The Brazos River Authority's Board of Directors held their quarterly meeting Monday, Oct. 29, 2018. The Board took the following action:

**LETTERS OF CREDIT FOR TEMPLE-BELTON AND DOSHIER FARM WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATIONS CONTRACTS**
The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to execute irrevocable standby Letters of Credit in favor of the Cities of Temple and Belton to secure the Brazos River Authority’s performance under contracts in which the BRA operates, maintains and manages these plants, associated lift stations and industrial pre-treatment programs that are being extended for 10 years in 2019. These letters of credit will be for an amount equal to the approved annual budget for operation, maintenance, and management services provided under the contracts, excluding scheduled capital replacement, and shall be renewed annually throughout the term of the contracts, including renewal periods.

**EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY ENGINEERING, HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS & GROUNDWATER INTEGRATION STUDY**
The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement with K. Friese and Associates for the East Williamson County Regional Water System water resources engineering, hydraulic analysis, and groundwater integration study for an amount not to exceed $279,574.

**GANNETT FLEMING CONTRACT**
The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with Gannett Fleming Inc. to perform engineering services at Morris Sheppard Dam in an amount not to exceed $590,000.

**DETERMINATION OF INTERRUPTIBLE WATER AVAILABLE FOR 2019**
The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to make up to 69,724 acre-feet of water available for existing interruptible contracts and an additional 7,714 acre-feet of water for new requests for the 2019 calendar year. The interruptible water is to be contracted at the current System Rate per acre-foot or the agricultural rate for irrigation purposes.

**LAKE GRANBURY LOW FLOW PROJECT**
The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with Gannett Fleming, Inc. to perform engineering and construction oversight services at the DeCordova Bend Dam for resolution of the Lak Granbury Low Flow Facilities project in an amount no to exceed $350,000.

**AMENDMENTS TO PERSONNEL POLICIES**
The Board approved two revisions to the Human Resources Policy Manual. President’s Day was deleted from the list of official holidays in exchange for a floating holiday. Also approved was an annual monetary bonus for employees who obtain a commercial driver’s license for a position where the license is necessary.

MEDICAL INSURANCE
The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to enter into agreements necessary to continue the contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas to provide the BRA a fully-insured medical plan with a 0.2 percent increase in premiums for the 2019 plan year.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Texas Water Conservation Association Risk Management Fund to continue administration of the BRA’s workers’ compensation insurance and risk management services.

JANUARY 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
The Board approved a change of the meeting location of the regularly scheduled Jan. 28, 2019 Board meeting. The meeting will be held at Texas State Technical College’s John B. Connally Technology Center, 3801 Campus Drive in Waco.

FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT
The Board authorized two amendments to the 2018 Capital Improvements Budget. The Central Office Renovation Project Fiscal Year 2018 budget was changed by moving $56,783 from the FY 2019 budget to the FY 2018 budget, increasing the project budget of $16,000 to $72,783 for additional design work for the Central Office. The Morris Sheppard Dam Controlled Outlet Conduit Access Platforms Project funds were increased by $420,000 from its current level of $30,000 for a total of $450,000. The need for the budget increase resulted from the design engineer completing work earlier than anticipated, allowing the BRA to bid the project one year in advance of the original schedule.

RECOMMENDATION FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICE
The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract for professional auditing services with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP. In the event staff is unable to negotiate a successful contract, the Board authorized staff to negotiate a contract with RSM US, LLP. In the event a successful contract is not negotiated with RSM US, LLP, the Board authorized staff to negotiate a contract with McConell & Jones, LLP.

RENEWAL OF INVESTMENT ADVISOR CONTRACT
The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to renew the contract for investment advisory services with Valley View Consulting, LLC for two additional years, ending Nov. 12, 2020.