

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Northeast Texas Municipal Water District  
Board of Directors  
March 22, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District met in an open meeting on Monday, March 22, 2021 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  
              Saundra Wexler         - Lone Star  
              Stan Wyatt             - Daingerfield  
              Joseph W. Weir, III     - Ore City  
              George Otstott         - Jefferson

Staff:         Walt Sears, Jr.  
               Dominik Sobieraj  
               Robyn Goodson

Guest:         Joncie Young             - KSA Engineers, Inc.

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 George Otstott and a second by Stand Wyatt minutes of the February 22, 2021 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, and pay invoices for professional services. Stan Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Stan Wyatt made a motion to approve the January and February 2021 Southside financial report as presented and approve the quarterly reconciliation and adjusting entries as presented. George Otstott seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Water Production Operations Report was made by Dominik Sobieraj:

- Temperature fluctuations and rainfall keep affecting raw water quality for both Tanner and Pittsburg plants while we continue to treat and produce water meeting all district, state and federal standards. Ice and snow melt, as well as rain, are causing ground saturation and excessive runoff to the lake.

## PITTSBURG

- After assessing Tommy Haltom's initial approach to the Pittsburg raw water leak, we decided to thank Mr. Haltom for the work he had done up to this point and hire a new crew. Mr. Steve Lobdell "SGL Utility Contractors, LLC" was hired to finish the job.
  - SGL comes highly recommended from City of Pittsburg as well as Tryon Road.
  - SGL presented very professional plan of action -- setting goal for completion within 24 hours of shutting down pumps.
  - SGL did research and reached out to original contractor for all possible information.
  - SGL secured professional job sight with all required safety in place
  - We were able to turn pumps back on after 10 hours from the time of shut down.
  - Job was completed / covered up the following day.

- New – additional, but very small, leak on same raw water line has been found and reported to us by Bi-County Water Supply. The leak has been fixed.
- Pittsburg Plant is back to its normal semi/auto operation.
- Updated Monitoring Plant for Pittsburg Plant has been submitted to TCEQ.
- We are expecting information about arrival of our new pump – planning to have it operational in March (motor ready from Daily Electric) coordinating placement/hook up.
- Assessing outdated and obsolete lab equipment at Pittsburg plant and chemical feeds (replacing 15 years old CL17 chlorine analyzer with ATI online equivalent as well as DR300 bench top colorimeter to replace 20+ years old DR820).

## TANNER

- COVID – continuing 12h shift rotation to the end of March and switching to regular schedule while observing CDC guidelines.
  - No exposures or infection that we know of – Dominik, Glenn, Mike Summers, Mitch (vaccinated or scheduled).
- Repaired 3 altitude valves (HS, LS, Jefferson) – HS and LS fixed in-house by us and Jefferson's with help of the contractor.
- Operation is back to 95% normal (Lightning strike Sunday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> damaged PLC modules, damage is now repaired).
- Replaced Hughes Springs master flow meter (lightning damage).
- Updated Monitoring Plant for Tanner Plant has been submitted to TCEQ.
- TWDB Water Survey reports have been submitted.
- Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Dominik had meeting with KSA at the raw water pump station regarding replacement of an old Raw Water Pump.
  - Roof project at Tanner WTP has been completed.
  - Insurance approved second check, lowering overall cost.
- Assessing outdated and obsolete lab equipment at Tanner Plant and chemical feeds (replacing 15-20 years old CL17 chlorine analyzer at both plants with ATI online equivalent as well as DR300 bench top colorimeter to replace 20+ years old DR850).
- Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 3am, Caustic pump for rapid mix at Tanner Plant broke – speed up to 100% feed rate caused 6 hours recovery due to overfeed of caustic. Problem is now resolved.
- Finished installing new hot water heater and sink in the shop at Tanner Plant.
- Purchasing spare modules for damaged PLC pieces.
- Purchasing / standardizing chemical feed pumps for Tanner to match Pittsburg.
- Dominik is preparing a Winter Event Report, and
  - See what went good, bad,
  - What worked, what did not,
  - What can we improve, get more prepared,
  - What we must get, what we need to get, what we would like to get.
- Our Raw intake Generator stopped working during winter event.
  - JW was working on it and managed to address a switch issue with help of Stewart & Stevenson.
  - Stewart & Stevenson attempted to fix actual generator issue and failed to do it in timely manner.
  - Clifford Power was brought in and managed to diagnose the real problem - generator shaft is bent/broken.
  - Possible repair cost is at least \$30,000, without a guarantee that \$30,000 of repairs fixes all of the broken parts since the \$30,000 only covers what is known to be broken, with actual repair cost possibly being much higher.
  - Replacement cost \$60K-80K - we are currently gathering quotes.
  - Stand-by unit is being rented to secure power supply to Raw Water Intake in case of power loss emergency at about \$4,500 per month.

Patrick Smith made a motion to approve a new generator for the raw water intake at Lake O' the Pines. Jack Salmon, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Patrick Smith made a motion to approve and authorize billing adjustments needed due to the impacts of severe winter weather in February of 2021. Sandra Wexler seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Sandra Wexler made a motion to approve Red River Valley Association membership dues for 2021. Patrick Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Mr. Sears updated on regional flood planning. Mr. Sears informed the Board of Directors that the next meeting is to be held virtually April 1, 2021 and an engineer consultant is to be selected at that time. Mr. Sears informed the group that the big problem in Zone 2 remains channelizations that form log jams and cause additional negative impacts.

Mr. Sears gave a brief legislative update, with concerns about HB 2717, possible changes to boil water notices. Mr. Sears expressed hope that the bad bills would be stopped prior to passage. Mr. Sears expressed gratitude for those who are working to prevent the passage of bad ideas present in some of the filed bills.

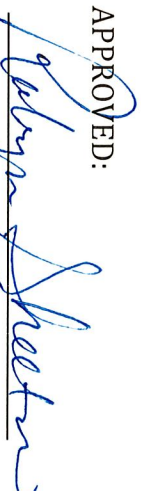
During the General Manager's report, Mr. Sears reported on the following:

- Review of the TWCA virtual conference,
- Appreciation Dinner is planned to be held in September 2021, and
- Update on the Clean Rivers Program and the possibility of two habitat locations for release of the Alligator Snapping Turtles seized from poachers.

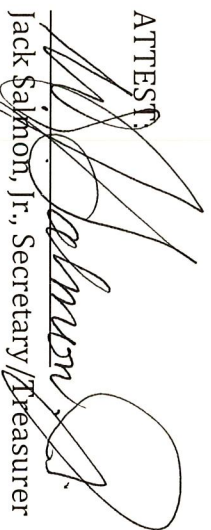
On a motion by Jack Salmon, Jr. and a second by George Otstott the next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for April 26, 2021. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Motion to adjourn was made Stan Wyatt with a second from Jack Salmon, Jr. Motion carried, all voting aye.

APPROVED:

  
Robyn Shelton, President

ATTEST:

  
Jack Salmon, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer