

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Northeast Texas Municipal Water District  
Board of Directors  
February 27, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District met in an open meeting on Monday, February 27, 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, 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	-	City of Avinger
	Stan Wyatt	-	City of Daingerfield
	Robyn Shelton	-	City of Hughes Springs
	George Otstott	-	City of Jefferson
	Saundra Wexler	-	City of Lone Star
	Jimmy E. Cox	-	City of Ore City
	Patrick Smith	-	City of Pittsburg
Staff:	Wayne Owen	-	NETMWD
	Osiris Brantley	-	NETMWD
	Dominik Sobieraj	-	NETMWD
	Robert Speight	-	NETMWD
	Robyn Goodson	-	NETMWD
	Aracely Reyes	-	NETMWD
Guests:	Heather Harward	-	Texas Water Supply Partners
	Jace Houston	-	San Jacinto River Authority
	Cody Wommack	-	City of Lone Star

President George Otstott called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 Robyn Shelton and a second by Saundra Wexler, minutes of the January 23, 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. Jimmy Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Dominik Sobieraj gave the Operations Manager report:

Raw water quality is moderate to good. The Alum dosage has been as low as 40 mg/l and as high as 60 mg/l – on occasion we are using polymer.

#### **PITTSBURG**

- TCEQ Inspection preliminary findings
  - Clarifier Crack.
  - Corrosion on filter module.
  - Outdated Operation Manual.
  - Missing warning sign on NW fence at the raw water intake structure.
- Work to start on Clarifier crack and resurfacing flooring in chem feed room.
- Prepping for raw water check valve install (Capital Imp).
- Prepping for overhaul of Chlorine / Ammonia feed system (Capital Imp).

#### **TANNER**

- TCEQ Inspection preliminary findings
  - Rust and condition of both Hughes Springs ground storage tanks.
  - Excessive foliage on fences in Hughes Springs / Avinger and back of Tanner property.
- Continuing to receive applications for open operator position at the Tanner Plant.
- Prepping for Basin #1 drain valves repair.
  - Parts ordered.

- HS and Daingerfield lines at the Tanner Plant have new spool pieces in place.
  - Installing and programming new flow meters.
- Laying down new Tanner sludge bags 90 feet by 100.
- Remaining 2 plug valve replacements for sludge dumps to be installed within the next 4 weeks.
- Lone Star GST is nearly finished.
- Smith Pump update
  - Scheduling pump pull.
  - Removing basket and one segment of pump shaft to raise pumping head level.
- Contractor inflicted break of HS line.
  - Fixed leak on a line as well as an air relief valve.
  - Added isolation valve.
  - Pursuing a reimbursement from the contractor that damaged the line.

Hughes Springs have requested to lease or receive ownership to their pump station located on NETMWD property to receive a federal grant. Further discussion to be held in following meetings.

Osiris Brantley informed the Board over the annual renewal of employee and dependent health, dental, and the option to add vision insurance. Mrs. Brantley explained the health plan increased 20%, however, it is still under budget. Adding vision would be prorated at \$1,353. Stan Wyatt made a motion to increase coverage for employee's health insurance and include vision. Jimmy Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Heather Harward discussed participation with Texas Water Supply Partners, and how they try to advance policy that benefit statewide water policy issues. Before a motion was made, Cody Wommack made a public comment pointing out that NETMWD would be the first rural partner among suburban interests. A motion to join Texas Water Supply Partners was made by Jimmy Cox. Jack Salmon seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye except Patrick Smith voting nay.


Robyn Goodson gave a review of the Onsite Septic Facilities Program (OSSF) for Calendar Year 2022. 315 permits total were processed, and 58 complaints were handled through the OSSF program in the four counties (Cass, Marion, Morris, and Upshur). Robert Speight explained to the Board the need to increase septic permit fees for both residential and commercial at the start of NETMWD's next fiscal year. Due to increase workload of subdivision/developmental reviews, a suggested \$360 for a single family and \$610 for multifamily/commercial systems. Patrick Smith made a motion to increase fees charged for permits. Jimmy Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

During the General Manager's report, Wayne Owen informed the Board about the upcoming TWCA meeting scheduled March 1-3, 2023. Mr. Owen also explained the need to update and renew treated water sales contracts for member cities to remain in compliance with TCEQ rules and regulations pertaining to maximum volume water usage. The Board was given a legislative update; Senator Hughes is finalizing the enabling act revision with regards to Board appointments. It has been filed in by the Senator, and by Cole Hefner in the House. Mr. Owen gave an overview of the senior staff goals and objectives.

On a motion by Robyn Shelton and a second by Jimmy Cox, the next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for March 27, 2023. Motion carried, all voting aye.


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

ATTEST:



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APPROVED:



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George Otstott, President