



# WEAT

North Texas Section



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# Leadership Message

## *Message from the* **President**

As I continue my role as WEAT-NTS Presidency, the executive committee and all the volunteers have given so much time and effort and it shows. Every event that is put together continues to grow and get better each year. The Daryl Hall Golf Tournament and Opstoberfest have continued to be great events with continued growth. With the growth of the Daryl Hall Golf Tournament, we will be able to grow the number of scholarships. The Operations Challenge is looking great with a record-breaking year from Opstoberfest. The fundraising from Opstoberfest will help with travel expenses for the Operations Challenge events.

A special \* **Thank You** \* to everyone that took the time to lend a hand in making all these events a great success. Keep an eye out for future events that are coming soon. Membership is a big part of our continued growth, so let's continue growing together.

Thank you,

Lance Phillips



# WEAT-NTS & WEF Events

Date	Event	Location
2/11/25	February Seminar	Hurst Conference Center 1601 Campus Drive Hurst, Tx 76054
3/18/25- 3/21/25	Texas Water	George R. Brown Convention Center 1001 Avenida de las Americas Houston, Tx 77010

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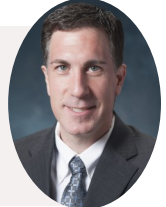
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# Treasurer's Report

## Fiscal Year-End Balance Statement

Throughout 2024, the market has remained robust, and WEAT-NTS continues to maintain a strong financial position. Over the past 12 months, our total assets have increased by nearly \$121,000, which is an impressive growth of over 15%! This growth has empowered our Executive Committee to keep championing growth and exploring new ways to amplify our positive impact on the North Texas water and wastewater community. After completing a reconciliation of our FY 23-24 finances, we ended the year with total assets amounting to \$800,363.09 compared to \$679,790.19 at the end of FY 22-23. This remarkable increase is a testament to our collective efforts and dedication.

Additionally, we have observed a trend in our expenses, notably an increase in facility rentals which have risen by \$23,000 over the last year. This increase is partly due to expanding the popular sporting clays event and providing additional space, but it is primarily driven by higher overall venue costs. Even with this rise in expenses, our committee leaders have done a fantastic job of being stewards of our budget, managing to minimize the overall impact. As a result, we exceeded our yearly budget by just over \$2,000, which is a commendable feat given the circumstances.

Below is a breakdown of our sections financial position at fiscal year-end.

# Treasurer's Report

## North Texas Section - Water Environment Association Texas Balance Sheet Fiscal Year End Jun 30, 2024

Description	Amount
<b>ASSETS</b>	
1010 · Cash	1,015.00
1015 · Checking Account	51,024.35
1030 · American Funds	
AF US Government MMK F-2	79,249.07
AMCAP Fund-F2	149,062.02
American Balanced Fund-F2	73,788.61
Capital Income Builder-F2	65,575.97
Global Balanced Fund-F2	128,375.23
The Growth Fund of America-F2	119,686.32
The Income Fund of America-F2	127,391.25
<b>Total 1030 American Funds</b>	<b>743,128.47</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>795,167.66</b>
Prepaid Expense	5,195.43
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>5,195.43</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>800,363.09</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>800,363.09</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
2010 · Chase Business Card	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilites</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
3015 · Unrestricted Net Assets	820,364.02
Net Income	20,000.93
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>800,363.09</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY, JUNE 30, 2024</b>	<b>800,363.09</b>
<b>COMPARISON OF TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY JUNE 30, 2023</b>	<b>679,790.19</b>

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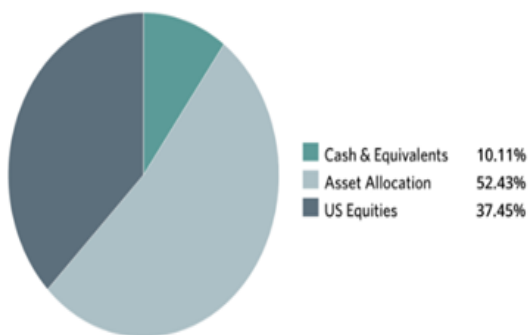
## Investment Summary

WEAT-NTS has made a strategic investment of \$25,000 into our investment account with CAPTRUST for FY 23-24. This account started the year with just above \$662,000. Thanks to an impressive 16% growth rate, the account value as of November 2024 stands at \$796,000, reflecting a net gain of just over \$109,000. This growth has been enhanced by reinvesting dividend gains back into the account without making any withdrawals.

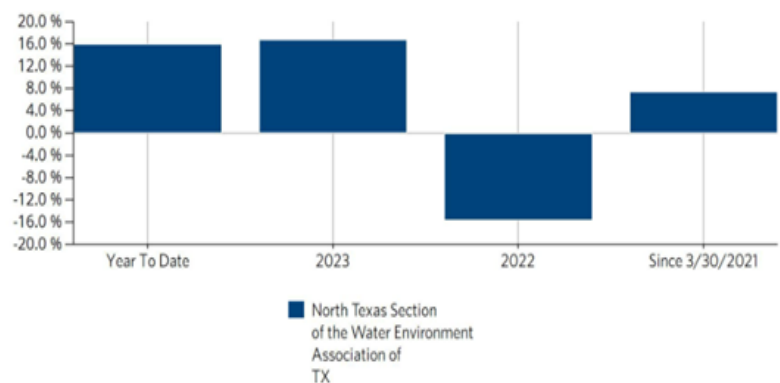
Below is the annual asset allocation changes in WEAT-NTS investment Portfolio account as of November 2024.

Portfolio Overview As of 11/12/2024 North Texas Section of the Water Environment Association of TX

### CURRENT ASSET ALLOCATION



### ANNUAL RETURNS (%)



### PERFORMANCE

	Year To Date	2023	2022	Since 3/30/2021
Beginning Value	662,476.32	565,322.34	619,363.01	0.00
Net Additions	25,000.00	-1,654.23	40,509.90	609,177.73
Net Gain	109,094.07	94,953.98	-94,550.57	183,538.43
Ending Value	796,570.39	662,476.32	565,322.34	796,570.39
Return (NoF)	16.01%	16.80%	-15.73%	7.41% <sup>1</sup>

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## 2024 Daryl Hall Memorial Golf Tournament

This year's Daryl Hall Memorial Golf Tournament was a special one, with registration selling out in record time. During planning meetings for the tournament, the EC decided to raise to goal by \$5,000 dollars to a total \$25,000 for our 21<sup>st</sup> year, to top the previous year's goal. With a new feature the "Hole-hecklers", the WEAT-NTS golfers showed up. We ended up raising **\$26,880** (an increase of \$5,880 from 2023!) which goes directly to funding scholarships to students seeking a future in the wastewater industry! A huge **THANK YOU** to all who participated, volunteered and otherwise contributed. This is all possible because of you! Also want to thank DHMGT Champion Kevin Flinn for continue to make the tournament successful. [KRFlinn@GarverUSA.com](mailto:KRFlinn@GarverUSA.com)

## Spring and Fall Scholarship Awards Recap

WEAT-NTS is proud to support the future generation of water industry professionals. For the Fall 2024 semester, we donated \$18,000 to 22 qualified recipients who are interested in careers in the water industry. These dedicated students will also receive a spring semester scholarship, bringing the total WEAT-NTS Scholarships Awarded to \$36,000. We look forward to continuing to support these students as they strive towards their college degrees and future careers. We are continuing to look for scholarship recipients, if you want to know more or know of someone this could benefit contact Andy Paulson at [ajpaulson@sig-auto.com](mailto:ajpaulson@sig-auto.com).

## Opstoberfest 2024

Opstoberfest 2024, held at the St. Jude Event Center. WEAT-NTS came out in full force to support operators, with record participation from teams showcasing their best meats, desserts, and home-brewed beers. The event raised over \$6,700, a substantial increase from FY 22-23's \$2,300. Proceeds from the event go directly toward supporting operators by funding travel expenses for utility teams competing at WEFTEC and Texas Water. A big thank you to all volunteers and participants who made this event possible. Special thanks to Ola Wenno for leading the charge ([ola.wenno@stantec.com](mailto:ola.wenno@stantec.com)).

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## IRS Status

We also want to address the current status of our IRS tax-exempt status. The WEAT-NTS 501(c)(3) designation is currently in question as there is a discrepancy with the IRS receiving our returns. However, our CPA has filed the necessary returns both electronically and via paper copies, and we have confirmation that the IRS has received each filing. WEAT-NTS has requested that the IRS review their records, update our filing status, and fully restore WEAT-NTS's tax-exempt designation. Meanwhile, while the IRS is continuing to review the documents, WEAT-NTS is allowed to continue with normal business operations under the 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status until further notice from the IRS. We will continue to keep our members updated on the WEAT-NTS tax status.

## Closing Comments

WEAT-NTS members have shown incredible support for each event, and our committees have excelled in meeting budget goals, allowing our chapter to continue growing. Each event remains well-supported by WEAT-NTS, contributing to our strong financial standing.

Another key factor in our financial stability is the generous support of our annual sponsors, who continue to support WEAT-NTS year after year. We cannot thank you enough!

