

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Northeast Texas Municipal Water District  
Board of Directors  
March 28, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District met in an open meeting on Monday, March 28, 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: Robyn Shelton - Hughes Springs  
Stan Wyatt - Daingerfield  
Patrick Smith - Pittsburg  
George Otstott - Jefferson  
Sandy Wexler - Lone Star

Staff: Walt Sears, Jr. - NETMWD  
Dominik Sobieraj - NETMWD  
Osiris Brantley - NETMWD  
Robert Speight - NETMWD  
Aracely Reyes - NETMWD

Guests: Rudy Dudley - Lone Star  
Shane Townsend - Lone Star  
Joncie Young - KSA Engineers

President Robyn Shelton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Stan Wyatt gave the invocation. Mrs. Shelton led the directors in the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Guest Shane Townsend from the city of Lone Star, opened by expressing appreciation for being able to attend the meeting. Mr. Townsend gave a recap of how the Lone Star sewage system works. He informed the Board that they have updated their collections system, however, he related that the way the system was designed, it turns a portion of their sewage into septic before it can get to their aerobic system.

Mr. Joncie Young from KSA Engineers informed the Board of Directors about the ground storage tank bids that happened on March 17, 2022. The Board were presented with three bids. Steel tank and dome for \$1.34 million, steel tank and aluminum dome for \$1.44 million, and concrete tank and dome for \$1.42 million. Mr. Young suggested for the Board of Directors to consider the concrete bid due to the higher life expectancy. Patrick Smith made a motion to approve the bid for the concrete tank. Stan Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Dominik Sobieraj informed the Board of three tank inspection bids that had been turned in. The bids were for all tanks of the member cities, Tryon Road SUD, Diana SUD, and some NETMWD tanks. US Underwater at \$12,650, Texas Tank Services at \$14,805, and Ron Perrin at \$8,910. On a motion by Patrick Smith and a second by Sandra Wexler, Ron Perrin's tank inspection bid was accepted. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Robert Speight spoke to the Board of Directors about the Total Phosphorus Load Agreement. Mr. Speight informed the Board that the overall goal was a 56% reduction of phosphorus reaching the Lake O' the Pines. As of 2021, actual total phosphorus discharge amounts to 14,290 pounds which is less than the 59,950 pounds allocated. However, three entities have exceeded their annual allocations. Pat Smith made a motion to send a statement to the three entities that exceeded their total phosphorus allocations. George Otstott seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye, except Sandra Wexler voting no.

On a motion by Sandy Wexler and a second by George Otstott minutes of the February 28, 2022 meeting were approved. Motion carried, all voting aye.

George Otstott 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.

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Stan Wyatt made a motion to approve February 2022 LOPSS financial reports as presented. George Otstott seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Walt Sears gave the Board of Directors an update on plans by TxDOT for bridge construction over Lake O' the Pines. Stan Wyatt made a motion to buy and deploy equipment to assess the quality of water impacted by bridge construction activities, and increase the budget for sampling equipment by \$25,000. George Otstott seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Dominik Sobieraj gave the Operations Manager report:

Raw water quality is remaining at moderate to good level. Forecasting those conditions may continue as anticipated rainfalls may not be as severe as expected. We are expecting temperatures to start going up. Current raw water quality continues to allow us to feed 60mg/l Alum/Coagulant which marks 8 months of 25% savings in Coagulant and solids production.

- March 21/22 Weather Event
    - Tornadoes and straight winds damage less than ½ mile from the plant
    - RV park on west side of Hwy 155 damaged; RVs in Lake O' the Pines
      - Possibility of lake contamination upstream of intake
  - No interruptions or damage to the Tanner Plant
- PITTSBURG**
- Redesigning chlorine feed room and bleach day tank fill pump process
  - Looking into improving ventilation for ALS (Liquid Ammonia and Bleach Slurry)
  - Meeting with Tim Reynolds concerning the prediction for future City of Pittsburg Public Works Director due to Tim's election run for Camp County Commissioner.

**TANNER**

- Lone Star Gas Station transmission line protection:
  - Meeting with Cisco, after careful measurements and calculations, we are leaving the line where it is to secure fast repair, if necessary
  - Purchasing all required materials to be stored at the Tanner Plant
- Influent Valves for filters 6, 7, and 8 should arrive within the next four weeks
- 7 remaining rods/shafts machined and ready to go
- Scheduling filter 5 basement leak fix (March) 29th
- Assessing timing for fixing 4 cracks in basins 1,2,3 (cost of about \$20,000)
- Moving this project to Capital Improvement to FY2022/23 budget
- Calibrating Tryon and Daingerfield master meters. Were able to refurbish 3 broken meters for the price of a new one
- TCEQ Training March 17, 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
- Aaron Jedlick basic water class in Tyler on March 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

During the General Manager's report, Mr. Sears gave a recap of the TWCA meeting held in March at Fort Worth. Mr. Sears also updated the Board of Directors on the Cypress Water Availability Model and continued negotiations with North Texas Municipal Water District about water in Lake O' the Pines. Update for Clean Rivers Program was postponed until the next meeting.

On a motion by Sandra Wexler and a second by George Otstott, the next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for April 25, 2022. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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

APPROVED:



Robyn Shelton, President

ATTEST:

