

Riverbend Riverbank Water Improvement District

Emergency Meeting August 4, 2026, 12:00 pm

In Attendance:

John Carnathan, President
Jack Chernus, Vice President
Jan Chernus, Secretary
Joanne Houseworth, Treasurer

Motion to approve the minutes from the last two meetings was seconded and then approved.

This meeting was called due to an emergency water shortage that occurred the previous night. The major refill of the reservoir takes place daily after midnight until about 8:00 am. The summer water schedule posted on the RRWD website informs members that watering lawns and landscaping (automatic sprinklers) should not be set during this time. The district has water rights of 104 gallons per minute per month. Most likely due to the hot weather, the average usage is currently 170 gallons per minute. (The average yearly amount is under 100.) The system needs time to catch up after periods of heavy water usage. The water tank is full at 78". Last night the amount dropped to 34" and set off an alarm. With the continuation of nighttime watering, the reservoir tank cannot be refilled in time for morning water demands.

The remedy discussed is to run both wells at the same time. The individual pumps put out 104 gallons per minute, and 170 when both are on. It was decided to use the amount saved during the winter to keep the yearly amount reported at 104 gallons per minute. **However, the summer watering schedule needs to be followed to allow the tanks to refill and avoid a potential water shortage.**

A water emergency letter was approved by the board and will be distributed to all members by the end of the day. The board approved a \$500 fine for any outdoor watering between 12:00 am and 8:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 pm.