

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Northeast Texas Municipal Water District  
Board of Directors  
August 26, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District met in an open meeting on Monday, August 26, 2024, 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: Jimmy E. Cox - City of Ore City  
Jack Salmon, Jr. - City of Avinger  
Stan Wyatt - City of Daingerfield  
Patrick Smith - City of Pittsburg  
Saundra Wexler - City of Lone Star  
Robyn Shelton - City of Hughes Springs

Staff Wayne Owen - NETMWD  
Osiris Brantley - NETMWD  
Dominik Sobieraj - NETMWD  
Robert Speight - NETMWD  
Aracely Reyes - NETMWD

Guests Randy Rushing - Water Monitoring Solutions

President Jimmy E. Cox called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Jack Salmon gave the invocation. Mr. Cox led the directors in the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

On a motion by Stan Wyatt and a second by Saundra Wexler, minutes for the July 22, 2024, meeting were approved. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Dominik Sobieraj gave the Operations Manager report:

Raw water quality is moderate. Alum dosages are stable between (50mg/l – 70mg/l)  
Offsetting Manganese and Iron with Potassium Permanganate.

#### **PITTSBURG**

- Finalizing purchases for the remaining CIP items for FY 23/24
  - Solenoids, valves

#### **TANNER**

- Finalizing Flocculator CIP project
  - Higher than expected cost for power restoration on basins 1 and 2.
- Finished baffle board installation on basins 3 and 4.
  - All missing baffle boards have been replaced.
- KMNO4 feed system is fully functional.
  - Purchasing spare parts.
  - Working on engineering submittal for permanent TCEQ approval.
- Annual Chemical Bulk bid awards.
  - Alum
  - Chlorine
  - Ammonia
    - KMNO4 and Caustic will be bid out with each purchase due to price volatility.
- Finishing several remaining CIP projects.
  - DFS SCADA, air relief valves, flooring, altitude valves, chlorine scale.
- Emergency replacement of VFD 106 for South Side HS pump at Tanner Plant.
- Secured free Resiliency Class for Plant operators.
- Submitted (no permit) request to USACE for next year's LOTP dredging project.

BULK CHEMICAL BID AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

- CHLORINE – PVS DX Inc – at \$2156.00/ton same as last year
- ALUM – CHEMTRADE – at \$357.00/ton \$11.00 less than last year
- AMMONIA – AIRGAS – at \$1900.00/ton same as last year

Stan Wyatt made a motion to approve chemical bids for the next fiscal year. Robyn Shelton seconded the motion. 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. Saundra Wexler seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

A motion to approve the updated allocation of costs of 12%, in compliance with the LOP Southside contract, was made by Robyn Shelton. Saundra Wexler seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Stan Wyatt made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 budget as presented and adopt the new water rate at \$3.40 for member cities, and \$5.08 for non-member cities. Saundra Wexler seconded the motion. Motion carried all voting aye, except Patrick Smith voting no.

Randy Rushing made a presentation to the Board over the Clean Rivers Program's Basin Highlight Report.

Wayne Owen presented a contract for professional services to Carollo Engineers, Inc. for review of water availability modeling, environmental flow proposals, and regional water supply planning. Patrick Smith made a motion to table this item, and Stan Wyatt Seconded the motion. The motion did not carry, all voting nay. Jack Salmon made a motion to hire Carollo Engineers, Inc. regarding the Tankersley Project at a maximum of \$10,000. Patrick Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

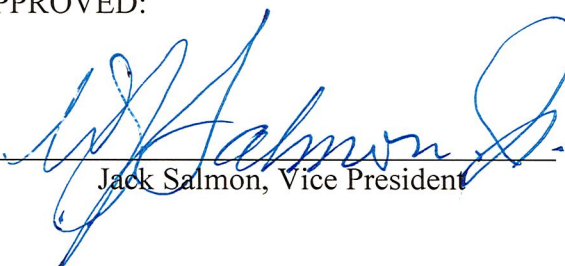
During the General manager's report, Mr. Owen spoke about the member city adoption of 2024 Treated Water Contract and the Tankersley Project.

Director Jimmy Cox announced at 12:23 P.M. that the Board was recessing into a closed executive session to conduct the annual performance evaluation of the General Manager under Section 551.074, Texas Government Code. No final action would be taken in a closed session, and, at the conclusion of the closed session, the Board will reconvene in an open session with the public. At 1:15 P.M., Director Cox announced the meeting was reconvened in an open public session.

On a motion by Saundra Wexler and a second by Stan Wyatt, the next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for September 23, 2024. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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

APPROVED:

  
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Jack Salmon, Vice President

ATTEST:

