

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Northeast Texas Municipal Water District  
Board of Directors  
August 29, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District met in an open meeting on Monday, August 29, 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 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.	-	Avinger
	Patrick Smith	-	Pittsburg
	George Otstott	-	Jefferson
	Sandra Wexler	-	Lone Star
	Robyn Shelton	-	Hughes Springs
	Stan Wyatt	-	Daingerfield
Guest:	Brian Sledge	-	SledgeLaw Group
Staff:	Walt Sears, Jr.	-	NETMWD
	Dominik Sobieraj	-	NETMWD
	Osiris Brantley	-	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. Dominik Sobieraj was presented with a service award in recognition of five years of service to the District.

Robyn Shelton made a motion to approve and adopt the employment contract of Wayne Owen as the next general manager. Sandra Wexler seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye except Stan Wyatt voting nay.

Walt Sears updated the Board on the status of the project to store additional water in the previously-mined area in Titus County. Mr. Sears informed the Board that with the help of Brian Sledge, the bed & bank permit is administratively complete through TCEQ.

On a motion by Sandra Wexler and a second by Stan Wyatt minutes for July 19, 2022, and July 25, 2022 meetings were approved. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Jack Salmon, Jr. 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.

Stan Wyatt made a motion to approve July 2022 Southside financial report as presented. Robyn Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Dominik Sobieraj gave the Operations Manager report:

Raw water quality is moderate to difficult. High manganese, high organic content, and higher than usual color threshold. We are using all available methods to continuously produce water that meets District, State, and Federal requirements.

#### **PITTSBURG**

- Operating at high capacity
- No major work designated for summer months – focused on maintaining production and repairing broken parts
- JW Electric starting work on Pittsburg raw water pumps conversion to VFD

**TANNER**

- Remaining 4 “Beck” actuators to be delivered – mid to late September
- Installed new AC unit at Raw Water Pump Station
- Smith Pump – we are having problems with pump performance – KSA is in talks with Smith Pump – looking for cause and solution
- New air dryer and compressor - gathering final quotes and will be placing an order – hope to have it replaced and operational by end of September
- Replaced broken and leaking air/vent relief valve on Jefferson transmission line
- Dominik, Glenn, and Kris attended the TCEQ Public Drinking Water conference in Austin
  - Great networking
  - Continuous education credits for license renewals
  - Workshops with TCEQ personnel
  - New products for our industry
- Changed Maintenance hours to start at 6:00 AM for heat avoidance
- Preparing two old sludge bags to be disposed of at dump site
  - Working on drying sludge to lower amount to haul away
- Daingerfield master meter sensor broke – waiting to replace spool piece to move meter and change sensor type.

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

President George Otstott opened the hearing regarding the District’s budgets for the fiscal year 2022-2023. No comments from the public were made during the public hearing. During the hearing, Mr. Sears presented information about the budget. Pat Smith made a motion to close public hearing for all of the District’s budgets for the fiscal year 2022-2023. Jack Salmon seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

After discussion, Pat Smith made a motion to adopt all District budgets for the next fiscal year 2022-2023. Robyn Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye except Patrick Smith voting no.

During the General manager’s report, Mr. Sears spoke about the upcoming TWCA Fall conference in the first week of October 2022. Mr. Sears informed the Board that TCEQ will give updates on the water availability model in the year 2023.

During the topic for the good of the District, Mr. Sears informed the Board about the success of additional paddlefish release in August of 2022.

On a motion by Jack Salmon and a second by Robyn Shelton, the next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for September 26, 2022. Motion carried, all voting aye.

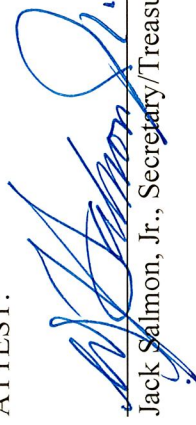
Motion to adjourn was made by Sandy Wexler, with a second from Robyn Shelton. Motion carried, all voting aye.

APPROVED:



George Otstott, President

ATTEST:



Jack Salmon, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer