

Siesta Shores Water Control and Improvement District

5325 South Siesta Lane
Zapata, Texas 78076
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 12, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Siesta Shores Water Board was held at the Siesta Shores Business Office on Thursday, December 12, 2024. The Board President, Mr. Manuel Garcia brought the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa read the minutes from November 14, 2024 board meeting and Mr. Rene Calderas made the motion to approve the minutes as read and Mr. Manuel Garcia second the motion.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Discussion was held on providing board members with a board stipend when attending the Water District's monthly meetings. A gift certificate of \$50 was proposed by Mr. Rene Calderas and the motion carried with a second from Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa.

The Office Manager informed the board members present that the computers needed cleaning and a quote for \$590 was submitted to upgrade the software. Mr. Rene Calderas made the motion to approve the request, and it was second by Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa.

Being that we are in the Xmas month, it was suggested by the Office Manager that the personnel (6) employees be rewarded for their work by hosting a Christmas luncheon in their honor. Mr. Manuel Garcia made the motion to approve the luncheon and Mr. Rene Calderas second the motion. All members approved and the luncheon was capped at \$200. In addition to the luncheon each employee received a \$50 gift certificate.

Financial Reports:

The financial report recorded a balance of \$386,335.46. All invoices were approved to be paid accordingly. Mr. Rene Calderas made the motion to accept the financial report as read and it was second by Mr. Manuel Garcia III.

Office Manager's Report:

A total of 87 accounts were past due and all have been paid with the exception of 9 that were still pending. The office manager provided board members with a breakdown report on each of the lift stations where she highlighted key points about each station. Some of the issues or concerns were the need for new pumps that have both Audio and Visual alarms. For Lift Station A. A quote is currently in process. No issues were reported for Lift Station B and D and are working properly. lift Station C/S still needs a new pump. Lift Station E and F are both scheduled for pump installations. According to TCEQ each well is required to have two pumps with Audio/Visual Alarms and each one should have an emergency power source. Again, two workers should be working at each pump. There were three water leaks, and they were all repaired. A total of 1,511.1 hours were logged for the backhoe. Two new accounts were added to the Water District.

Operational Report:

Water pumps that need to be replaced have been installed and are running properly. The new chemicals that were purchased have also helped the new tanks. In January, Superior Tanks will be coming to replace the panels at the bottom of the tanks.

Review Correspondence:

There is a TCEQ conference scheduled for February 18 in McAllen, Texas and TCEQ has invited Siesta Shores Water District to make a presentation at the conference on the success of the Water District in complying with all TCEQ regulations. The Water District has acknowledged that our contracted consultant, Mr. Santiago, will present at the conference.

Engineer's Report:

The board received an update on the water line subdivision that will be annexed to the water district. The waterline at Loma Linda will be surveyed for the easement and responsible parties will be notified about the acquisition of that easement. Mr. Santiago, District consultant, will review the set of plans submitted by Premier Engineering for review and comments.

As far as the USDA project grants, closure is pending upon approval of Martinez Electric's invoices and for the 3" pipes for the electrical line, approximately \$30,000. Mr. Gonzalez has submitted these invoices for reimbursement, since these were not in the original contract.

Executive Session:

None

Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 5.30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Mr. Rene Calderas made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was second by Irma G. Hinojosa.