



## **NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

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### **SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS (PUC) ISSUES MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 24, 2019**

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

Chairman Joe Joplin called the meeting of the NTMWD Special Purpose Committee- PUC Issues to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2019, at the NTMWD Administrative Offices, Wylie, Texas.

Committee members present included Chairman Joe Joplin, Directors Chip Imrie, Brenda Jean Patrick, Lynn Shuyler and John Sweeden. A quorum of the Committee was present. Any reference to unanimous votes refers to a unanimous vote of the Committee members present.

Members of the Executive Committee were present as well as other Board members. James Aldredge with Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C. and Jason Gray with JD Gray Group were also present. Executive Director Tom Kula along with other members of the NTMWD management team were also in attendance.

#### **II. OPENING REMARKS**

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

Chairman Joe Joplin asked the Committee members for their ideas regarding the Public Utility Commission (PUC) settlement issues.

Committee members discussed the value of revisiting previously proposed settlement options; whether District representatives should attend settlement meetings with the Member Cities; and how the District can be supportive of settlement by the Member Cities.

Executive Director Tom Kula introduced Jason Gray with JD Gray Group and indicated Mr. Gray will be giving a presentation regarding the current status of contract negotiations. Mr. Kula also noted the last time the Member City Contract was amended was in 1988 and the process took a year to complete. He also noted

different options have been reviewed with several consultants regarding amending the contract.

Mr. Kula advised the Board of Directors will receive an update of the Special Purpose Committee meeting at the Board meeting this afternoon in Executive Session.

Deputy Director Rodney Rhoades reviewed the Special Purpose Committee agenda.

Mr. Rhoades introduced Mr. Gray to present to the Committee the history and the work which has been done and indicated James Aldredge with Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C. was in attendance to provide legal advice.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Procedures for Committee

The Committee did not have any questions.

B. Charge of Committee

The Committee did not have any questions.

C. Frequency of Committee meetings

Mr. Rhoades suggested the Committee meet each month as negotiations proceed. He also pointed out the Special Purpose Committee meeting has to be posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

Several Directors agreed the Special Purpose Committee should meet the on the day of the Board meeting.

At 10:19 a.m. Chairman Joe Joplin advised that an Executive Session of the Special Purpose Committee was being called pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, to discuss Agenda Items Nos. III. D., E., F. and G.

D. Review of Case – *Petition of the Cities of Garland, Mesquite, Plano and Richardson Appealing Wholesale Water Rates Implemented by North Texas Municipal Water District, Docket No. 46662 before the Public Utility Commission of Texas*

This item was discussed in Executive Session as noted above.

E. Consultant review of options – Jason Gray, JD Gray Group

This item was discussed in Executive Session as noted above.

F. Questions, input and recommendations from Board Members

This item was discussed in Executive Session as noted above.

G. Committee requests for additional information

This item was discussed in Executive Session as noted above.

Open session reconvened at 11:55 a.m. No action was taken in Executive Session.

H. Direction to staff and recommendation to the Board

Chairman Joe Joplin stated any correspondence/communication should be communicated through him.

I. Opportunity for Committee members to provide feedback on Special Purpose Committee meeting

There were no comments from the Special Purpose Committee Members.

J. Opportunity for Committee members to request potential future agenda items  
**(No substantive discussion of items will take place at this time)**

There were no requests for future agenda items

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:16 p.m. The Chairman will call the next meeting with proper notification to all members.

 Joe Joplin  
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JOE JOPLIN  
Chairman

Joe Joplin