



Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning and Leadership
Maple Room, 300 Sportsplex Drive – Dripping Springs, Texas
Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 4:00 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Commission Members

Charlie Busbey, Chair
Barney Austin
Lara Dudek
Matthew Ordway
Zach West

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials

Utilities Director Dane Sorensen
Administrative Assistance Micaela Betts

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

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MINUTES

- 1. Approval of the March 27, 2025, Utility Commission meeting minutes.**

UTILITY REPORTS

Reports listed are on file and available for review upon request. The Commission may provide staff direction; however, no action shall be taken.

- 2. Water & Wastewater Facility Report**

CLOSED SESSION

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Utility Commission Meetings

May 15, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.

June 12, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.

July 17, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

May 6, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

May 20, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

June 3, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

June 17, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING

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Cathy Gieselman, Deputy City Secretary

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of commissioners present, Chair Busbey called the meeting to order at 4:28 p.m.

Commission Members present were:

Charlie Busbey, Chair
Matthew Ordway (*Arrived at 4:28pm*)
Zach West

Commission Members absent were:

Barney Austin
Lara Dudek

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials present were:

Utilities Director Dane Sorensen
Administrative Assistant Micaela Betts

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No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations are for discussion only and no action shall be taken.

There were no presentations.

MINUTES

1. Approval of the February 20, 2025, Utility Commission meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ordway and seconded by Commissioner West, to approve the February 20, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion to approve carried unanimously 3 to 0.

UTILITY REPORTS

Reports listed are on file and available for review upon request. The Commission may provide staff direction; however, no action shall be taken.

2. Water & Wastewater Facility Report

This item was presented by Utilities Director Dane Sorensen. This report is intended for informational purposes only, no action was taken. A full report can be found on our website.

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The commission did not meet in Closed Session

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April 1, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

April 15, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

May 6, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

May 20, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

In accordance with standard parliamentary procedures, which allow the Chair to adjourn the meeting without a motion after the completion of all agenda items, Chair Busbey declared the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.



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Staff Report from: Dane Sorensen

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| Commission Meeting Date: | 4/17/2025 |
| Item Wording: | Update on Utilities for the month of February 2025 |
| Agenda Item Requestor: | Utility Commission |
| <p>Projects Under Construction:</p> <p>Driftwood effluent line – Construction Started</p> <p>Big Sky Package Plant – Construction has Started- June Completion</p> <p>Upcoming projects:</p> <p>Howard Ranch – Treated Effluent tap bid awarded 3/25</p> <p>Cannon Ranch Regional Lift Station - design</p> <p>Heritage lift station – easements</p> <p>Heritage – Phase 3 under construction</p> <p>Cannon Ranch – Phase 3 under review</p> <p>Anarene (Double L) – Water and Wastewater plans under review</p> <p>Wild Ridge (Cynosure) – Water and Wastewater plans under review</p> <p>Village Grove –Construction has started</p> <p>Gateway Village - Plans under review</p> <p>New Growth –Wastewater plans under review</p> <p>East Interceptor segment 1 – under construction</p> <p>South Regional Water Reclamation Expansion Project Update:</p> <p>Arguments were made on October 1st. Courts stated a ruling would be made in 1 to 8 months</p> | |

No new updates on the TLAP Amendment 2 contested case. Moving forward with amendment 3 that will utilize 309 credit to increase plant capacity.

Dripping Springs Retail Water Update:

Stage 2 watering restrictions are in place for all CODS water customers.

South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Operations Report.

The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility operated through the month of March without any reportable violations.

Arrowhead Wastewater Plant Update:

Bid Package has been received for GST and drip field work. City has awarded contract to CCCarlton. Construction has started and will approximately take 3 months

There were no reportable violations in the month of March.

Update on Reclaimed Water:

Founders Park reclaimed water usage was 348,302 gallons for the month of March with a daily average of 11,235 gallons per day. Sports Park reclaimed water usage was 1,015,768 gallons for the month of March with a daily average of 32,766 gallons per day. Total usage was 1,364,070 gallons with a daily average of 44,002 gallons used per day.

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| Commission Recommendations: | |
| Actions by Other Jurisdictions/Entities: | |
| Previous Action: | |
| Recommended Action: | |
| Alternatives/Options: | |
| Budget/Financial Impact: | |
| Attachments: | |
| Related Documents at City Hall: | |
| Public Notice Process: | |
| Public Comments: | |
| Enforcement Issues: | |
| Comprehensive Plan Element: | |
| Next Step/Schedule: | |

| Mar-25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Effluent | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|------|------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--|--|
| Day | Temp | Rain | Flow | Drip | Reuse | Combine Effluent | Sport | Founders | Caliterra | 001 Total Flow | 003 Total Flow | Cl2 res | NTU | Solids | TVSS | BOD | TSS | E-coli | Ph | DO | Temp | | |
| 1 | 41 | 0 | 296 | 82 | 176.8 | 258.8 | 17.08 | 17.76 | 141.96 | 223.96 | 34.84 | 6.9 | 1.01 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 57 | 0 | 287 | 82 | 177.6 | 259.6 | 39.14 | 16 | 122.46 | 204.46 | 55.14 | 7.3 | 0.97 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 67 | 0 | 318 | 84 | 195.4 | 279.4 | 39.58 | 16.57 | 139.25 | 223.25 | 56.15 | 8.7 | 1.03 | | | 3 | | ND | | | | | |
| 4 | 55 | 0.06 | 315 | 83 | 178.7 | 261.7 | 39.18 | 16.44 | 123.08 | 206.08 | 55.62 | 8.7 | 1.56 | 4100 | 3600 | 2 | 1 | ND | 7.8 | 8.1 | 20.2 | | |
| 5 | 51 | 0.07 | 310 | 83 | 182.7 | 265.7 | 39.02 | 16.25 | 127.43 | 210.43 | 55.27 | 7.4 | 1.45 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 33 | 0 | 323 | 83 | 203.1 | 286.1 | 38.73 | 15.71 | 148.66 | 231.66 | 54.44 | 8 | 1.46 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 64 | 0 | 319 | 82 | 182.9 | 264.9 | 12.18 | 16.5 | 154.22 | 236.22 | 28.68 | 7.2 | 1.3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 70 | 0 | 346 | 83 | 226.3 | 309.3 | 27.21 | 16.4 | 182.69 | 265.69 | 43.61 | 7 | 2.38 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 43 | 0 | 322 | 83 | 219.5 | 302.5 | 33.51 | 14.5 | 171.49 | 254.49 | 48.01 | 5.6 | 2.05 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | 31 | 0.01 | 335 | 83 | 218.7 | 301.7 | 47.73 | 18.11 | 152.86 | 235.86 | 65.84 | 6.30 | 1.83 | | | 4 | | ND | | | | | |
| 11 | 45 | 0 | 325 | 83 | 184.4 | 267.4 | 42.76 | 7.22 | 134.42 | 217.42 | 49.98 | 6.8 | 1.67 | 4200 | 3850 | 3 | ND | 1 | | | | | |
| 12 | 61 | 0 | 341 | 91 | 201.5 | 292.5 | 42.34 | 6.87 | 152.29 | 243.29 | 49.21 | 6.2 | 1.92 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 40 | 0 | 308 | 93 | 186 | 279 | 42.7 | 6.88 | 136.42 | 229.42 | 49.58 | 6 | 1.79 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 65 | 0 | 344 | 112 | 179.7 | 291.7 | 15.99 | 7.57 | 156.14 | 268.14 | 23.56 | 5.8 | 2.47 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | 72 | 0 | 374 | 141 | 172.3 | 313.3 | 33.49 | 7.41 | 131.4 | 272.4 | 40.9 | 6.1 | 2.12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | 65 | 0 | 277 | 93 | 173.7 | 266.7 | 43.96 | 8.19 | 121.55 | 214.55 | 52.15 | 6.3 | 1.97 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | 32 | 0 | 301 | 117 | 162.5 | 279.5 | 44.2 | 8.24 | 110.06 | 227.06 | 52.44 | 8.8 | 1.19 | | | 2 | | ND | | | | | |
| 18 | 59 | 0 | 332 | 116 | 161.8 | 277.8 | 42.64 | 7.21 | 111.95 | 227.95 | 49.85 | 8.8 | 1.54 | 4700 | 4050 | | 2 | 2 | | | | | |
| 19 | 63 | 0 | 300 | 118 | 141.1 | 259.1 | 44.35 | 8.29 | 88.46 | 206.46 | 52.64 | 8.8 | 1.81 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | 43 | 0 | 277 | 119 | 127.8 | 246.8 | 42.68 | 8.02 | 77.1 | 196.1 | 50.7 | 8.8 | 1.73 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 48 | 0 | 278 | 119 | 112.4 | 231.4 | 17.23 | 9.3 | 85.87 | 204.87 | 26.53 | 8.8 | 1.03 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | 68 | 0 | 307 | 127 | 135.6 | 262.6 | 33.36 | 15.9 | 86.34 | 213.34 | 49.26 | 8.4 | 0.94 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 70 | 0 | 308 | 117 | 149.5 | 266.5 | 42.07 | 7.44 | 99.99 | 216.99 | 49.51 | 8.8 | 1.06 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | 55 | 0.16 | 333 | 110 | 180.5 | 290.5 | 43.36 | 15.22 | 121.92 | 231.92 | 58.58 | 8.8 | 1.72 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | 55 | 0 | 327 | 118 | 180 | 298 | 40.96 | 14.75 | 124.29 | 242.29 | 55.71 | 7.9 | 1.67 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | 67 | 0 | 324 | 122 | 159.1 | 281.1 | 43.23 | 15.23 | 100.64 | 222.64 | 58.46 | 7.9 | 1.42 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | 62 | 0.72 | 354 | 132 | 174.7 | 306.7 | 42.84 | 15.55 | 116.31 | 248.31 | 58.39 | 7.5 | 2.05 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | 62 | 0.56 | 337 | 130 | 137.6 | 267.6 | 12.56 | 10.02 | 115.02 | 245.02 | 22.58 | 5.6 | 2.58 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | 66 | 0.04 | 308 | 125 | 121.3 | 246.3 | | | 121.3 | 246.3 | 0 | 4.7 | 2.52 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | 68 | 0 | 323 | 126 | 149.3 | 275.3 | | | 149.3 | 275.3 | 0 | 5.4 | 2.38 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | 68 | 0 | 328 | 125 | 149.9 | 274.9 | 11.64 | 4.56 | 133.7 | 258.7 | 16.2 | 3.8 | 4.23 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | TOTAL | 9877 | 3262 | 5302.4 | 8564.4 | 1015.72 | 348.11 | 3938.57 | 7200.57 | 1363.83 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | AVG | 318.6129032 | 105 | 171 | 276 | 35 | 12 | 127 | 232 | 44 | 1.769355 | 4333 | | 2.800 | 1.500 | 1.414 | 7.800 | 8.100 | 20.200 | | |
| | | | MIN | 277 | 82 | 112.4 | 231.4 | 11.64 | 4.56 | 77.1 | 196.1 | 0 | 0.94 | 4100 | | 2.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 7.800 | 8.100 | 20.200 | | |
| | | | MAX | 374 | 141 | 226.3 | 313.3 | 47.73 | 18.11 | 182.69 | 275.3 | 65.84 | 4.23 | 4700 | | 4.000 | 2.000 | 2.000 | 7.800 | 8.100 | 20.200 | | |

