

# South Toledo Bend Water District



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Malcolm Franks, President • Michael Walker, Vice President  
Anna Ferguson, Secretary/Treasurer  
Commissioners: Tim Collins • Michael Pitt

## Minutes of South Toledo Bend Water Board December 2, 2021

Board Members Present: Malcolm Franks, Michael Pitt, Anna Ferguson, Michael Walker, Tim Collins (via phone)  
Others Present: Rick Leonard (superintendent)

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Malcolm Franks. A prayer was said, the roll was called and there was a quorum to conduct business.

A motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Mike Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Pitt, motion passed.

No public was present.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. The minutes of the November 4th meeting were brought to the floor for approval. A motion to adopt the minutes of the November meeting was made by Mike Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Pitt, motion passed.
2. The treasurer's report for November was presented by Anna Ferguson. Checks written from November 5 to December 2 were #15055 thru #15073. Board members were presented with an itemization of the credit card charges and a bank balance sheet. The only item in question on the credit card was the Norton Anti-virus program. If we are already paying Satcom for this, there is no need to have Norton. Rick will check on this. Anna informed the board that we paid our 1<sup>st</sup> truist government installment, also. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mike Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Collins, motion passed unanimously.
  - a) Updated #'s for the consolidation funds: We moved funds over into the asset replacement account to keep this account built up. Also, to have funds available for anything the district needs. We are amassing our funds to keep them utilized for this. Let's go ahead and remove this item from the agenda.
3. A motion to authorize payment of the bills was made by Mike Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Pitt, motion passed unanimously.
4. Esto well project/rebuild update: Rick told the board that Dennis has torn out the old foundation and poured the new apron and the mounting pad. He has all the supplies except the VFDs. They have not come in yet. Malcolm asked if we had a time limit on that and Rick said there was a completion date, but he didn't have it in front of him at the moment. Malcolm asked Rick to get with Dennis on this.
5. Update on drilling process: Rick stated that they have back filled and set the pump and actually pulled samples on the lower sands. You've got the results of the on-site testing. I understand Tim has seen those results. You can see from the on-site testing they came with 8.25 for the "ph" and that's really the biggest number to be concerned with, at this point, but I don't see it as a problem. It does have a lot of hydrogen sulfide, and I mean a lot, but chlorination and aeration will take care of that. Today they were pumping on the upper sands. This is one reason I don't think the 8.25 ph is a big deal because I did pull some water from there. I did pull it earlier, but it came up with a little over a 6 ph which means if you do 2 wells, one in each one, you can now blend that water. It had hydrogen sulfide in it also, but not near the quantity as the lower sands. Tim asked what the parts per million were and Malcolm told him we don't know. The driller told him that the lab people were going to be there to do testing mid-day Monday. They can give us the on-site testing but as far as the big analysis, it's like 30 days from whenever they pull it before you get any numbers. We don't have the organics back yet. The lab develops those cultures and tells us where we're at. Tim said his only concern was the H2S. He took into account that we have the charcoal filtering on the back end, the activated carbon, and that will account for any taste. As you strip out the H2S, you will not lose the taste that you don't want in your water and then when you run it through the activated carbon, it will be minimal. Malcolm stated that in the project

we put money aside for this filtration. Rick stated that the ph we pulled from the top sand today was maybe a little premature. It was a 6.7 ph for that top sand. That makes it a good candidate for the blend with that 8.25 water. Malcolm stated that we have to make sure that we have good, quality water. He talked with Mark, yesterday, and they won't have those samples for the next meeting. Mark said that they would have them but that it was going to take about 30 days to look at all the analysis and then come up with a game plan to make really good water. At that point and time, the drillers need to order the downhole screen that matches the sand and all of the above to bring it to completion. We are going to be at a point to where a decision has to be made. We may get some funds from the water sector program. You have to meet a certain criteria. We asked for 5.1 million, but we had to pledge approximately 2.1 of that, which is our loan. So, for every dollar we spend, we would have to finance about 40 cents. The rest will be provided by the government. That makes it a lot better for us. The total project costs to completion for just putting the wells in, adding a tank and filtration, we are talking about 2.4 million. We asked for 5.1 million and that's to extend some lines across Hwy 191, to areas we don't currently service; new tanks all around, improvements we would like to see made. We will have to replace tanks at beaver hill and park site. By going from surface water to well water, we can send water to the next district, legally or we can receive water from them on an emergency basis. That's an assurance for fire protection. Also, we serve an impoverished community. We are extending opportunities for people to get on the system who haven't been able to do that. It will help us immensely. Mike Pitt asked if the people of the community knew what was going on. Malcolm stated that there is supposed to be a sign out there. Malcolm said there was a write-up put in the local newspaper. Rick is following up with the sign issue. To recap, it will be about 60 days before we have the complete analysis to where a decision will need to be made.

6. Communications tower: Rick told the board that they requested a copy of the deed and he sent it to them. He has not heard anything new from them.
7. Rick Leonard presented the Superintendent's report for November 2021 to the Board:
  - All monthly State reports and samples sent to LADHH.
  - For the month of November, the plant processed 8,374,000 gals of water @ an average of 270,129 gals. per day and shipped out 8,277,082 gals. of water @ an averaging of 267,000 gals. per day
  - Plant usage for production (chlorine, caustic, & polymer carrier waters) estimated @ 50,000 gallons.
  - Violation letters (nitrification plan & turbidity)

A motion to accept the superintendent's monthly report was made by Mike Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Collins, motion passed.

8. Announcements/Comments: (Next Thursday is the Christmas Party)
9. There was no other business and a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Pitt, motion passed.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, January 27, 2022, AT 5:30 PM**

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