MINUTES
EMERALD FOREST UTILITY DISTRICT

August 13, 2026

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Emerald Forest Utility District (the "District") met in regular session, open to the public, on the 13th day of August, 2026, at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2400, Houston, Texas, outside the boundaries of the District, and the roll was called of the members of the Board:

DeWayne High	President
Vacant	Vice President
William B. Schmidt	Secretary
Bobby Shepherd	Assistant Vice President
Robert M. Kimball	Assistant Secretary

and all of the above were present, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present at the meeting either in person or via teleconference were Danae Dehoyos of Touchstone District Services; Luly Stripling and Roksi Rivera of District Data Services, Inc.; Erik Spencer of Vogler & Spencer Engineering, Inc. ("VSE"); Scott Barr of Regional Water Corporation ("RWC"); Debbie Arellano of Bob Leared Interests ("Bob Leared"); Katie Sherborne and Kia Fields of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP ("ABHR"); and Albert Salazar and Paula Berry, District homeowners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board opened the meeting for public comments.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Board considered approving the minutes of the July 9, 2026, regular meeting. After review and discussion, Kimball moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2026, regular meeting. Director Shepherd seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATION MATTERS

Ms. Dehoys presented and reviewed the website and communication report, a copy of which is attached. Discussion ensued regarding updates to the District website.

GARBAGE COLLECTION MATTERS

There was no discussion regarding garbage collection matters.

SECURITY MATTERS

The Board reviewed the monthly activity report from Harris County Sheriff's Office, a copy of which is attached.

The Board then considered approving an Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with Harris County for a term ending September 30, 2027. Ms. Sherborne noted that the annual price for law enforcement services has increased from $522,660.00 to $568,680.00. After review and discussion, Director Schmidt moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services, subject to additional discussion at a special meeting to be held on August 25, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. Director Shepherd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TAX ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION MATTERS

Ms. Arellano presented the monthly tax report, including the delinquent tax roll and a list of the top delinquent account holders, copies of which is attached. She stated that 97.904% of the District's 2025 taxes were collected as of July 31, 2026.

The Board next reviewed the delinquent tax report provided by Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP ("Perdue Brandon") and reviewed a list of twenty-six delinquent accounts eligible for water termination letters.

After discussion, Director Schmidt moved to: (1) approve the tax report and payment of the tax bills; and (2) authorize Perdue Brandon to send letters to the District's delinquent taxpayers providing notice that the Board will consider terminating service to the delinquent taxpayers with water and sewer accounts if their respective taxes are not paid by the next regular meeting. Director Shepherd seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

UPDATE ON OUT-OF-DISTRICT SERVICE AGREEMENT PAYMENTS, INCLUDING AUTHORIZE MAILING OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR TERMINATION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS, IF NECESSARY

Ms. Sherborne reported that the 2025 annual payment in lieu of taxes has not been paid by NF Conglomerate for the property located at 9410 FM 1960 West. She noted that a delinquent notice has been sent notice to the property owner that the District may terminate utility service if payment was not received prior to the Board meeting date. Following review and discussion, the Board directed ABHR to send a notice of public hearing regarding termination water and sewer service to the property if the delinquent payment in lieu of taxes is not received prior to the Board's September 10, 2026, meeting.

FINANCIAL AND BOOKKEEPING MATTERS

Ms. Stripling presented and reviewed the bookkeeper's report, including the District's investments, the budget comparison, the bills submitted payment, and the quarterly investment report. After review and discussion, Director Schmidt moved to approve the bookkeeper's report and payment of the bills as presented. Director

Schmidt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. A copy of the bookkeeper's report is attached.

OPERATION OF DISTRICT FACILITIES

Mr. Barr presented the operations report from RWC, a copy of which is attached. He stated that water accountability for the prior billing cycle was 90.7%, noting that RWC is looking into the smart meter multiplier being used to calculate accountability.

Mr. Barr reported on routine maintenance and repair items performed in the District. He presented a proposal from NTS for installation of a new gate valve at lift station no. 1 on pump no. 2 in the amount of $6,000.00.

Mr. Lee presented and reviewed with the Board a written appeal from the customer with account number 50030-1300318505 requesting a payment plan for their unusually high bill due caused by a water leak on their line.

Mr. Barr reported that the Harris County Flood Control District has begun to re-grade the bottom of the Schroeder Oaks detention pond.

After review and discussion, Director Schmidt moved to: (1) approve the operator's report; (2) approve the proposal from NTS in the amount of $6,000.00; and (3) authorize a six-month payment plan for the customer with account number 50030-1300318505. Director Shepherd seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

HEARING REGARDING TERMINATION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE

The Board conducted a hearing on the termination of water and sewer service to delinquent accounts. Mr. Barr stated that the residents on the list were delinquent in payment of their water and sewer bills and had been given written notification prior to the meeting of the opportunity to appear before the Board to explain, contest, or correct the utility service bills and to show reason for nonpayment, all in accordance with the District's Rate Order. After discussion, Director Schmidt moved that, because the customers on the list were neither present at the meeting nor had presented any written statement on the matter, water and sewer service for accounts totaling $10.00 or more would be terminated the following week in accordance with the District's Rate Order, except (i) accounts in compliance with payment agreements, and (ii) commercial accounts, which are to be contacted first by RWC and then terminated the following Tuesday if payment has not been received, subject to confirmation that the date of the Board meeting included in the delinquent notice was correct. Director Shepherd seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ENGINEERING MATTERS

Mr. Spencer presented and reviewed the engineer's report, a copy of which is attached.

FEASIBILITY STUDIES, PLAN REVIEWS, AND SERVICE REQUESTS

Mr. Spencer presented a proposed Interlocal Agreement with Harris County regarding the proposed relocation of the District's water line and force main along Cypress North Houston.

GENERATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, WATER PLANT NO. 3, AND GREEN CREEK LIFT STATION

Mr. Spencer updated the Board on the generator replacement project for the wastewater treatment plant, water plant no. 3, and Green Creek lift station, noting that VSE is awaiting construction of the service line by CenterPoint Energy.

SANITARY SEWER CLEANING AND TELEVISING OF TURTLE LAKES SECTIONS 1 AND 2 AND TURTLE HILL VILLAGE

Mr. Spencer updated the Board on the status of the Turtle Lakes Sections 1 & 2 and Turtle Hill Village project. He requested authorization to advertise for bids for the project.

LINNFIELD DETENTION POND REHABILITATION

Mr. Spencer updated the Board on the Linnfield detention pond rehabilitation project. He presented and recommended payment of Pay Application No. 5 in the amount of $25,494.00 payable to Silt Solutions, Inc. ("Silt Solutions").

LIFT STATION NO. 2

Mr. Spencer updated the Board on lift station no. 2 project.

SCHROEDER OAKS LIFT STATION NO. 3 FENCING

Mr. Spencer updated the Board on plans for lift station no. 3 fencing, He discussed a possible land swap with the Schroeder Oaks Village Homeowners Association's ("Schroeder Oaks HOA") for property adjacent to the lift station N3. 3 site. Ms. Sherborne reported that ABHR is in the process of preparing the land swap documents.

Next, Mr. Spencer reported that VSE received bids for the lift station no. 3 fencing and that Allscapes Development was the low bidder in the amount of $31,128

AIRHEADER REPLACEMENT

There was no discussion regarding this matter.

INTERCONNECT OPTIONS

Mr. Spencer updated the Board on preparation of an application to the Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB") for grant funding for the District's possible interconnect projects.

UPDATE REGARDING EXCEPTION REQUESTS FROM TCEQ AND COMPLIANCE WITH ENFORCEMENT ORDER

There was no discussion regarding this matter.

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Spencer reviewed updates to the District's five-year Capital Improvement Plan

DEEDS, EASEMENTS, AND/OR CONSENTS TO ENCROACHMENT

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

OTHER ENGINEERING MATTERS

There was no additional discussion regarding engineering matters.

Following review and discussion, Director Schmidt moved to: (1) approve the engineer's report; (2) authorize advertisement for bids for the Turtle Lakes Sections 1 & 2 and Turtle Hill Village project; (3) approve Pay Application No. 5 in the amount of $25,494.00 payable to Silt Solutions, Inc; and (4) award the lift station no. 3 fencing project to Allscapes Development in the amount of $31,128.00. Director Shepherd seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Sherborne reported that the North Harris County Regional Water Authority has offered to purchase the District's Series B Groundwater Credits at a cost of $0.40 per 1,000 gallons. Following discussion, the Board determined to take no action to sell the District's Series B Groundwater Credits.

DISCUSS MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board discussed its meeting schedule and concurred to hold a special meeting on August 25, 2026, at 3:30 p.m., and to hold the District's next regular meeting on September 10, 2026.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTOR

The Board considered appointing Ms. Berry to serve as a Director on the Board. Following review and discussion, Director Schmidt moved to appoint Ms. Berry to serve on the Board. Director Kimball seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further matters to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Board of Directors

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<u>LIST OF ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES</u>