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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY 22, 2025

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) Board of Directors met in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. Notice of the meeting was legally posted in accordance with Government Code, Title 551, Open Meetings.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President George Crump called the meeting to order at approximately 2:30 p.m.

President Crump advised the following regarding the meeting:

The meeting today is being conducted in person with two-way video and audio communication between Board members participating by videoconference, establishing a quorum. The public may attend the meeting in person. Audio and video of Board members participating by videoconference will be visible. Members of the public wishing to listen to live audio from the meeting may do so by calling in.

II. INVOCATION

Director John Sweeden offered the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Crump led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

President Crump led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

V. ROLL CALL/ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

The roll was called, and attendance was confirmed as follows:

DIRECTOR	IN PERSON	REMOTE
Terry Sam ANDERSON	\checkmark	
Rick CROWLEY	\checkmark	
George CRUMP	\checkmark	
Lori Barnett DODSON	\checkmark	
Phil DYER	\checkmark	
Joe FARMER		\checkmark
Marvin FULLER	V	
David HOLLIFIELD	N	
Chip IMRIE	N	
Blair JOHNSON	V	
Ronald KELLEY	V	
James KERR	V	
Geralyn KEVER	\checkmark	
Rick MANN	V	
Jack MAY	\checkmark	
Alan McCUISTION	V	
Don PASCHAL	\checkmark	
Richard PEASLEY		\checkmark
George PUREFOY		
Randy ROLAND		
Keith STEPHENS		\checkmark
Ray STEPHENS		
Jody SUTHERLAND	\checkmark	
John SWEEDEN		

The following NTMWD legal and professional consultants attended the meeting: • Lauren Kalisek – Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend

VI. OPENING REMARKS

A. <u>President's Remarks</u> concerning current events, recognitions, conduct of meeting, posted agenda items, committee assignments, and related matters

President Crump advised since the last Board meeting these Directors have been reappointed by their cities:

Phil Dyer, Blair Johnson, Rick Mann, George Purefoy, Ray Stephens, Lori Dodson and Jody Sutherland

President Crump reviewed the tentative meeting schedule for June as follows:

- Wednesday, June 11:
- Wednesday, June 25:
- Thursday, June 26:

Executive and Finance Committees Water and Wastewater Committees Board Meeting

President Crump congratulated Executive Director Jenna Covington who was recently honored by her Alma Mater, Texas Tech University, as one of the recipients of the 2025 Distinguished Engineer Award. The Distinguished Engineer Award aims to acknowledge and commend esteemed alumni whose impactful contributions have not only enhanced society but also brought distinction to the Whitacre College of Engineering.

Executive Director Covington expressed her appreciation for the award and for the recognition by the Board.

B. <u>Executive Director's Status Report</u> concerning legislation and regulatory matters, budgets, current projects and ongoing programs of the District including the Regional Water System, Regional Wastewater System, Regional Solid Waste System, Watershed Protection, and Water Conservation

Executive Director Covington advised that today is President Crump's final meeting as President and expressed her appreciation to him.

Executive Director Covington stated that on today's agenda is the slate of Officers for 2025-26. She added that the Executive Committee will change in June and all other Committees will change in July.

Executive Director Covington provided an update on three important matters in the Legislative Session. Those are: Marvin Nichols Reservoir, Lake O' the Pines, and Water Infrastructure Funding. A more detailed report will be provided when the Session concludes.

Executive Director Covington provided an update on the Texas Water Development Board's Inter-Regional Conflict Process and their coordination with Regions C and D regarding the Region C Plan that includes the Marvin Nichols Reservoir.

Executive Director Covington announced a Lake Lavon Clean-up scheduled on May 31st near Rockdale Park.

Executive Director Covington provided an update on two completed projects:

- the relocation of 1,900 linear feet of 54 inch and 72 inch pipeline along Highway 276 for the TxDOT roadway widening. This was a \$4.4 million project and is 100 percent reimbursable by TxDOT
- 2) the Stewart Creek West Wastewater Treatment Plant Clarifier and Blower Improvements Project in Frisco

VII. 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 Board may not discuss these items but may respond with factual or policy information.

