be issued for bids near the completion of the remaining projects. The Board received the presentation as information and no action was taken.

Staff Reports: Keith Baker, Capital Projects Manager, provided an update on ongoing projects.

At the Belton Water Treatment Plant expansion project, the contractor is constructing a temporary access road and is awaiting favorable weather to place base material. Plant 3 clarifier asbestos removal is underway with demolition to follow, electrical demolition work is ready to begin, and replacement of the four VFDs has been delayed with a possible start in early June.

Regarding the 38th Street Wastewater Treatment Plant rehabilitation project, Mr. Baker reported that progress continues at a slower pace, with isolation gates for the RAS splitter box received and installation of anchor bolts underway. Leak testing on both splitter boxes has been completed, the blower building slab has been poured, and work on the digester systems is expected to begin in mid-June.

Trevor Butler, General Manager, provided an update on district operations. Wastewater Plant 1 flows remain elevated due to recent rainfall, peaking at approximately 44–45 mgd for about three hours and currently flowing around 36 mgd, compared to a pre-rain average of 15 mgd. The South Plant continues to average 4–5 mgd.

A digester at Plant 1 has been taken offline, dewatered, and cleaned with significant sludge removal and pumping completed, while the remaining digester is in operation and is not affecting plant performance

Harker Heights tie-in project experienced a manhole issue and minor conduit damage, with related fence, asphalt, and remaining electrical work still to be completed, and flow is expected in the next few months.

Mr. Butler also provided an update on water operations. The Belton Water Treatment Plant is averaging 31 mgd and the Stillhouse Water Treatment Plant is averaging 1-2 mgd. Lake Belton is 1.39 feet above conservation pool, and Lake Stillhouse is 3.3 feet above conservation pool.

Plant 2 is back online with new clarifiers, while Plant 3 remains down for demolition. With Plants 1, 2, and 4 operational, the system has a combined capacity of approximately 69 mgd, and no operational issues are anticipated based on projected rainfall conditions for the year.

The Brazos River Authority is currently undergoing System Option permit renewal and ASR discussions, while the Bellhouse pipeline is approximately 30% designed with ongoing land acquisition and coordination, including a proposed route that will intersect the District's 21-inch water line feeding Belton, for which GIS mapping has been provided.

The Nolan Creek erosion issue has worsened, with additional embankment loss though the pipeline remains in place. Staff will contact contractors to evaluate and implement a temporary stabilization measure, such as placement of large rock or blocks, without diverting or altering creek flows.

Next board meeting will be June 24th.

Items from the Board: Director Ricky Wilson announced his resignation effective immediately.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m. by President Robinson.

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Sandra Blankenship, Secretary
Board of Directors