Minutes of Regular Meeting Northeast Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors June 26, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District met in an open meeting on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. The meeting was held at Northeast Texas Municipal Water District's Executive Office located at 4180 Farm Road 250 S, 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, Jr. - City of Avinger

Robyn Shelton - City of Hughes Springs

Patrick Smith - City of Pittsburg
George Otstott - City of Jefferson
Stan Wyatt - City of Daingerfield
Jimmy E. Cox - City of Ore City
Saundra Wexler - City of Lone Star

Staff: Wayne Owen - NETMWD

Osiris Brantley - NETMWD Dominik Sobieraj - NETMWD

Virtual: Walt Sears

Brian Sledge Chris Ekrut

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 Robyn Shelton and a second by Jimmy Cox, minutes of the May 22, 2023, meeting were approved. A motion to approve changes to the minutes was made by Robyn Shelton. Stan Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

George Otstott gave the oaths of office to returning directors, Stan Wyatt, and Patrick Smith. The oaths of office were signed, notarized, and received by the district for filing.

A motion to approve Director's Bonds in the amount of \$10,000 was made by Jimmy Cox. Jack Salmon seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

On a motion by Jimmy Cox and a second by Jack Salmon, George Otstott was elected President of the Board. Motion carried, all voting aye, George Otstott abstained from voting. On a motion by George Otstott and a second by Jack Salmon, Jimmy Cox was elected Vice President of the Board. Motion carried, all voting aye, Jimmy Cox abstained from voting. On a motion by Jimmy Cox and a second by Robyn Shelton, Jack Salmon was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Board. Motion carried, all voting aye, Jack Salmon abstained from voting.

Jack Salmon, Jr. made a motion to approve the monthly investment report, approve financial reports on all current accounts and funds, and pay invoices for professional services. Stan Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

President George Otstott announced at 10:13 A.M. that the Board was recessing into a closed executive session for consultation concerning attorney-client matters with the District's legal counsel under Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, regarding items on today's Board meeting agenda; that no final action would be taken in closed session; and that, at the conclusion of the closed session, the Board will reconvene in open session with the public. At 12:20 P.M., President George Otstott announced the meeting was reconvened in an open public session.

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On a motion by Jimmy Cox, annual renewal of property insurance and directors' and officers' insurance was approved. Robyn Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

After an introduction from Chris Ekrut and a small summary of NewGen Strategies, Jimmy Cox made a motion to approve the agreement with NewGen Strategies for a water rate study. Jack Salmon seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Water Production Operations Report was made by Dominik Sobieraj:

Raw water quality is good. The Alum dosage has been as low as 40 mg/l and as high as 55 mg/l

## **PITTSBURG**

- Awaiting generator delivery
- Purchasing items for chlorine/ammonia feed system (Capital Imp).

## **TANNER**

- Basin #1 Drain Valves has been replaced (broken since 2009)
- Fixed destroyed by rain drain channel for discharge creek at the Tanner plant.
- Prepared trenches to hide 480V power line and sludge water list station piping.
- All CCR's (consumer confidence reports) for 2022 for all member cities have been finished and published.
- All tank inspections have been delivered to all the customers.
- Working on CIP list/Budget for FY 2023/2024
- Drained and cleaned basin #4
- Prepped a concrete pad for Orthopoly directional feed application.
- Broken spool piece in p-Trap building estimated repair \$10000 working on ASAP solution gathering parts.

During the General manager's report, the draft budget for all funds together with possible capital items was discussed. By consensus, a potential rate increase of 75% was considered.

On a motion by Jimmy Cox and a second by Saundra Wexler, the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors was set for July 24, 2023. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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

APPROVED:

George Otstott, President

ATTEST: