## Minutes of the Southside Steering Committee Regional Water Supply Facilities Project Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

The Lake O' the Pines Southside Steering Committee met in an open meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 10:00 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. He welcomed everyone to the meeting, recognized the guests, and invited guests to make public comments. Jack Salmon gave the invocation. No public comments were made.

The following steering committee voting delegates were present:

Jack Salmon - NETMWD

Steve Baker - Tryon Road SUD

Susan Whitfield - Diana SUD

The following additional persons participated in the steering committee:

George Otstott - NETMWD

Glenn Hobbs - Tryon Road SUD

Greg Price - Diana SUD
Walt Sears - NETMWD
Aracely Reyes - NETMWD

On a motion by Steve Baker and a second, the minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting were approved as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Walt Sears gave the Operations Manager report:

- Covid-19 UPDATE
  - o Dominik Positive test recovered
  - No spread to any other NETMWD employees

Raw water quality remains 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 7 months of 25% savings in Coagulant and solids production.

## **TANNER PLANT:**

- Finished EPP for Tanner and Pittsburg plants
- Locates Issues

- O Gas station reopening project/gas pump going directly over/next to our Daingerfield transmission line going through City of Lone Star. Reviewing options to reduce/eliminate risk for our line damage. Reached out to TCEQ Enforcement Division for guidance on gas line/pump proximity to our line. Options may include moving the line at estimate cost of \$50,000 to \$60,000. Gathering all supporting data to help make best decision possible
- Replaced Influent Valve on filter #5
  - o 100% Functional
  - Waiting for 60+ temps for remaining leak fix
- Assessing timing for fixing 4 cracks in basins 1,2, and 3 (cost of about \$20,000)
- Broken Tryon Rd and Daingerfield master meters have been replaced
- New shop heater at Tanner Plant has been installed.
- JW Electric found and fixed short at Plant 4 clarifier rakes.
- Daingerfield ghost alarms have been addressed and fixed
- Dominik helped Ore City on their attempt to finish their EPP
- Michael Parvino is back to full duty
- Marcus Harris officially running a shift by himself 5 weeks after start day.
- Aaron Jedlick started on Jan 31<sup>st</sup>
  - o Basic Water Class in Tyler March, 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

A motion to approve the January 2022 Southside financial report was made. Susan Whitfield seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Walt Sears discussed the retail rates of our member cities and how they relate to each other. Mr. Sears gave an update of 2021 Water Cost Analysis, both residential and commercial, and recent rate changes made by the member cities. It was noted that NETMWD has not changed rates in more than 10 years to member cities. It was noted that most of the cost sustained by member cities is in the delivery of the potable water. Production costs routinely are about 1/4 to 1/3 of the retail bill paid to member cities. The rate for members cities is \$1.48 per thousand gallons.

On a motion by Steve Baker and a second by Susan Whitfield, the next meeting of the Committee was set for March 23, 2022. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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