

Siesta Shores Water Control and Improvement District

5325 South Siesta Lane
Zapata, Texas 78076
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 9, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Siesta Shores Water Board was held at the Siesta Shores Business Office on January 9, 2024. The Board Vice- President, Mr. Moises Camacho brought the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Moises Camacho read the minutes from the last board meeting and Mrs. Irma G. Hinojosa motioned to accept the minutes as read and Mr. Rene Calderas second the motion.

Public Comment:

The board heard from Mrs. Chapa, Siesta Shores Water customer residing at 5315 Gary Lane on the lack of water pressure at her residence. The board vice president, Mr. Camacho informed the customer that due to the plant not working at full capacity, the low pressure will continue until the plant is in full operation. He further stated that the board anticipates that the plant will be in full operation within two weeks.

Old Business:

An update on the Siesta Shores WICD audit for 2022 was presented by Adrian Webb, CPA. The audit was approved as read with corrections as needed by Irma G Hinojosa and was seconded by Mr. Rene Calderas.

New Business:

Engineer's Report

Mr. Manuel Gonzalez Jr. reported that a letter will be sent to Renoworks, LLC acknowledging that the water plant improvements and standpipe rehabilitation- system repairs project had not been completed as per contract specifications. For the invoices submitted by Renoworks to be paid, the project needed to be completed. Completion was scheduled for June 10, 2023, and as of the date of this meeting the project is still incomplete. The letter in question specifically states that for every contract day that the project is not completed, liquidated damages of \$1200 will be assessed. It was suggested that a letter head from the SSWICD attorney be included with the letter from Premier, indicating that the attorney agreed with the information to be sent to Reneoworks. Mr. Rene Calderas made the motion to accept the letter to be sent to Renoworks and Mrs. Frances Campos, second the motion.

Discussion followed on what action to take on new sewer pipes. According to Mr. Gonzalez, at least 7 pipes are needed to cover 10 lots. It was recommended that a requisition from different vendors be solicited to estimate the total cost of expanding and connecting sewer pipes from Laredo Street to Falfurrias Street, along the property line, which should be Lot 590.

Financial Reports:

The board reviewed checks, invoices and wages and Mrs. Francisca Campos made a motion to approve all financial transactions and Mr. Rene Calderas second the motion. All members present approved.

Bids, Proposals, Contracts:

Texas West, LLC from Bandera, Texas was awarded the bid to provide equipment needed to make repairs to the water system. The company had been previously approved.

Still under new business, the revision to water meters disconnection policy was tabled for a later date. Discussion followed on revising the fees for businesses, but it too was tabled and the staff was advised to look into Zapata's policy on businesses.

A calendar of events for the operation of the water plant was discussed on holiday closures, vacation days, etc. and the new calendar was approved by Mrs. Frances Campos and second by Mr. Rene Calderas.

Operational Report

As previously stated, the commercial meter discussion was tabled to a later date.

Office Manager's Report:

There are a total of 18 unpaid invoices.

Lift stations need painting and a total of 17.9 hours of backhoe work was completed.

Handicap accessibility will be on next month's agenda.

Next Board Meeting:

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

Adjournment:

Ms. Rene Calderas made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mrs. Francisca Campos and all board members approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.