

Minutes of the Southside Steering Committee
Regional Water Supply Facilities Project
Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

The Lake O' the Pines Southside Steering Committee met in an open meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 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.

The meeting was called to order by George Otstott. He welcomed everyone to the meeting, recognized the guests, and invited guests to make public comments. Joseph W. Weir, III 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

The following additional persons participated in the steering committee:

Greg Price	-	Diana SUD
Joseph W. Weir, III	-	NETMWD
George Otstott	-	NETMWD
Walt Sears	-	NETMWD
Dominik Sobieraj	-	NETMWD
Robyn Goodson	-	NETMWD

Guests:

Christopher E. Colton and Robert E. O'Connell III – HUB

On a motion Susan Whitfield and a second by Jeanette Orms, the minutes of the August 18, 2021 meeting were approved as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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. Some of the features of the possible insurance were explained. 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%.

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.

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- 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 was 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, and
- Annual backflow prevention valve certification has been performed and finished.


Jeanette Orms made a motion to recommend acceptance of the lowest bid received for each chemical bid. Susan Whitfield seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Joncie Young with KSA presented to the Steering Committee 3 different options for the replacement of the raw water pump #2 at the Tanner Water Treatment Plant. Susan Whitfield made a motion to accept Smith Pump Company for Schedule 1, new pump with new motor. Jeanette Orms seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye. It was noted that this bid was the lowest bid and was less than budget expectations.

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

On a motion by Susan Whitfield and a second by Jeanette Orms, the next meeting of the committee was set for October 18, 2021. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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



Jack Salmon, Jr., Presiding Officer