CoDS Arrowhead/TPDES Permit No. WQ0014824001

| Year : | | 2025 | | Month: | | March | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|--|
| Plant(Phase 1&2) | | | | | | | | | | Phase 2 | | | |
| Combined Flow | | | Effluent | | | | Influent | | | | | | |
| Date | Flow Drip Skid (mgd) | Combined CL2 (mg/l) | BOD (mg/l) | TSS (mg/l) | e-Coli (cfu) | pH (su) | BOD (mg/l) | TSS (mg/l) | CL2 (mg/l) | Avg Flow (mgd) | Daily Avg Flow (mgd) | CL2 (mg/l) | |
| Daily Avg mg/l | | 1.0 - 4.0 | 25 | 40 | 126 | 6.0 - 9.0 | | | 1.0 - 4.0 | | | 1.0 - 4.0 | |
| Smpl Frequency | | 5/wk | 1/wk | 1/wk | 1/qtr | 1/mo | 2/mo | 2/mo | 5/wk | | | 5/wk | |
| 3/1/2025 | 0 | 6.1 | | | | | | | 4.2 | 0.029 | 0.098 | 5.6 | |
| 3/2/2025 | 0 | 8.8 | | | | | | | 7.3 | 0.034 | 0.067 | 8.7 | |
| 3/3/2025 | 0.115 | 4.1 | | | | | | | 2.1 | 0.036 | 0.052 | 5.5 | |
| 3/4/2025 | 0.06 | 6.1 | 9 | 27 | 13.2 | 7.7 | 440 | 292 | 7.1 | 0.029 | 0.065 | 6 | |
| 3/5/2025 | 0.061 | 6.5 | | | | | | | 4.5 | 0.032 | 0.068 | 6 | |
| 3/6/2025 | 0.065 | 4.9 | | | | | | | 3.9 | 0.054 | 0.152 | 4.3 | |
| 3/7/2025 | 0.059 | 6.6 | | | | | | | 4.4 | 0.028 | 0.053 | 6.9 | |
| 3/8/2025 | 0.061 | 8.8 | | | | | | | 8.8 | 0.04 | 0.068 | 6.4 | |
| 3/9/2025 | 0.068 | 8.8 | | | | | | | 8.8 | 0.093 | 0.096 | 8.8 | |
| 3/10/2025 | 0.067 | 7.4 | | | | | | | 6.5 | 0.124 | 0.098 | 8.7 | |
| 3/11/2025 | 0.064 | 6.3 | 5 | 19 | | 7.6 | | | 4.6 | 0.075 | 0.086 | 6.5 | |
| 3/12/2025 | 0.064 | 5.9 | | | | | | | 7.1 | 0.059 | 0.071 | 8.3 | |
| 3/13/2025 | 0.061 | 4.6 | | | | | | | 5 | 0.046 | 0.056 | 4.1 | |
| 3/14/2025 | 0.067 | 8.8 | | | | | | | 8.8 | 0.033 | 0.035 | 8.8 | |
| 3/15/2025 | 0.063 | 6.5 | | | | | | | 6.3 | 0.025 | 0.036 | 6.7 | |
| 3/16/2025 | 0.042 | 5 | | | | | | | 5.4 | 0.023 | 0.043 | 4 | |
| 3/17/2025 | 0.064 | | | | | | | | | 0.027 | 0.035 | | |
| 3/18/2025 | 0.046 | | 5 | 17 | | 7.5 | 311 | 186 | | 0.024 | 0.023 | | |
| 3/19/2025 | 0.057 | 8.8 | | | | | | | 8.8 | 0.048 | 0.062 | 8.8 | |
| 3/20/2025 | 0.047 | 8.8 | | | | | | | 8.8 | 0.034 | 0.041 | 8.8 | |
| 3/21/2025 | 0.049 | 7.8 | | | | | | | 7.3 | 0.093 | 0.09 | 8.8 | |
| 3/22/2025 | 0.049 | 8.8 | | | | | | | 7.7 | 0.073 | 0.091 | 8.8 | |
| 3/23/2025 | 0.056 | 8.8 | | | | | | | 7.4 | 0.038 | 0.064 | 7.2 | |
| 3/24/2025 | 0.063 | 3.9 | | | | | | | 2.8 | 0.034 | 0.056 | 2.9 | |
| 3/25/2025 | 0.068 | 8.8 | ND | 17 | | 7.6 | | | 8.8 | 0.034 | 0.034 | 8.8 | |
| 3/26/2025 | 0.062 | 6.9 | | | | | | | 8.8 | 0.021 | 0.037 | 2.2 | |
| 3/27/2025 | 0.062 | 5.2 | | | | | | | 3.8 | 0.028 | 0.093 | 4.5 | |
| 3/28/2025 | 0.072 | 5.3 | | | | | | | 5.2 | 0.049 | 0.157 | 5.6 | |
| 3/29/2025 | 0.061 | 8.8 | | | | | | | 8.8 | 0.036 | 0.04 | 7.9 | |
| 3/30/2025 | 0.059 | 8.8 | | | | | | | 8.8 | 0.028 | 0.027 | 8.3 | |
| 3/31/2025 | 0.063 | 8.8 | | | | | | | 8.7 | 0.031 | 0.032 | 6.5 | |
| Average | 0.057903226 | 7.05862069 | 6.3333333 | 20 | 13.2 | 7.6 | 375.5 | 239 | 6.568966 | 0.043806 | 0.065354839 | 6.703448276 | |