

Minutes of the Southside Steering Committee
Regional Water Supply Facilities Project
Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

The Lake O' the Pines Southside Steering Committee met in an open meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 10:05 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.

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:

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| Steve Baker | - | Tryon Road SUD |
| Greg Price | - | Diana SUD |

The following additional persons participated in the steering committee:

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| Jack Salmon, Jr. | - | NETMWD |
| Fred Thomas | - | Diana SUD |
| Glenn Hobbs | - | Tryon Road SUD |
| Joseph W. Weir, III | - | NETMWD |
| Walt Sears | - | NETMWD |
| Dominik Sobieraj | - | NETMWD |
| Robyn Goodson | - | NETMWD |
| Osiris Brantley | - | NETMWD |

On a motion by Steve Baker and a second by Greg Price, the minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting were approved as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Dominik Sobieraj gave the Operations Manager report:

Raw water quality is moderate to good. Dealing with extraordinary rain conditions which are creating excessive run-off to the Lake of the Pines and Lake Bob Sandlin. Coagulation is aided by use of Polymer. At this point, we do not see a need to use carbon as a treatment for possible color, odor, and concerns. NETMWD produced water that met or exceeded all District, State and Federal requirements.

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- Installing lab samples for Ph and Chlorine daily Water Quality checks (finished water, combined water, settled water, Rapid Mix, all basins and pre-filter pH adjustment),
- Installed an emergency eye wash station at the lab,
- Still working on PLC/SCADA/PROGRAMMING issues throughout the plant,
- Finished and published all member city's CCRs for 2020,

- Installed New SonicWall/Firewall at Tanner,
- Removed 2 phone lines from Tanner plant – possibility of removing a third one after new fiber optic internet is installed,
- Waiting for gate cameras to be installed at Tanner plant / NVR system,
- Finished Winter Event Report,
- Attended TWUA meeting (first one post covid), will offer operators membership under condition of attending at least 5 monthly meetings per year (30 hours in 3 years needed for license renewal),
- Finishing up all necessary steps for our cybersecurity certification,
- Staff/ Safety meeting scheduled for June 22nd . Fall protection and confined space safety were primary topics,
- Finishing the draft version of the 2021 budget,
- Posting bids for tank inspections, and preparing annual chemical bids to go out. Chlorine, crane certification, and annual meter certification to be scheduled by the end of June,
- Attended TWCA conference June 9 through 11, and
- Ready to finalize generator as soon as weather permits.

Greg Price made a motion to approve the May 2021 Southside financial report. Steve Baker 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 there is no signed contract between TWDB and engineering company and that progress is moving slowly.

Mr. Sears and the committee reviewed and discussed the worksheet for the draft budget for the next fiscal year. The draft budget will be further discussed at the July meeting, no changes were suggested at this time. The committee expressed support for each of the five capital items presented by Mr. Sobieraj. It was noted that the perspective of the committee would be shared with the NETMWD Board of Directors.

Mr. Sears provided comments about the regular session of the Texas Legislature. This regular session ends this month and a special session about redistricting is anticipated for later this Fall. The current session is making some changes to water law. Two significant bills are SB3 and SB10. SB3 is about changes for power and water due to the winter storm. SB10 was about preventing all cities, counties, and other units of government from lobbying. SB10 did not pass but SB3 did.

On a motion by Greg Price and a second by Steve Baker the next meeting of the committee was set for July 21, 2021. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The Southside Steering Committee meeting was adjourned on a motion by Greg Price and a second by Steve Baker. Motion carried, all voting aye.


 Jack Salmon, Jr., Presiding Officer