

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Northeast Texas Municipal Water District
Board of Directors
December 28, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District met in an open meeting on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. The meeting was held at Northeast Texas Municipal Water District's Executive Office located at 4180 Farm Road 250, Hughes Springs, Texas 75656. Notice of the meeting was legally posted. A quorum was present. An opportunity was provided for public comments before any action was taken by the Board of Directors.

Present: Jack Salmon, Jr. - Avinger
Robyn Shelton - Hughes Springs
Patrick Smith - Pittsburg
George Otstott - Jefferson
Saundra Wexler - Lone Star
Stan Wyatt - Daingerfield
Joseph W. Weir, III - Ore City

Staff: Walt Sears, Jr.
Pete Wright
Dominic Sobieraj
Robyn Goodson

President Robyn Shelton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Jack Salmon gave the invocation. Mrs. Shelton led the directors in the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. The seating arrangement was spacious enough for everyone in attendance to be more than 6 feet apart.

On a motion by Saundra Wexler and a second by Stan Wyatt minutes of the November 23, 2020 meeting were approved. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Jack Salmon, Jr. made a motion to approve the monthly investment report, to approve financial reports on all current accounts and funds, pay invoices for professional services, and withhold payment to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) until the amount is properly billed. The motion included authorization to pay USACE after receipt of a proper invoice. George Otstott seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Stan Wyatt made a motion to approve the TRWA (Texas Rural Water Association) membership dues in the amount of \$400.00 and \$200.00 for TRWA subscription. Saundra Wexler seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Stan Wyatt made a motion to approve November 2020 Southside financial report as presented. George Otstott seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Water Production Operations Report was made by Dominic Sobieraj and Pete Wright:

- Raw water quality as of December 7th is good,
- Avinger flow meter was checked for accuracy in December and determined to be accurate. Mr. Sobieraj noting Avinger experienced multiple leaks in December,
- Mr. Sobieraj stated quotes on the new roof replacement for the Tanner plant were received and a plan was developed in moving forward for replacement with a flat roof,
- KSA has been asked to map our Hughes Springs lines and lines to Avinger and Jefferson. KSA has been asked to include that data consistent with Google Earth information and to update the electronic maps of NETMWD,

- The old air compressor failed so a new air compressor for the Pittsburg Plant is being installed,
- Four of six security lights at the Tanner plant have been replaced with LED lights and the remaining two are scheduled for replacement. Mr. Sobieraj noted the new LED lights make it remarkably safer and brighter than before,
- The Tanner plant SCADA system, stopped showing Southside customers data on Monday night, 30th of November. Critical sites were manually monitored until the SCADA system was fixed on December 3, 2020,
- Covid-19 isolation practices and, 12 hour shifts for operators have been reinstated due to the rising number of cases in our area with Mr. Sobieraj noting that no employee of NETMWD has tested positive for Covid-19, and
- Two future Texas Highway Department (TxDot) projects were discussed: (1) New road south of Lake Bob Sandlin over and near the raw water line of NETMWD, (2) A new bridge with a cost estimate of at least twenty million dollars over Lake O' the Pines and being located upstream of the NETMWD intake structure for the Tanner Water Treatment Plant.

Mr. Sears provided an update on Lake O' the Pines and the harmful impacts of giant Salvinia. Jack Salmon, Jr. made a motion to approve a transfer of \$25,000 in the budget for herbicide applications and authorizing planning for construction of a greenhouse to raise weevils for release in Lake O' the Pines in subsequent fiscal year as presented. George Otstott seconded the motion. During discussion of the motion, a possible greenhouse for raising weevils was discussed. It was indicated that plans are being made for a greenhouse to be functional in fiscal year 2023. It was indicated that the greenhouse would likely be a cooperative activity involving federal, state, and NETMWD participation. Motion carried, all voting aye.


During the General Manager's report, Mr. Sears reported on the following:

- Update on possible sale of water to NTMWD,
- 2021 IRS Business Mileage Reimbursement,
- Update on Flood Planning Group,
- Update on the Region D Regional Water Planning Group. Mr. Sears noted that NETMWD has hosted its last Region D meeting and noted that Riverbend Water Resources District was designated to be the Administrative Agent for Region D on December 16, 2020,
- Update on the next regular session of Texas Legislature, and
- 2021 Internet conference to be held by TRWA/TWCA on January 21-22, 2021.

On a motion by Jack Salmon, Jr. and a second by George Otstott, the next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for January 25, 2021. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jack Salmon, Jr. with a second from George Otstott. Motion carried, all voting aye.

APPROVED:


Robyn Shelton, President

ATTEST:


Jack Salmon, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer