

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Northeast Texas Municipal Water District
Board of Directors
August 23, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District met in an open meeting on Monday, August 23, 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
Patrick Smith - Pittsburg
George Otstott - Jefferson
Saundra Wexler - Lone Star
Robyn Shelton - Hughes Springs

Phone: Joseph W. Weir, III - Ore City

Staff: Walt Sears, Jr.
Dominik Sobieraj
Osiris Brantley
Robyn Goodson
Robert Speight

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.

On a motion by Saundra Wexler and a second by George Otstott minutes of the July 26, 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. Saundra Wexler seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye. George Otstott moved to approve payment of the dues in the amount of \$5000.00 to National Water Supply Alliance. Jack Salmon, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye except Patrick Smith voting no. Patrick Smith made a motion to approve the standard joint-funding agreement with USGS for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 for \$33,270. Jack Salmon, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Saundra Wexler made a motion to approve July 2021 Southside financial report as presented. Jack Salmon, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Dominik Sobieraj updated the Board of Directors on the tank inspection bids. NETMWD received two annual tank inspection bids. The first bid was in the amount of \$23,000, this included a diver. The second bid was in the amount of \$6,440, this included the video method only. The recommendation of the LOPSS Committee to accept the lowest bid was shared with the Board of Directors. Jack Salmon, Jr. made a motion to approve the lowest bid in the amount of \$6,440. George Otstott seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Dominik Sobieraj gave the Operations Manager report:

Raw water quality is moderate to good. We are experiencing an episode of high manganese concentrations lasting anywhere from 2 to 5 days. Those manganese spikes are caused by high water temperature, dissolved oxygen depletion, additional factors. We are addressing those issues by adjusting treatment and increasing the oxidation of manganese with chlorine. The treatment techniques enable the finished water to be well above the quality requirements.

Pittsburg

- Near the new highway project, there was found wet ground where a previous leak was located. We are investigating the area for any more leaks,
- Coordinating with Tim Reynolds for tank inspections in September,
- Moving unused 8x8 sheet metal building from Tanner Plant to Pittsburg as mowing equipment storage,
- Replacing sample lines and new faucets at the lab, and
- Reinforcing 2 of the ladders at the Pittsburg plant for safer access.

Tanner

- KSA submitted and published a rebid at the raw water pump #2 replacement at the Tanner Plant,
- A reliable meter is being installed at Ore City, it is a 6” mechanical turbine meter with a strainer,
- Continuing work on re-piping in the lab for improved quality control,
- Continuing clean up at the Tanner Plant,
- A small leak on the new roof located at the drain connector occurred. Contacted the roofing company, they addressed the issue within 48 hours,
- A transmission line from the Tanner plant to Hughes Springs has a leaking seal/solenoid, we are addressing the leak,
- Annual meter certification has been performed,
- Annual Chemical bids are scheduled to be opened on August 30th,
- Staff and Safety meetings are being held monthly,
- A warranty check of the new generator batteries was scheduled on August 18th with Clifford Power, and
- We are continuing the member city and customer lunch and plant tours.

Jack Salmon, Jr. made a motion to open the hearing for all of the District’s budgets for the fiscal year 2021-2022. George Otstott seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye. President Robyn Shelton opened the hearing regarding the District’s budgets for the fiscal year 2021-2022. No comments from the public were made during the public hearing. During the hearing, Mr. Sears presented information about the budget. George Otstott made a motion to close public hearing for all of the District’s budgets for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Jack Salmon, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

After discussion, Jack Salmon, Jr. made a motion to approve all District budgets for the next fiscal year 2021-2022. George Otstott seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye except Patrick Smith voting no.

Robert Speight spoke to the Board of Directors about the Clean Rivers Program (CRP). It was noted that the CRP continues to be a valuable method in assuring water quality in the Cypress Creek Basin. Patrick Smith made a motion to accept the 2-year proposal to NETMWD by Water Monitoring Solutions for the Clean Rivers Program and to authorize execution of all necessary contracts. Jack Salmon, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

During the General manager’s report, Mr. Sears reported on the following:

- Mr. Sears spoke about regional flood planning group and how past channelization in the Sulphur River Basin significantly affects flooding in that basin. It was noted that the Cypress Creek Basin is fortunate not to have several miles of degraded river segments due to channelization as the Sulphur River Basin does. It was noted that channelization has several negative effects,
- TWCA Conference in San Antonio on October 20-22, 2021,

- Mr. Sears stated possible sample sites are being discussed at Lake O' the Pines at our intake structure and near the Hwy 155 bridge. A plan is being developed to assure that the bridge-building and demolition activities do not degrade the water source for the Tanner Plant. The Board reviewed maps of the area and discussed the movement of water in that zone of Lake O' the Pines. It is anticipated that the Board will discuss the pending bridge project further in September.

On a motion by George Otstott and a second by Saundra Wexler, the next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for September 27, 2021. Motion carried, all voting aye.

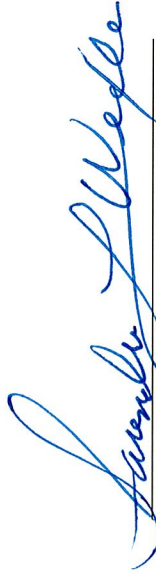
Motion to adjourn was made Jack Salmon, Jr. with a second from George Otstott. Motion carried, all voting aye.

APPROVED:



Robyn Shelton, President

ATTEST:



Jack Salmon, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer