

# NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 15, 2021

The Presiding Officer will be 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 may attend the meeting in person at the meeting location. Audio and video of Board members participating by videoconference will be visible to members of the public in attendance at the meeting location. The meeting will be recorded, and the audio recording will be available on the NTMWD website after the meeting.

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Blair Johnson served as the Presiding Officer and called the meeting of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) Solid Waste Committee to order at 1:01 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. The meeting was held with two-way video and audio communication between Board members participating by videoconference, establishing a quorum. General instructions were provided to attendees. Any reference to unanimous votes refers to a unanimous vote of the Committee members present.

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

	Solid Waste Committee Members	Attendance
1	Blair Johnson	Present
2	John Carr	Remote
3	Joe Farmer	Remote
4	Geralyn Kever	Remote
5	Ron Kelley	Remote
6	Brenda Jean Patrick	Remote
7	John Sweeden	Absent

Members of the Executive Committee were present as well as other Board members and members of the NTMWD management team. Lauren Kalisek with Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend attended via teleconference.

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Prior to the start of the meeting, speakers must complete and submit a "Public Comment Registration Form." During the public comment portion of the meeting, speakers will be recognized by name and asked to provide their comments. The time limit is three (3) minutes per speaker, not to exceed a total of thirty (30) minutes for all speakers. The Committee may not discuss these items but may respond with factual or policy information.

There were no requests for public comment.

## III. OPENING REMARKS

A. <u>Chairman/Executive Director/Committee Champion Status Report</u> concerning legislation and regulatory matters, budgets, current projects and ongoing programs of the District including the Regional Solid Waste System

Chairman Blair Johnson announced that John Sweeden will serve as Vice Chair of the Solid Waste Committee.

Deputy Director Jeff Mayfield briefed the Committee on the sea gull situation at the landfill. He advised that each year between November and April there is an influx of these migratory birds. He advised that they create an unsightly situation at the landfill and staff has been using noisemakers to try and keep them away. Mr. Mayfield advised that staff has contracted with a company that does bird mitigation with the use of hawks and falcons. Each day the landfill is open they will bring the hawks and falcons and turn them loose. He advised that he has seen a demonstration of this, and the sea gulls do leave during the time the hawks and falcon are present.

Mr. Mayfield advised that City of Plano's Texas Pure Products, the composting entity that the District uses to perform that service would like to revisit their contract, and advised that staff is consulting with the Member Cities in this regard.

Mr. Mayfield updated the situation with the developer who placed a fence on the landfill property at Maxwell Creek. He advised that the developer is now in agreement that the property does belong to the District, and they will be replacing the fence in the proper location.

Mr. Mayfield advised that staff is evaluating a request by the cities of Wylie, Murphy and Sachse to place a trail through the Maxwell Creek landfill property.

## IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider approval of Solid Waste Committee meeting minutes – October 7, 2020

Upon a motion by Director Geralyn Kever and a second by Director Brenda Jean Patrick, the Solid Waste Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes for October 7, 2020.

B. Consider City of Melissa request for utility easement for a gravity sewer interceptor at 121 Regional Disposal Facility

Jeff Mayfield presented this item. Mr. Mayfield advised this matter was discussed in the Real Estate Committee meeting last month and is on the December Board of Directors Consent Agenda, Item 2021-12-10.

The City of Melissa is requesting easements for the extension of its Stiff Creek Gravity Sewer Line to the north of State Highway 121 to allow for additional residential development in the area. One Permanent Easement and two Temporary Construction Easements are needed and encumbers a parcel of land north of State Highway 121. One Permanent Easement and one Temporary Construction Easement encumbers land within the 121 Regional Disposal Facility (RDF) permit boundary, parallel to State Highway 121. A location map was provided.

A section of permanent fencing along the 121 RDF permit boundary will be removed and temporary fencing erected throughout construction. The section of permanent fencing will be reinstalled or replaced after construction. There is negligible cost associated with granting this easement. There is no anticipated impact to the operations of 121 RDF.

In response to a Director's question, Mr. Mayfield confirmed that there are currently no plans for the District's property on the north side of State Highway 121.

Upon a motion by Director Joe Farmer and a second by Director Brenda Jean Patrick, the Solid Waste Committee voted unanimously to approve.

## V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review City of Melissa request to use property for recreational trails at 121 Regional Disposal Facility

Jeff Mayfield presented this item. He provided an area map for the 121 Regional Disposal Facility. As some background, he noted two parcels of property on the map south of the landfill. One is 27 acres, and the other is 65 acres that the District provided to Melissa Independent School District (ISD) as part of a land swap in 2004. There was a restriction that if the ISD did not use the property for a school by 2014 it would revert back to the District. In 2014, the ISD determined

they did want to use the property for a school but needed an additional 10 years. The District agreed to grant them the additional 10 years.

Mr. Mayfield advised that the entirety of Parcels 6 and 7 on the map were in the original layout of the desired hike and bike trail submitted by Melissa. The city was advised that area was too close to the landfill, so Melissa has submitted a revised layout for the trails, which Mr. Mayfield reviewed. In response to a Director's question, Mr. Mayfield advised the amount of property requested is approximately 350 acres, and he is does not have a current value of the property.

Mr. Mayfield advised that if the District is interested in allowing this use of the property, a long-term lease could be entered into, or the property could be sold with a deed restriction on how it is used. Discussion of potential odors in the area followed.

## B. Update on fourth transfer station site

Jeff Mayfield presented this item. He advised that the District has been working with the city of Frisco to locate an area that could be used as a transfer site. He advised that the Custer Road transfer site that Frisco currently uses is permitted for 1,900 tons of waste per day including green waste. On several occasions, the gates had to be closed early in order to avoid exceeding the limit. This new transfer site in Frisco will be used primarily by Frisco rather than the Custer Road location.

Mr. Mayfield advised that approximately 15 acres of land is needed for a transfer station. A location within an area bounded by PGA Parkway, the Dallas North Tollway, and Preston Road has been identified. Mr. Mayfield reviewed a conceptual site map and noted that the entrance will need to be redesigned due to the traffic on the interior needing to make a U-turn to exit.

Mr. Mayfield reviewed a timeline for this project. Preliminary engineering for the site would begin in April 2022 and includes an environmental impact study. The land purchase should be done in June 2022 and following that the permitting process would begin. The soonest the site could be operational is September 2026. Mr. Mayfield noted that prior to purchasing the land, the Solid Waste Committee will meet to discuss again.

In response to a Director's comments, Mr. Mayfield advised that there is no residential development in the area however, some screening would be advised for the site.

#### C. Update on Parkway Transfer Station permit amendment for top load conversion

Jeff Mayfield presented this item. He advised that the District is pursuing a Parkway Transfer Station TCEQ permit amendment. The amendment would allow the current compactors to be converted to a single tunnel top load version to be consistent with the other two transfer stations, as well as increasing the

permitted tons per day to 1,500. Mr. Mayfield reviewed that the current waste acceptance rate for this site is 770 tons.

Mr. Mayfield advised that the District has gone through the site plan permit and landscaping approval process with the city of Plano. The TCEQ application will be submitted in February 2022. After that is final then the award for the construction work should be made in March of 2023. The construction would be completed by May 2024. He noted that prior to the final design award the matter will presented to the Solid Waste Committee again.

Mr. Mayfield reviewed the site plan, stating that the permitted area is approximately eight acres. He described that the building would be enlarged by 25 feet along the length of one side and a new scale house office building would be built. A vegetation area adjacent to the building that is being used by the city of Plano for a Community Garden will not be impacted however may not be expanded in the future due to a storm water pond that must be built on the site.

D. Review upcoming solid waste projects/potential board agenda items

Jeff Mayfield reviewed the following Solid Waste and Fleet projects that will be considered by the Board of Directors in the next three to four months:

- January 2022 121 RDF Fleet Maintenance Facility and Annex final design award
- March 2022 Wylie Service Center final design award
- April 2022 121 RDF Heavy Equipment Shop Addition construction and construction inspection award
- August 2022 121 RDF South Slope Closure construction and construction inspection award
- E. Opportunity for Committee members to provide feedback on Solid Waste Committee meeting

There were no follow up items.

F. Opportunity for Committee members to request potential future agenda items

There were no potential future agenda items requested.

# VI. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no further business, the meeting of the Solid Waste Committee adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

BLAIR JOHNSON

Chairman