

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Northeast Texas Municipal Water District
Board of Directors
September 26, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District met in an open meeting on Monday, September 26, 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
George Otstott - Jefferson
Saundra Wexler - Lone Star
Jimmy Cox - Ore City
Patrick Smith - Pittsburg

Staff: Walt Sears, Jr. - NETMWD
Wayne Owen - NETMWD
Osiris Brantley - NETMWD
Dominik Sobieraj - NETWMD
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 Saundra Wexler and a second by Jack Salmon minutes of the August 29, 2022 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. Jimmy Cox seconded the motion.

Stan Wyatt made a motion to approve the August 2022 Southside financial report as presented. Saundra Wexler seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Dominik Sobieraj gave the Operations Manager report:

Raw water quality is challenging 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. Looking into changing oxidizer to KMNO4 (Potassium Permanganate) to lower chlorine expenses and lower DBP production.

Annual evaluations are underway

- Raises for the operators will be based on individual performance (not to exceed the total combined amount of approved 5% increase in payroll)

PITTSBURG

- JW Electric starting Pittsburg raw water pumps conversion to VFD, should finish by Sep 15th
- On the morning of September 6th, Glenn located a substantial leak on raw water line.
 - Contacted Steve Lobdell and Walt, and leak was fixed by 6 pm
 - City of Pittsburg utilized interconnection with Bi-County (to our 750k tank) to secure water volume needed
 - Restarted at 100% operation on the morning of Sep 7th

- o Placed double order for replacement parts for that line as we expect future breaks may occur

TANNER

- Smith Pump is finishing installing thrust blocks on a new pump and should follow with more tests and a plan of action for correcting missing flow and oscillating performance
- JW electric helped run power for the new air dryer and compressor – Kris and AJ worked on interconnecting new compressor copper air lines to the system
 - o Will start replacing damaged seals within the next 10 days
- Dumped and cleaned Basin #2
- Awaiting delivery of “Beck” actuators

On a motion by Jack Salmon and a second by Sandra Wexler, the Director & Office liability proposal was accepted for \$4,015.00 by Texas Water Conservation Association Risk Management Fund (TWCARMF). A motion by Jack Salmon was made to accept Higginbotham’s Worker’s Compensation proposal for \$6,218.00. Sandra Wexler seconded the motion. On a motion by Jack Salmon and a second motion by Sandra Wexler, TWCARMF’s pool proposal of \$67,269.00 for property insurance was accepted. Motions carried, all voting aye.

Robert Speight updated the Board on an additional \$51,100.00 funding from TCEQ for the Clean Rivers Program and recent sampling.

On a motion by Jack Salmon, a motion was made to approve the resolution that enables NETMWD to seek party status in the Texas Railroad Commission process concerning the water supply project in Titus County involving Luminant. Jimmy Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

During the topic for the good of the District, Walt Sears presented a US Fish and Wildlife letter received by Mr. Sears and Mr. Speight in recognition for the collaborative work protecting the alligator snapping turtles.

On a motion by Sandra Wexler and a second by Stan Wyatt, the next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for October 24, 2022. Motion carried, all voting aye.

A motion was made by Jack Salmon to implement employee discretionary adjustments, not to exceed 5%, based on performance and for pay increases to be effective the first pay period in October. Stan Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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

ATTEST:



Jack Salmon, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:



George Otstott, President