

Minutes of the Southside Steering Committee
Regional Water Supply Facilities Project
Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

The Lake O' the Pines Southside Steering Committee met in an open meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District's Executive Office located at 4180 FM 250 S, Hughes Springs, Texas. 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 Southside Steering Committee. Seating was specially arranged to assure every person was more than six feet apart.

The meeting was called to order by Jack Salmon, Jr. He welcomed everyone to the meeting, recognized the guests, and invited guests to make public comments. Fred Thomas gave the invocation. No public comments were made.

The following steering committee voting delegates were present:

Susan Whitfield	-	Diana SUD
Jeanette Orms	-	City of Ore City
Steve Baker	-	Tryon Road SUD

The following additional persons participated in the steering committee:

Jack Salmon, Jr.	-	NETMWD
Glenn Hobbs	-	Tryon Road SUD
Fred Thomas	-	Diana SUD
Greg Price	-	Diana SUD
Mike Dunn	-	Tyron Road SUD
Joseph W. Weir, III	-	NETMWD
Walt Sears	-	NETMWD
Dominic Sobieraj	-	NETMWD
Robyn Goodson	-	NETMWD

On a motion by Steve Baker and a second by Susan Whitfield, the minutes of the January 20, 2020 meeting were approved as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Dominik Sobieraj gave the Operations Manager report:

- 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.
- 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).

- Operation is back to 95% normal (Lightning strike Sunday Feb 28th damaged PLC modules now repaired (replaced PLC modules affected).
- Replaced Hughes Springs master flow meter (lightning damage)
- Updated Monitoring Plant for Tanner Plant has been submitted to TCEQ
- TWDB Water Survey report have been submitted (Walt, Osiris, and Dominik helped complete the report).
- Dominik is working on switching all vendor contacts, reporting responsibilities, and tasks from Pete to Dominik
- We are waiting on our new SonicWALL VPN / FIREWALL– internet connection at Tanner Plant
 - (DFS) has purchased the new unit for us and will assist in programing and integration with all DFS systems (SCADA/COMMUNICATION/DATAFLOW/MONITORING).
 - New SonicWALL VPN hardware will improve cyber-security and reliability of network/internet connection.
- Thursday, March 11th, Dominik met with KSA at the raw water pump station regarding replacement of an old Raw Water Pump
 - Roof project at Tanner WTP has been completed to our satisfaction.
 - Insurance approved second check, lowering overall cost of the roof.
- 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 6th 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.
- 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,
 - 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.
 - Stewart & Stevenson attempted to fix actual generator issue and failed to do it in a 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.
 - Replacement cost \$60K-80K - we are currently gathering quotes.

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- 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.

Following discussion, the Southside Steering Committee expressed a preference for purchasing a new generator for the raw water intake at Lake O' the Pines.

Susan Whitfield made a motion to approve the January 2021 Southside financial report. Steve Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

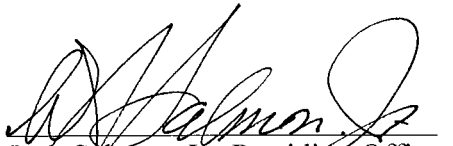
Jeanette Orms made a motion to approve the February 2021 Southside financial report. Susan Whitfield seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Mr. Sears updated the Committee on the flood planning group. Mr. Sears informed the Steering Committee that the flood planning group will meet April 1st.

Mr. Sears addressed the Committee on the current Texas Legislative Session and pending bills of interest. Mr. Sears asked the Committee to identify any bills or activity of concern and those concerns would be addressed by Dean Robbins, the NETMWD legislative consultant.

On a motion by Jeanette Orms and a second by Susan Whitfield the next meeting of the Committee was set for April 21, 2021. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The Southside Steering Committee meeting was adjourned on a motion by Susan Whitfield and a second by Jeanette Orms. Motion carried, all voting aye.



Jack Salmon, Jr., Presiding Officer