

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Northeast Texas Municipal Water District
Board of Directors
May 26, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District met in an open meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 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
Stan Wyatt - Daingerfield
Joseph W. Weir, III - Ore City
Patrick Smith - Pittsburg

Present by George Otstott - Jefferson
Phone:

Staff: Walt Sears, Jr.
Robyn Goodson
Pete Wright
Robert Speight

Vice President Robyn Shelton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Jack Salmon gave the invocation. Robyn Shelton led the directors in the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. No public comments were made during the meeting. The seating arrangement was spacious enough for everyone in attendance to be more than 6 feet apart.

On a motion by Joseph W. Weir, III and a second by Stan Wyatt minutes of the March 23, 2020 meeting were approved. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Jack Salmon, Jr. made a motion to approve the monthly investment report, financial reports on all current accounts and funds and pay invoices for professional services. Joseph W. Weir, III seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Joseph W. Weir, III made a motion to approve the March and April 2020 Southside financial report as presented. Stan Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Pete Wright gave the Operations Manager report:

- Raw water quality as of May 4th is good,
- Mr. Wright stated that J. W. Electric is almost finished replacing the SSBPS VFD and should finish by end of week,
- The annual customer tank inspection started the week of May 4th,
- Mr. Wright stated we are waiting on TCEQ approval of the sludge field registration renewal request,
- Mr. Wright stated no employees have been diagnosed with Covid 19 virus,
- Mowing will continue weather permitting,
- Mr. Wright reported he plans to begin working on the annual CCRs for member cities,
- Mr. Wright reported that he and Mr. Sears participated in an online preconstruction meeting concerning the Pittsburg raw water pump replacement,
- The Pittsburg Plant was struck by lightning damaging the SCADA antenna and cable along with two flow meters, two filter NTU meter controllers, phonelines, online service line and 1 level indicator for the recycle pit. All items have been replaced or are in the processes of being replaced,
- Mr. Wright informed the Board that Harleton WSC suffered damage to their SCADA system April 11-12, 2020, due to storms and they have not taken water from us since that time, and

- Mr. Wright received information from KSA concerning the repair/replacement of the Lone Star ground storage tank. Patrick Smith made a motion to approve a new ground storage tank for the City of Lone Star. Jack Salmon seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Walt Sears, Jr. updated the Board of Directors on the SWEPCO contract adjustment for the use of water in Titus County. The Board of Directors provided insight and direction on the possible rate increase. It was noted that the rate increase would be formally considered at the next Board meeting.

Walt Sears, Jr. provided an update on the status of regional water planning. Region D public hearing regarding the IPP, is set for June 11, 2020. Jack Salmon made a motion to allow NETMWD to support the nomination of Joseph W. Weir, III, Fred Thomas, Reeves Hayter, and Andy Endsley for the regional flood planning group. Stan Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Mr. Sears, updated the Board of Directors on the Luminant contract and water stored in Lake Bob Sandlin. Mr. Sears, acknowledged Robert Speight and asked him to present information to the board regarding an opportunity for a grant. Robert presented to the Board of Directors a WaterSmart funding opportunity to support drought resiliency projects, this includes development of alternative supply sources including wells. It includes habitat data collection and restoration and water quality improvement. The WaterSmart funding opportunity is also known as WaterSmart Grant. Stan Wyatt made a motion to approve NETMWD to seek funding from the WaterSmart Grant. Jack Salmon seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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

- Review on TWCA June 17 & 18 webinar, and
- Update on endangered species assessments.

On a motion by Stan Wyatt and a second by Joseph W. Weir, III the next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for June 22, 2020. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Motion to adjourn was made by Joseph W. Weir, III, with a second from Jack Salmon. Motion carried, all voting aye.

APPROVED:


Robyn Shelton, President

ATTEST:


Jack Salmon, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer