

Siesta Shores Water Control and Improvement District

5325 South Siesta Lane
Zapata, Texas 78076
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 15, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Siesta Shores Water Board was held at the Siesta Shores Business Office on Monday, April 15, 2024. The Board President, Mr. Manuel Garcia III brought the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Attendance:

In attendance were members: Mr. Moises Camacho, Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa, Mr. Manuel Garcia III, and Mr. Rene Calderas. The following member was not in attendance: Mrs. Francisca Campos.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Manuel Garcia III read the minutes from the last board meeting and Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa motioned to accept the minutes as read and Mr. Moises Camacho second the motion.

Public Comment:

The board heard from Mrs. Chapa on the continuation of low water pressure at her residence. Even though she is still paying the same amount monthly on her account, water delivery is not adequate. She alluded to having to replace the heating elements in her water heater due to lack of water in the unit. Mr. Manuel Gonzalez, Siesta Shores Water Board consultant suggested that a bladder tank pump be installed at her residence to provide additional water pressure to the home. The board approved the purchase of the tank to resolve the water issue at Mrs. Chapa's residence. She was also informed that within two weeks from today that the water project should be completed thus providing the original water pressure that she had prior to the improvements made at the water district.

Old Business:

To add a notarize holiday for staff was tabled for the next meeting when all members are present.

New Business/Executive Session:

Engineer's Report

Mr. Manuel Gonzalez, project director presented his engineer's report where he suggested that the project funded by USDA is now ready to be closed out. All outstanding invoices or monies due to Renoworks should be completed. Warranty on the completed work is in effect for one year. However, an amendment was included for six more months which carries the warranty to December 31, 2024.

Mr. Gonzalez has also created an agreement with the County of Zapata to obtain extra water if needed.

As far as the Raw Intake Project, specialized equipment is still pending.

Mr. Rene Calderas approved the Engineer's report, and it was seconded by Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa.

Financial Reports:

The board reviewed checks, invoices and wages for March 24, 2024, and Mr. Rene Calderas made a motion to approve the financial report as presented and Mr. Moises Camacho second the motion. All members present approved. A balance of \$445,874.95 was reported for the month.

Office Manager's Report:

The office manager reported that three (3) pumps have been installed at the lift stations and three more are still pending to be installed. As to water leaks only two were reported and were repaired. The number of backhoe hours was also reported. The manager also informed the board that the adjacent lot was for sale and the asking price was \$14,000. The board president suggested that it will be discussed at the next board meeting where all members are present.

Bids, Proposals, Contracts:

Texas Instrumentation and Controls submitted a quote of \$6,330.00 to provide a fully assemble lift station Control Panel to the Siesta Shores Water Control and Improvement District. The bid was approved by the board with Mr. Moises Camacho making the motion to approve it and Mr. Rene Calderas second the motion.

Operational Report:

No leaks were reported from the operational pumps. The lead service lines are almost completed and should be working within two months as of this date. All the connection lines and flushing valves were installed.

New Business:

Payment process will continue online or by calling the 1-800 number. Starting in June no more payments will be taken by direct phone.

Since commercial meters are at a higher tier than residential in other cities and counties, it was discussed that maybe a different charge for commercial accounts should be established. It was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

Discussion on Mother's and Father's Day celebration lead to an approval of a \$50 certificate for all that qualified. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Rene Calderas and it was seconded by Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa.

Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Mr. Moises Camacho made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa and all board members approved. The meeting adjourned at 6.20 p.m.