- 1) Mr. Lance Lacy spoke with concerns about the proposed location for the Lower East Fork Regional Water Resource Recovery Facility and requested it be reconsidered.
- 2) Mr. Justin Jinright spoke concerning his on-going issue with the NTMWD in relation to his property.

President Crump announced that at this time, the Board will address Action Items XII. A. and B.

XII. A. Resolution No. 25-21 Commending Director James Kerr

Adopt Resolution No. 25-21 commending Director James Kerr for his service as a member of the North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors.

Executive Director Covington read the Resolution commending Director Kerr for his service that began in 1998.

Upon a motion by Director Terry Sam Anderson and a second by Director Marvin Fuller, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 25-21 commending Director James Kerr for his years of service on the NTMWD Board of Directors.

Director Kerr spoke regarding his time on the Board and voiced his appreciation. Directors Anderson and Fuller spoke regarding Director Kerr's service.

B. Resolution No. 25-22 Commending Director John Sweeden

Adopt Resolution No. 25-22 commending Director John Sweeden for his service as a member of the North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors.

Executive Director Covington read the Resolution commending Director Sweeden for his 20 years of service on the Board of Directors.

Upon a motion by Director Blair Johnson and a second by Director Randy Roland, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 25-22 commending Director John Sweeden for his years of service on the NTMWD Board of Directors. Director Sweeden spoke regarding his time on the Board and voiced his appreciation. Directors Sutherland, Roland, Anderson and Fuller spoke regarding Director Sweeden's service.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. NTMWD Strategic Plan Annual Update

Executive Director Covington advised that this presentation is to provide highlights of the Annual Strategic Plan for 2025. She noted that no additional initiatives are recommended as staff will continue focusing on the current plan, 2022-2027. Additionally, there are no changes to the Vision, Mission, Values, or Goals.

David Kelly, Government Affairs and Special Projects Manager, provided history of the Plan that began in 2015. He advised that this year, the organization of the Initiatives has changed to be more streamlined.

Mr. Kelly reviewed the history and status of the following five Initiatives that are complete or mostly complete, or have transitioned to routine:

Develop Strategic Communications Plan for Stewardship Address Customer City Surcharge Recommendation Complete Red River Boundary Commission Process in OK Open Bois d'Arc Lake to the Public Bois d'Arc Shoreline Management Plan

A promotional video for Bois d'Arc Lake was presented.

Mr. Kelly provided an update on the following ongoing Goals and Initiatives:

Risk Based Condition Monitoring Program for Critical Asset Types

Develop a Technology Modernization Program

Improve the Project Design and Asset Handover Process

Foster Engagement to Enhance the Employee Experience

Mr. Kelly advised that going forward, staff will continue to track progress and maintain engagement with the Plan, continue the current strategies of engagement with the Board of Directors, and begin the process of a comprehensive review and update. There will be no changes this year that require Board approval.

Executive Director Covington provided a recap of the Plan and staff's efforts to execute the Plan. In response to a Director's question, she provided more detail on management's increased communications with employees. A suggestion was made to perhaps include a way(s) to clarify cost effective purchasing of equipment.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no scheduled Executive Session items.

X. <u>RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION</u>

There were no scheduled Executive Session items.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Crump inquired whether any Director would like to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. There were no requests for separate discussion.

Upon a motion by Director Don Paschal to approve the Consent Agenda items and a second by Director James Kerr, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda items.

A. April 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The Executive Director and NTMWD staff recommend the Board of Directors approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Thursday, April 24, 2025, as presented.

B. Modification of Capital Projects Request

Recommend the Board of Directors approve the May 2025 Modification of Capital Projects Request as presented.

C. Memorandum of Understanding Between the North Texas Municipal Water District and City of Plano for a Residential Irrigation Evaluation Program Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) and the City of Plano for a Residential Irrigation Evaluation Program.

XII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

GENERAL / ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Resolution No. 25-21 Commending Director James Kerr Adopt Resolution No. 25-21 commending Director James Kerr for his service as a member of the North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors.

This item was addressed previously in the meeting.

B. Resolution No. 25-22 Commending Director John Sweeden

Adopt Resolution No. 25-22 commending Director John Sweeden for his service as a member of the North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors.

This item was addressed previously in the meeting.

C. Consider Election of Officers for the North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors for 2025-2026.

Director Rick Peasley advised that the nominations team met on April 24, 2025, and provided the recommended slate of Officers for 2025-2026 as follows:

President:	Director David Hollifield
Vice President:	Director Chip Imrie
Secretary:	Director Keith Stephens

President Crump asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

Upon a motion to approve the slate of Officers for 2025-2026 as presented by Director Phil

Dyer, and a second by Director Rick Crowley, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve as presented.

D. Buffalo Creek Wastewater Interceptor System Contract Revenue Bonds, Contract Revenue Bonds, Series 2025

Adopt Resolution No. 25-26 authorizing the issuance of Revenue Bonds for the Buffalo Creek Wastewater Interceptor System.

Director Geralyn Kever advised that the Finance Committee reviewed this item at the April 9th Finance Committee meeting. The Finance Committee voted to recommend the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 25-26 authorizing the approval of Series 2025 Buffalo Creek Wastewater Interceptor System Bonds for project costs in the amount of \$42.1 million plus funding for issuance costs and debt service reserves for a total use of funds of \$44.6 million.

This morning 11 bids were received. B of A Securities is the winning bidder with an interest rate of 4.82%. She said that \$42.66 million of 2025 revenue bonds will be issued.

Upon a motion by Director Geralyn Kever and a second by Director Larry Thompson, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 25-26 as presented.

E. Panther Creek Wastewater System Contract Revenue Bonds, Contract Revenue Bonds, Series 2025

Adopt Resolution No. 25-27 authorizing the issuance of Revenue Bonds for the Panther Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant System.

Director Geralyn Kever advised that the Finance Committee reviewed this item at the February 12th Finance Committee meeting. The Finance Committee voted to recommend the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 25-27 authorizing the approval of the Series 2025 Panther Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant System Bonds for project costs in the amount of \$192.6 million plus funding for issuance costs and debt service reserves for a total use of funds of \$204.97 million.

This morning 7 bids were received. B of A Securities is the winning bidder with an interest rate of 4.71%. She advised that \$196.98 million of 2025 revenue bonds will be issued.

Upon a motion by Director Geralyn Kever and a second by Director Alan McCuistion, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 25-27 as presented.

WATER AGENDA ITEMS

F. Tawakoni Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Emergency Backup Power; Engineering Services Agreement; Project No. 101-0664-25 Authorize funding in the amount of \$1,967,733 to STV, Inc for engineering services required for the installation of emergency generators.

Director John Sweeden stated that the Water Committee reviewed this item yesterday and voted to recommend the Board authorize approval. This item is for the design and development of contract documents to provide backup power for 30 million gallons per day of water treatment capacity and high service pumping at the Tawakoni Water Treatment

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Plant, as required in the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Emergency Preparedness Plan requirements.

Upon a motion by Director John Sweeden and a second by Director Rick Crowley, the Board of Directors voting unanimously to approve as presented.

G. Tawakoni Water Treatment Plant Advanced Treatment for PFAS; Engineering Services Agreement; Project No. 101-0665-25

Authorize funding in the amount of \$1,860,000 to Black and Veatch Corporation for preliminary engineering services required to design an advanced treatment train for PFAS removal at the Tawakoni Water Treatment Plant (WTP).

Director John Sweeden stated that the Water Committee reviewed this item yesterday and voted to recommend the Board authorize approval. This item is for pilot testing and subsequent preliminary design of advanced treatment technology improvements required for the removal of PFAS in the water treatment process. Raw water from Lake Tawakoni was identified as currently exceeding maximum contaminants levels. This project is essential to support compliance with the EPA water quality requirements.

Director Jack May requested a brief overview of PFAS requirements. Assistant General Manager Billy George advised that the EPA is revisiting previously adopted regulations and are expected to rescind some within certain limits. However, the previously adopted regulations regarding PFOS and PFOA limits will remain with an extended deadline to 2031.

Upon a motion by Director John Sweeden and a second by Director Blair Johnson, the Board of Directors voting unanimously to approve as presented.

WASTEWATER AGENDA ITEMS

 H. Sister Grove Regional Water Resource Recovery Facility (RWRRF) - Farm to Market (FM) 2933 Improvements; Project No. 301-0426-16; Tabulation of Bids and Award of Contract

Authorize award a construction contract to Pavecon Public Works, LP in the amount of \$1,432,886.98 for the Sister Grove RWRRF - FM 2933 Improvements project.

President Crump stated that this item was presented as a Champion update at the Wastewater Committee on April 23rd.

Upon a motion by Director Keith Stephens and a second by Director Don Paschal, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve.

I. Panther Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Expansion to 15 MGD; Project No. 307-0493-18; Tabulation of Bids and Award of Contract, Engineering Services During Construction and Construction Management Services Award a construction contract in the amount of \$170,618,000 to Crossland Heavy Contractors, Inc., an engineering services during construction (ESDC) agreement in the amount of \$3.998.413 to HDR Engineering. Inc., and a construction management services

amount of \$3,998,413 to HDR Engineering, Inc., and a construction management services agreement in the amount of \$7,328,702 to Garver, LLC for the Panther Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion to 15 MGD.

Director Keith Stephens advised that the Wastewater Committee discussed this item at the April 23rd meeting. This project will expand the treatment capacity of the existing facilities from the current 10 Million Gallons Per Day average daily flow to 15 Million Gallons Per Day

average daily flow with a peak two-hour flow of 45 MGD.

Director Keith Stephens moved to approve. Director Don Paschal seconded the motion.

Director George Purefoy expressed his concern over the cost of adding 5 MGD to this plant and how it will impact the residents in Frisco. Executive Director Covington responded that staff has concerns as well in regard to cost. She said that costs started escalating during COVID and unfortunately have not come down as expected. She added that staff has met with the Frisco City Council to discuss the project, and that the bid was in line with other recent bidding.

Director Rick Crowley added his sentiments regarding the cost and suggested that staff consider looking at the design process for "right-sizing" if they have not already done so.

The Board of Directors voted to approve.

J. Stover Creek Lift Station; Project No. 501-0625-23; Engineering Services Agreement, Final Engineering

Authorize funding in the amount of \$3,534,500 to Plummer Associates, Inc. for an engineering services agreement for final design of the Stover Creek Lift Station project.

Director Keith advised that the Wastewater Committee discussed this item at the April 23rd meeting. This project is designed to increase wastewater conveyance capacity in the Upper East Fork Interceptor System by constructing a new lift station and force main to serve projected growth in McKinney and Prosper north of U.S. Highway 380. All flows entering the Stover Creek Lift Station and Force Main will be conveyed and treated at the new Sister Grove Regional Water Resource Recovery Facility.

Upon a motion by Director Keith Stephens and a second by Director Don Paschal, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve.

REAL ESTATE AGENDA ITEMS

K. Preliminary Development Agreement with North Texas Acquisitions, LLC

Authorize execution of a Preliminary Development Agreement with North Texas Acquisitions, LLC, a subsidiary of Lakewood Capital Group, to construct and use shoreline improvements on NTMWD property adjacent to Bois d'Arc Lake for residential purposes and authorize the subsequent execution of a Lease and Use Agreement with the future property owners association (POA) who will own the improvements as required by the Preliminary Development Agreement.

Director Terry Sam Anderson advised that the Real Estate Committee reviewed this item yesterday and voted to recommend approval of the North Texas Acquisitions, LLC residential property developer that wishes to construct certain improvements and to use NTMWD property adjacent to Bois d'Arc Lake for its residential development called Bridgewater. The NTMWD Bois d'Arc Lake Shoreline Management Plan allows for such improvements and provides that shoreline uses associated with planned residential developments may be authorized by separate agreements.

Upon a motion by Director Terry Sam Anderson and a second by Director Jody Sutherland, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve as presented.

L. Stover Creek Lift Station; Project No. 501-0625-23; Resolution No. 25-23; Right of Way Acquisition Program

Adopt Resolution No. 25-23 authorizing funding in the amount of \$2,800,000 to acquire fee simple property.

Director Terry Sam Anderson advised that the Real Estate Committee reviewed this item yesterday and voted to recommend the Board authorize approval of Resolution 25-23 which authorizes the acquisition of property for the construction of the Stover Creek Lift Station. To meet the projected growth in the cities of McKinney and Prosper, this lift station is needed for the conveyance of wastewater through the Stover Creek Force Main to Sister Grove Regional Water Resource Recovery Facility.

Upon a motion by Director Terry Sam Anderson and a second by Director Randy Roland, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve as presented.

M. Buffalo Creek Parallel Interceptor Phase II; Project No. 507-0636-24; Resolution No. 25-25; Right of Way Acquisition Program

Adopt Resolution No. 25-25 authorizing funding in the amount of \$3,200,000 to acquire permanent and temporary easements for the Buffalo Creek Parallel Interceptor Phase II.

Director Terry Sam Anderson advised that the Real Estate Committee reviewed this item yesterday and voted to recommend the Board authorize approval of Resolution 25-25, which allows for the acquisition of easements needed for the construction of the second phase of a parallel interceptor. Completion of the parallel interceptor increases the conveyance capacity of the Buffalo Creek Interceptor System and allows for the decommissioning of the Buffalo Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Upon a motion by Director Terry Sam Anderson and a second by Director Rick Crowley, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve as presented.

N. Lower East Fork Regional Water Resource Recovery Facility; Project No. 301-0598-21; Resolution No. 25-24; Land Acquisition Program

Adopt Resolution No. 25-24 authorizing additional funding for property acquisition.

Director Terry Sam Anderson advised that the Real Estate Committee reviewed this item yesterday and voted to recommend the Board authorize approval of Resolution No. 25-24 to obtain additional funding needed to complete the land acquisition for the Lower East Fork Regional Water Resource Recovery Facility. This facility will provide a much needed increase in wastewater treatment capacity to meet the growth demands in the southeastern portion of the service area.

Upon a motion by Director Terry Sam Anderson and a second by Director Ray Stephens, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve as presented.

O. Land Acquisition and Support Services to Facilitate Purchasing Land for Additional Raw Water Supply; Resolution No, 25-28; Project No. 101-0667-25 Adopt Resolution No. 25 -28 authorizing funding in the amount of \$7,750,000 to make a written offer to acquire real estate located in Red River County, needed to increase raw water supply.

Director Terry Sam Anderson advised that the Real Estate Committee reviewed this item yesterday and voted to recommend the Board authorize approval of Resolution No. 25-28 for a potential property purchase associated with a groundwater opportunity.

Upon a motion by Director Terry Sam Anderson and a second by Director Randy Roland, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve as presented.

XIII. CLOSING ITEMS

A. Opportunity for Board members to provide feedback or request potential future agenda items.

In reference to Consent Item C., Director Ray Stephens spoke favorably about the Sprinkler Evaluation System. Executive Director Covington stated that currently there are three cities in a pilot program and hopes are that measurable results in water savings are evident for those who participate.

In regard to potential future agenda items, Director Terry Sam Anderson suggested a discussion regarding the increasing costs of construction projects. Executive Director Covington added that delivery methods can also be a part of the discussion.

President George Crump offered closing remarks at this his last meeting as President. He spoke highly of the staff and Board of Directors.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

DAVID HOLLIFIELD, President

KEITH STEPHENS, Secretary