I look forward to seeing you all at future events. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any questions at [chris.vela@kimley-horn.com](mailto:chris.vela@kimley-horn.com).

Sincerely,

Chris Vela, Treasurer





**WEAT**  
North Texas Section

2025 WEAT-NTS  
FEBRUARY SEMINAR

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**SUBMISSION DUE DATE**  
Tuesday December 10th

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## CELEBRATING THE PAST & FUTURE

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### POTENTIAL TOPICS:



**Operational Advancements**  
*The Leap to Fully Automated Systems*



**Treatment Optimization**  
*How We Got From There to Here*



**Knowledge Retention**  
*Preserving Experience Based Knowledge*



**Code & Regulation Evolution**  
*Continuing to Protect the Public*

## WHEN & WHERE

February 11, 2025  
Hurst Conference Center  
1601 Campus Drive  
Hurst, TX 76054

# OPStoberfest Recap

## Festive Fun at the 17th Annual OPStoberfest Cook-Off!

The WEAT North Texas Section (NTS) stirred up sizzling excitement at the 17th annual OPStoberfest Cook-Off, held on October 18th, 2024 at the St. Jude Event Center. This annual event is a day filled with celebration and camaraderie, all in support of the hardworking operators who keep the water industry running smoothly. Proceeds from the cook-off benefit the North Texas Section Operations Challenge Teams to compete on the national stage!

This year's event had a plethora of family-friendly festivities, from a bounce house and pumpkin decorating to face painting and a talented balloon artist. The water community showed up in full force, delivering delicious cook-off entries and creative costumes! Cook-off teams showcased their skills in multiple categories. It was a heated competition—but the best of the best took home gold, silver, and bronze awards in brisket, beef (other), chicken, pork, wild game, and dessert.

Special recognition went to **TRA Smoke-N-Bonez** for **Pitmaster**, the **City of Fort Worth** for **Best Hospitality**, and **Minecraft Steve and the Wednesday Twins** for **Best Kid's Costume** and runner up, respectively! Congratulations to all of the winners! Thank you to everyone who joined us, who volunteered with us, and who sponsored us – y'all made this event a success. We can't wait to see you next year!



# YP Update

This month we got together with the AWWA YPs for a fun (and a little bit competitive) game of kickball. A good time was had was had by all - first we "kicked" back with some masterfully grilled burgers, drinks, and networking, and then we headed to the field to "kick" it some more. Results were unclear whether WEAT or AWWA players were better, so we may have to have another game in the future to be sure. Thank you AWWA for helping us hold a great event!



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# Sponsorship Opportunities

WEAT-NTS offers three levels of sponsorships for the July 2024 – June 2025 year, plus multiple individual sponsorship opportunities.

Sponsorships will support:

- WEAT-NTS and Daryl Hall Scholarship Funds
- Dinner Meetings
- Young Professionals
- Outreach Programs (Science Fair, Future Cities, Trinity River Cleanup, etc.)

<p><b>Classic Dinner Sponsor \$250</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•For One Dinner Meeting</li> <li>•Recognition of Classic Sponsors:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Announcement on front page of newsletter (name of firm) for the sponsored meeting</li> <li>- Announcement in meeting reminder emails (name of firm)</li> <li>- Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint</li> <li>- Verbal recognition of sponsors by President at the beginning of the meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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WEAT-NTS Scholarship Fund Contributions	\$100
Newsletter Advertising (6 issues) and website link	\$150
NTS February Seminar	\$300
NTS February Seminar Table Sponsor	\$500
NTS February Seminar Break Area Sponsor	\$1,000

<p><b>Gold Sponsor \$1,250</b></p> <p>Recognition at ALL six meetings (includes Fall Cook-off) (for the price of five)</p> <p>Recognition of Gold Sponsor is the same as Classic Sponsor at ALL six meetings</p>
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\*Daryl Hall Golf Tournament, Sporting Clays, Opstoberfest, and Membranes and Mudbugs events sponsorships are advertised separately.

<p><b>Platinum \$1,950</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Recognition as a platinum sponsor at ALL SIX meetings.</li> <li>•Recognition of Platinum Sponsor is same as Gold Sponsor, plus:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Company name included in all newsletters, meeting announcements, meeting reminder emails, and link on website</li> <li>- Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint</li> <li>- Recognition of Platinum Sponsor by President at the beginning of each meeting</li> <li>- Recognition as February Seminar Sponsor including logo display in advertising and at event</li> <li>- Recognition as YP Sponsor, with \$100 from sponsorship being earmarked toward local YP events</li> <li>- Recognition as WEAT NTS and Daryl Hall scholarship fund contributor</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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