

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Northeast Texas Municipal Water District
Board of Directors
August 28, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District met in an open meeting on Monday, August 28, 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
	Patrick Smith	-	City of Pittsburg
	George Otstott	-	City of Jefferson
	Sandra Wexler	-	City of Lone Star
	Robyn Shelton	-	City of Hughes Springs
	Stan Wyatt	-	City of Daingerfield
	Jimmy E. Cox	-	City of Ore City
Staff	Wayne Owen	-	NETMWD
	Osiris Brantley	-	NETMWD
	Dominik Sobieraj	-	NETMWD
	Robert Speight	-	NETMWD
	Aracely Reyes	-	NETMWD
Virtual	Brian Sledge		
	Walt Sears		
Guests	Chris Ekrut		
	Travis Lambert		
	Randy Rushing		
	Jason Spencer		
	Kelly Spencer		
	Cody Wommack		

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. Jason Spenser made a public comment.

On a motion by Sandra Wexler and a second by Jimmy Cox, minutes for the July 24, 2023, meeting were approved. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Jack Salmon 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. Stan Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye except Patrick Smith voting nay.

Dominik Sobieraj gave the Operations Manager report:

Raw water quality is moderate. We had to go up in Alum dosage to counter water quality issues. Current dosage range (70mg/l – 80mg/l)

PITTSBURG

- Working on chlorine/ammonia feed system (Capital Imp).
- Installed new chlorine analyzer for finished water / TCEQ requirements.

TANNER

- All sludge dump plug valves now have gearbox actuators.
- JW Electric finished securing/entrenching 480V line.
- Opened/cut 3 largest and oldest sludge bags – starting to fill sludge drying bed area.
- TCEQ – Public Drinking Water Conference in Austin – August 8, 9.
- Hired new person for vacant operator/trainee position at Tanner Plant.

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- Scott Barron started Monday, August 14th.
- August 11th – Alum, Ammonia, and Chlorine bid openings
 - Bid Tabulation
 - Recommended to award bids to:
 - Chemtrade / Alum / \$368.00 per ton (decreased by \$6/ton)
 - AirGas / Ammonia / \$1,900.00 per ton (decreased by \$820/ton)
 - DPC / Chlorine / \$2,156.00 per ton (increased by \$134/ton)

Patrick Smith made a motion to approve chemical bids for the next fiscal year. Stan Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

A motion to approve the proposed water supply contract with Bi-County SUD was made by Patrick Smith. Jimmy Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Chris Ekrut from NewGen Strategies & Solutions presented a report on the Treated Water Rate Study and NewGen's recommendations to the Board. Osiris Brantley presented the Regional Water Supply, Lake O' the Pines Southside, and all other budgets for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. No public comments were made.

After a discussion over the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget, Cody Wommack made a public comment. Robyn Shelton made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget as presented and adopt the new water rate at \$2.59 for member cities, and \$4.01 for non-member cities. Jack Salmon seconded the motion. Motion carried all voting aye, except Patrick Smith voted no.

The District's General Counsel, Brian Sledge, updated the Board on the Railroad Commission's approval of Luminant's amendment to the reclamation plan that involves a project with NETMWD to develop additional water resources in the upper basin.

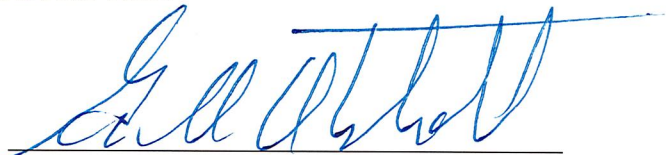
Randy Rushing made a Clean Rivers Program presentation on biological work they have conducted in the Cypress Creek Basin. Patrick Smith made a motion to award a contract for professional services provided in compliance with the TCEQ Clean Rivers program. Saundra Wexler seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

During the General manager's report, Mr. Owen spoke about the upcoming TWCA Fall conference in the first week of November 2023. On a motion by Robyn Shelton, and a second by Jimmy Cox, sponsorship for TWCA's Fall conference was approved. Motion carried all voting aye except Stan Wyatt voting no.

On a motion by Jimmy Cox and a second by Jack Salmon, the next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for September 25, 2023. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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

APPROVED:


George Otstott, President

ATTEST:

