

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Northeast Texas Municipal Water District
Board of Directors
September 27, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District met in an open meeting on Monday, September 27, 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: Stan Wyatt - Daingerfield
Patrick Smith - Pittsburg
George Otstott - Jefferson
Saundra Wexler - Lone Star
Robyn Shelton - Hughes Springs
Joseph W. Weir, III - Ore City

Staff: Walt Sears, Jr.
Dominik Sobieraj
Robyn Goodson

Guests: Marty Walker - Public
LeAnn Walker - Public
Joncie Young - KSA

President Robyn Shelton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Stan Wyatt 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 August 23, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Patrick Smith 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.

Mr. Sears updated the Board of Directors on the LOPSS meeting where Christopher Colton and Robert O'Connell from HUB presented a presentation on insurance to address water loss and line breaks on the customer side of retail meter. Details on possible insurance features were explained to the Directors. The insurance could cover any type of water event or sewage repair or replacement, 1 claim per year, per event. There could be opt in or opt provisions. It was noted that the retention rate within this program was about 98%.

Saundra Wexler made a motion to approve August 2021 Southside financial report as presented. George Otstott seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Joncie Young with KSA presented to the Directors three different options for the replacement of the raw water pump #2 at the Tanner Water Treatment Plant. Patrick Smith made a motion to accept Smith Pump Company for Schedule 1, new pump with new motor. Stan Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Dominik Sobieraj gave the Operations Manager report:

Raw water quality is again moderate to good. Very few manganese spikes in our raw water and those are being addressed as they occur. We are expecting temperatures to start dropping and raw water quality improves as we transition to Fall.

Pittsburg

- Started tank inspections on September 13,
- Received our backflow prevention certification,
- Installing auto lights at the raw water pump station, and
- September 4th, Bi-County informed us we had a raw water line blow out, line has been repaired.

Tanner

- KSA submitted and published rebid information for Tanner raw water pump #2 replacement, bids opened September 14,
- Replaced 20-year-old raw water turbidimeter with a new Swan AMI turbidwell instrument,
- Continuing work on re-piping in the lab for improved quality control,
- Cleared up access road to our intake and removed trees,
- Small leak on the new roof at the drain connector repaired, the roofing company addressed the issue within 48 hours,
- Found the seal/solenoid valve on SSBBS Hughes Springs line from Tanner plant is leaking,
- Annual backflow prevention valve certification has been performed and finished, and
- Mr. Sobieraj recommends accepting the lowest bids from the chemical bid results as follows: Alum - Affinity Chemical, LLC \$297.25, Chlorine - DPC \$1,359.00, Ammonia - Tanner Industries \$1,295.00.

Patrick Smith made a motion to accept the lowest chemical bids. Stan Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Major Objectives and Goals for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 were discussed. During discussion, possible revisions were considered. Sandra Wexler made the motion to approve objectives and goals for the next year as revised. George Otstott seconded the motion. The motion carried, all voting aye.

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

- Mr. Sears gave an update on the regional flood planning group. They continue to meet monthly and are looking for more time to edit the first flood plan for our region,
- Mr. Sears informed the directors that he will keep them updated on the progress of implementing the agreement with Luminant for access to additional water in the Tankersley watershed in Titus County as he continues to work with TCEQ, Tony Smith and Brian Sledge.

On a motion by Joseph W. Weir, III and a second by George Otstott, the next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for October 25, 2021. Motion carried, all voting aye.

President Robyn Shelton made an opening statement and then the board discussed the General Manager's compensation in open session. On a motion by George Otstott and a second by Stan Wyatt, the General Manager will receive a 1% pay increase effective the first pay period in October. Motion carried, all voting aye. It was noted that the remainder of the employees would be increased at the discretion of the General Manager and within overall budget expectations.

Motion to adjourn was made Sandra Wexler with a second from George Otstott. Motion carried, all voting aye.

APPROVED:



Robyn Shelton, President

ATTEST:

Jack Salmon, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer