



## **NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

**501 E. Brown Street • Wylie, Texas 75098**

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### **WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 22, 2025**

The Presiding Officer was present at the meeting location, the NTMWD Administrative Offices, 501 E. Brown Street, Wylie, Texas 75098, with two-way video and audio communication between Board members participating by videoconference, establishing a quorum. The public was invited to attend the meeting in person at the meeting location and offer Public Comments. Board Members participating by videoconference were visible to members of the public in attendance at the meeting location. Members of the public who wished to listen to live audio from the meeting were able to do so by calling (469) 210-7159 or toll free (844) 621-3956 and entering the following access code: 928 587 040. This line did not provide two-way communication. The audio recording of the meeting is available on the NTMWD website.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Director Keith Stephens served as the Presiding Officer and called the meeting of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) Wastewater Committee to order at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. General instructions were provided to attendees. Any reference to unanimous votes refers to a unanimous vote of the Committee members present.

The following Wastewater Committee members were present; therefore, a quorum was present.

	<b>Wastewater Committee Members</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1	Keith Stephens, Chair	Present
2	Phil Dyer	Remote
3	James Kerr	Remote
4	Rick Mann	Remote
5	Don Paschal	Remote
6	George Purefoy	Remote
7	Ray Stephens	Remote

Members of the Executive Committee were present as well as other Board members. Executive Director Jenna Covington and other members of the NTMWD management team were in attendance.

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The following consultants participated by videoconference:

- Lauren Kalisek and Sara Thornton – Lloyd, Gosselink, Rochelle & Townsend, P. C.

## II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members, customers, and the public were invited to participate during the public comment period of the meeting. Before the start of the meeting, speakers were to submit a "Public Comment Registration Form." During this portion of the meeting, speakers were recognized by name and asked to provide their comments. The time limit was three (3) minutes per speaker, not to exceed a total of thirty (30) minutes for all speakers. Texas Open Meetings Act prohibited the Committee from discussing items not listed in the agenda. However, Committee members could respond with factual or policy information.

There were no requests for public comments.

## III. OPENING REMARKS

- A. Chair/Executive Director/Committee Champion Status Report concerning legislation and regulatory matters, budgets, current projects and ongoing Wastewater System programs of the District

Assistant General Manager Billy George reported the following:

- The presentation slides for this meeting include Sister Grove construction progress photos.
- The EPA released a Draft PFOA and PFOS Risk Assessment for biosolids on January 14, 2025. The assessment is open for public review at this time. After the comments have been received and processed, it is intended that the final assessment will inform future regulatory actions. The primary focus of the current effort seems to be on land application of biosolids as fertilizer. NTMWD disposes of wastewater biosolids in landfills.
- The NTMWD hosted the bimonthly Partnering Meeting with Members and Customers last Wednesday.
- An update on Sister Grove will be provided next month at the Wastewater Committee meeting.

## IV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider approval of Wastewater Committee meeting minutes – December 18, 2024

Upon a motion by Director Phil Dyer and a second by Director Don Paschal, the Wastewater Committee voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes for December 18, 2024.

- B. **South Mesquite Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Peak Flow Management and Expansion; Project No. 301-0525-18; Amendment No. 7, Partial GMP No. 6, and Engineering Services During Construction**

- Consider recommendation on authorizing funding to Archer Western Construction, LLC in the amount of \$49,650,787 for Amendment No. 7 to the Construction Manager At-Risk Agreement and authorize funding to Carollo

Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$1,308,300 for Engineering Services During Construction of the work related to Guaranteed Maximum Price No. 6, for the South Mesquite Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Peak Flow and Expansion project

Director of Engineering Mark Simon presented this item. He reviewed that the Capacity Assessment Study for the southern services area shows the South Mesquite Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant to need expansion by 2028. The proposal is to increase the average daily flow from 33 MGD to 41 MGD, and to increase wet weather treatment capacity to 102.5 MGD. This expansion meets growth projections through 2033. He noted that the early peak flow relief for 3.5 million gallons of storage was completed in August 2024.

Mr. Simon provided an aerial depiction of the site including the proposed improvements for Amendment No. 7, GMP No. 6. He also provided an overview of the various bid packages for construction included in GMP No. 6. The cost of each GMP to date and future GMPs was provided.

In addition to the amendment for construction being requested in the amount of \$49,650,787, there are additional engineering services during construction for Carollo Engineers, Inc. requested in the amount of \$1,308,300.

Upon a motion by Director James Kerr and a second by Director Rick Mann, the Wastewater Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval to the Board of Directors.

**C. 121 Force Main Improvements; Project No. 501-0491-18; Tabulation of Bids and Award of Contract, Internal Inspection Services, and Engineering Services Agreement**

- Consider recommendation on authorizing award of a construction contract to Belt Construction of Texas, LLC in the amount of \$10,794,721, authorizing internal inspection services in the amount of \$472,860, and authorizing an engineering service agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates in the amount of \$326,000 for construction phase services for the 121 Force Main Improvements project

Director Phil Dyer advised he would recuse himself from discussion and voting on this item.

Mark Simon presented this item. He advised this item is to replace a segment of the existing 121 Force Main due to pipe failure as well as capacity expansion. The project is to construct 12,500 linear feet of 36-inch force main and removal of 3,200 linear feet of 30-inch force main. A location map was reviewed. Mr. Simon noted that there is a section located in a TxDOT right-of-way and they would like it removed. The remainder of the existing pipeline will be abandoned.

Mr. Simon stated the lowest responsible bid was received from Belt Construction of Texas in the amount of \$10,794,721, which was considerably less than the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost. Mr. Simon explained the reason for the difference in price as well as the varying bids received from other bidders.

Mr. Simon stated that in addition to the construction cost there is a need for engineering services during construction in the amount of \$326,000 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, and internal inspection services in the amount of \$472,860.

Upon a motion by Director Don Paschal and a second by Director Ray Stephens, the Wastewater Committee voted to recommend approval to the Board of Directors. Director Dyer abstained from voting.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Update on Rowlett Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Pretreatment Program

At 3:18 p.m. Chair Stephens announced the need for an Executive Session of the Committee to discuss Item V.A. on the agenda pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

Chair Stephens confirmed with staff that the public access line was disconnected and that the audio recording was disabled during the Executive Session discussion.

Open Session reconvened at 4:54 p.m. The public teleconference line was reconnected.

No action was taken in Executive Session. No action was taken in Open Session following the conclusion of Executive Session.

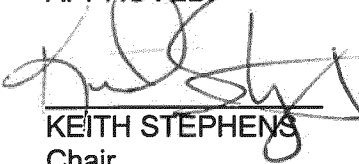
B. Opportunity for Committee members to provide feedback on Wastewater Committee meeting or request potential future agenda items

There were no comments and no requests for potential future agenda items.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Wastewater Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

APPROVED:



KEITH STEPHENS  
Chair