

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

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District met in an open meeting on Monday, November 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: Stan Wyatt - Daingerfield
Patrick Smith - Pittsburg
George Otstott - Jefferson
Sandra Wexler - Lone Star
Robyn Shelton - Hughes Springs

Phone: Joseph W. Weir, III - Ore City

Staff: Walt Sears, Jr. - NETMWD
Dominik Sobieraj - NETMWD
Robyn Goodson - NETMWD
Aracely Reyes - NETMWD

Guest: Keith Whitfield - Daingerfield City Manager

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 Sandra Wexler and a second by Stan Wyatt minutes of the October 25, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Stan Wyatt 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. Patrick Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Patrick Smith made a motion to approve October 2021 Southside financial report as presented. Sandra Wexler seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Dominik Sobieraj gave the Operations Manager report:

Raw water quality is good. We are expecting temperatures to start dropping and raw water quality improves as we transition to Fall.

PITTSBURG

- City of Pittsburg working on specification for shared generator for Pittsburg Water Plant,
- Working on capital improvements for the Pittsburg Plant,

TANNER

- KSA moving on Raw Water Pump and Motor #2 replacement, preconstruction meeting was held on Nov. 3rd,
- Secured removal of current pump for 6-8 weeks before delivery of new one at the raw water intake,
- Continuing work on transitioning from lookout HMI to HYPERTECH HMI for improved filter control,
- Still working on rewriting software program for Daingerfield DFS SCADA communication to eliminate ghost alarms,
- Taking final quotes on actuators and influent valves for Tanner Plant,
- Working on RMP and ERP as well as completing SB3 step one,
- Filter #5 crack has been fixed and it was tested in mid-November,

- Working on redundant line for water plant. Completion scheduled within next 6 weeks,
- Distributing tank reports to all member cities and participating systems,
- Working on rewriting PLC programming for City of Avinger elevated storage tank,
- Received quote for hook up and programming for elevated storage tank view for city of Lone Star,
- Received VPN access and screen built for us to see City of Daingerfield elevated storage tank,
- Stephen Barnes, Hughes Springs City Manager, has granted access to Hughes Springs elevated storage tank level, and
- Replaced broken flow meter used by NETMWD for deliveries to City of Lone Star.

Robert Speight gave a presentation on Alligator Snapping Turtles and Pollinators. Mr. Speight stated that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services are possibly listing the Alligator Snapping Turtles (AST) for protection. The AST nest once a year and nest around 28 eggs. Studies show less than 6% of nests survive more than 48 hours and of those 60 to 82% survive less than 2 months and only 5% of hatchlings survive to become adults. It takes 20 years for the AST to reach sexual maturity. He explained that part of an ASTs' diet includes mussels. Native mussels help purify our water. The more naturally occurring purification helps lessen the need for artificial purification. That helps to reduce the chemical cost of water purification. Mr. Speight also spoke about the different types of pollinators, bats, bees, hummingbirds and butterflies to name a few. Pollinators are often keystone species which are critical to our ecosystem. He explained that pollination means to fertilize and that three-fourths of all food crops in the world require pollination. Pollinated crops are worth nearly \$20 billion in the U.S. alone. Pollinators need water sources to survive. Most pollinators prefer either open water in sunny locations or muddy spots. For Pollinators to survive they need an ample supply of water.

Walt Sears informed the Board of Directors on the performance evaluation involving the Clean Rivers Program given by TCEQ. Our Clean Rivers Program exceeds expectations and continues to be an important part of the program to assure environmental health for our basin.

Mr. Sears spoke about regional flood planning group and mentioned the group is responsible for developing a regional flood plan by January 2023. This will identify specific flood risks and the need for assessing those risks and focusing on reducing existing flood risks to life and property and on floodplain management in general. The plan should also contain approved projects that should be considered for funding.

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

- Mr. Sears gave an update on federal topics being worked by NWSA, and
- Mr. Sears asked for input on holiday pay for employees on December payments. Patrick Smith made a motion to approve the holiday pay for employees on December payment. Stan Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

On a motion by Stan Wyatt and a second by Sandra Wexler, the next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for December 27, 2021. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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

APPROVED:


Robyn Shelton, President

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