

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Northeast Texas Municipal Water District  
Board of Directors  
October 24, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District met in an open meeting on Monday, October 24, 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:

Jack Salmon	-	Avinger
Stan Wyatt	-	Daingerfield
Robyn Shelton	-	Hughes Springs
George Otstott	-	Jefferson
Sandra Wexler	-	Lone Star
Jimmy E. Cox	-	Ore City
Patrick Smith	-	Pittsburg

Staff:

Wayne Owen	-	NETMWD
Walt Sears, Jr.	-	NETMWD
Dominik Sobieraj	-	NETMWD
Osiris Brantley	-	NETMWD
Robert Speight	-	NETMWD
Aracely Reyes	-	NETMWD

President George Otstott called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Jack Salmon gave the invocation. Mr. Otstott led the directors in the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

On a motion by Sandra Wexler and a second by Stan Wyatt minutes of the September 26, 2022 meeting were approved. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The contributions by Walt Sears were recognized. Robyn Shelton made a motion to approve the Resolution in honoring Walt Sears for his outstanding services and invaluable contributions. Stan Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Robyn Shelton 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. Sandra Wexler seconded the motion.

On a motion by Sandra Wexler, a motion to approve the removal of Walt Sears and add Wayne Owen to the bank signature cards, and designate Wayne Owen and Osiris Brantley as the individuals authorized for electronic transfers, was made. Jimmy Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Sandra Wexler made a motion to approve the September 2022 Southside Financial report as presented, to approve the quarterly review and to make adjusting entries of variable operating expenses based on actual production for July, August, and September 2022. Patrick Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Dominik Sobieraj gave the Operations Manager report:

Raw water quality is moderate to good. Water stabilized and we are back to 60 mg/l Alum dosage.

- There was a minor caustic spill – Glenn Lawler and Michael Parvino conducted proper cleanout practices.
  - No substantial damage or injury to report.

**PITTSBURG**

- No adverse effect on city, water production, or environment.
- JW working on programming new VFD's.
- Starting plans for several Capital Projects to begin.
- Responded to TCEQ questions regarding EPP for Pittsburg.

**TANNER**

- On October 6, 2022, a sludge bag failed.
  - It took about 90 minutes from the initial phone call received to full clean-up of the event.
  - Marion County Sheriff's office, Mims VFD, and Robert Speight helped in the assessment and clean up.
  - TCEQ was notified and all proper forms were completed.
    - No danger to the public
    - No injuries
  - This is a vulnerability, and we need to search for different sludge technology and process.
- On October 13, 2022, we found a leaking air relief valve on the Jefferson line.
  - Our operators took prompt action to stop the leak.
  - We are working on replacing broken parts.
- Evaluations and raises were completed and well received by all operators.
- Completed a TCEQ instructor class which will allow NETMWD to offer classes to member cities and customers at substantial cost savings.
- Going to work with Allan Whatley, Jefferson's Public Works Director, on preparing for Q4 HAA5 and THM sampled this month.
- Work progresses well on seal replacements.

Patrick Smith made a motion to adjust the TCDRS elected rate from 7% to 9.1% and change from 10-year vesting to 5-year vesting retirement eligibility. Jimmy Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Robert Speight gave an update on additional funding from Texas Parks and Wildlife Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Nuisance Aquatic Vegetation Projects. On a motion by Patrick Smith, approval to enter into an agreement for an additional \$40,000 reimbursable funding for the following twelve months. Jimmy Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

During the General manager's report, Wayne Owen expressed his appreciation to the Board for engaging in the October 2022 TWCA conference.

During the topic for the good of the District, a recap was given to the Board over the summary of contributions to member cities for fiscal year 2022.

On a motion by Jimmy Cox and a second by Robyn Shelton, the next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for November 28, 2022. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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

APPROVED:



George Otstott, President

ATTEST:

