

Minutes of the Southside Steering Committee
Regional Water Supply Facilities Project
Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

The Lake O' the Pines Southside Steering Committee met in an open meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 10:02 a.m. The meeting was held at the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District's Executive Office located at 4180 FM 250 S, Hughes Springs, Texas. 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 Southside Steering Committee.

The meeting was called to order by Jack Salmon, Jr. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Salmon gave the invocation and led the committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags. No public comments were made.

The following steering committee voting delegates were present:

Will Hobbs	-	Tryon Road SUD
Jeanette Cox	-	City of Ore City
Susan Whitfield	-	Diana SUD

The following additional persons participated in the steering committee:

Jack Salmon, Jr.	-	NETMWD
Jimmy E. Cox	-	NETMWD
Osiris Brantley	-	NETMWD
Dominik Sobieraj	-	NETMWD
Aracely Reyes	-	NETMWD
Greg Price	-	Diana SUD

On a motion by Susan Whitfield and a second by Jeanette Cox, the minutes of the July 23, 2025, meeting were approved as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Will Hobbs made a motion to approve the September 2025 Southside financial report, the three-month review, and authorize the adjusting entries for variable operating expenses based on actual production for July, August, and September 2025. Susan Whitfield seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Dominik Sobieraj gave the Operations Manager report:

Raw water quality is moderate to good. Alum dosages are stable between 50mg/l and 70mg/l.

Operations and Maintenance Report
Tanner Water Treatment Plant and System-Wide Activities

Master Flow Meter Replacement:

Replacing lightning-damaged master flow meters at the Tanner Plant to restore accurate system monitoring and reporting.

Enhanced Lightning Protection:

Installed advanced lightning protection measures to safeguard critical infrastructure, including:

- Lightning rods at key exposure points
- Additional grounding for meter vaults
- Supplemental grounding for SCADA enclosures

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP 25/26):

Obtaining quotes and preparing bid postings for multiple CIP 25/26 projects currently in the planning and procurement phase.

Sludge Management:

Successfully removed all de-watered and dried sludge from the Tanner Plant and transported it to the district's landfill for proper disposal.

Process Optimization and Maintenance:

Addressed elevated organic content in source water by performing additional basin and filter cleanouts to maintain treatment efficiency.

Pump Station Maintenance:

Replaced a faulty slanting disc check valve on Pump #2000 at the South Side Booster Pump Station (SSBPS) to ensure proper system performance.

Raw Water Intake Maintenance and Dredging Preparation:

Initiated preparations for dredging the raw water intake area. Evaluating the potential to temporarily lower lake levels by 1-2 feet to improve access and dredging efficiency.

Chemical Feed System Update:

Resubmitted the request to TCEQ for permanent approval of the potassium permanganate (KMnO₄) feed system, incorporating new containment measures to enhance operational safety and environmental compliance.

On a motion by Jeanette Cox and a second by Susan Whitfield, the next meeting of the committee was set for Wednesday, November 19, 2025. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The Southside Steering Committee meeting was adjourned on a motion by Susan Whitfield and a second by Jeanette Cox. Motion carried, all voting aye.


Jimmy E. Cox
Presiding Officer