

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Northeast Texas Municipal Water District  
Board of Directors  
April 25, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District met in an open meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022, 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: Robyn Shelton - Hughes Springs  
Stan Wyatt - Daingerfield  
Patrick Smith - Pittsburg  
George Otstott - Jefferson  
Sandy Wexler - Lone Star  
Jack Salmon - Avinger  
Joseph W. Weir - Ore City

Staff: Walt Sears, Jr. - NETMWD  
Dominik Sobieraj - NETMWD  
Osiris Brantley - NETMWD  
Robert Speight - NETMWD  
Aracely Reyes - NETMWD

Guests: Jimmy Cox - Ore City  
Randy Hodges - Lone Star  
Rudy Dudley - Lone Star  
Shane Townsend - Lone Star

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 and Texas flags.

On a motion by Sandy Wexler and a second by Stan Wyatt minutes of the March 28, 2022 meeting were approved. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Walt Sears informed the Board of a proposed subdivision near Lone Star, TX, and discussed water arrangements to be put in place. It was noted that the subdivision is outside the city limits of Lone Star. Mr. Townsend assured the board no water would be provided for the subdivision until all TCEQ regulations had been met. Pat Smith proposed a rate of \$3.25 which covers actual cost including purification and raw water costs. On a motion by Jack Salmon and a second by Sandra Wexler, a motion to set the rate for the subdivision at \$3.25 was made. Motion carried, all voting aye. On a motion by George Otstott, Dominik Sobieraj and Robert Speight were delegated to be in charge of any additional details for water and wastewater arrangements for the subdivision in Morris County in relation to the District. Jack Salmon seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Jack Salmon 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. Joseph Weir seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Mr. Sears informed the Board of revenue resources for NETMWD. He explained that over the last 20 years, there has been an exponential growth in revenue. Industrial water sales and contributions from Tryon Road SUD, Diana SUD, and member cities were discussed.

George Otstott made a motion to approve March 2022 LOPSS financial reports as presented and the three-month review for LOPSS expenses and authorization to make adjusting entries for January, February, and March 2022. Stan Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Dominik Sobieraj gave the Operations Manager report:

- Raw water quality is moderate to good. We have been dealing with slight taste and color issues. Tanner Plant used carbon to treat for finished water color levels. NETMWD produced water that meets all District, State, and Federal requirements.

## PITTSBURG

- Glenn Lawler is planning a 40 hour per week schedule at the Plant
- Assessing work to be done
- Re-designing office space and general clean up

## TANNER

- Jefferson 18-inch line leak at two blow-off locations about 400 yards apart, fix scheduled for the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Both leaks have been fixed
  - Both leaks were due to the failure of a 6-inch blow-off valve housing gasket
  - Coordinated with landowners as well as Jefferson and Harleton representatives
- SCADA/radio communication issues with Jeff/Harleton – with the help of Gary Gady's, issue was fixed
- Preparing Basin 1 dump and Basin 2 clean up
- Received 3 sets of Back Actuator/Influent valves – working on implementation to schedule
  - Planning to have it done by end of May
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Interviews (hoping to hire within 2 weeks)
  - No good candidates
  - We are continuing to search for the right person
- Wholesale CCR done, and customers and TCEQ informed
  - Working on CCR for our Member Cities
- Started pre-plan for Tank Inspections
  - Inspections planned for mid-May

Robert Speight gave a report on the Clean Rivers Program Stakeholder's meeting held in March of 2022. The meeting went over phosphorus loading, observation of rare species, and plans for sampling.

Mr. Sears gave an update on the informal search for the next general manager. On a motion by Sandra Wexler, and a second by Stan Wyatt, May 31, 2022, was chosen as a closing date for submittal of interest on behalf of possible candidates. Motion carried, all voting aye.

During the General Manager's report, Mr. Sears gave a recap of the Fire Hydrant Program for the fiscal year 2022. He informed the Board that the closing date for Phase I of the Fire Hydrant Reimbursement Program is May 31, 2022. He noted that five of the seven member cities had not requested any reimbursement in the current fiscal year.

On a motion by Jack Salmon and a second by Sandra Wexler, the next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for May 23, 2022. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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

ATTEST:

  
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Jack Salmon

APPROVED:

  
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Robyn Shelton, President