

Siesta Shores Water Control and Improvement District

5325 South Siesta Lane
Zapata, Texas 78076
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 18, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Siesta Shores Water Board was held at the Siesta Shores Business Office on Thursday July 18, 2024. The Board President, Mr. Manuel Garcia III brought the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Manuel Garcia III read the minutes from the May 20, 2024, board meeting and Mr. Rene Calderas motioned to approve the minutes as read and Mrs. Francisca Campos second the motion. The minutes from the June 13, 2024, board meeting were also read and approved as read by Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa and was second my Mr. Rene Calderas.

Bids, Proposals, and Contracts

Mr. Javier Rizo, Representative for TXU Energy, from the Laredo area presented to the board their plan or contract for supplying the organization with electricity. Their proposal was for eight years at 0.075 ¢ KWH or for five years at 0.079 ¢. The board will make a decision on electricity provider at a later date.

Old Business:

According to the Grinder Pump Policy, customers who use grinder pumps to pump sewer out are to be charged a monthly fee of \$34 to cover the cost of repairs to the pumps. Currently, this fee is not being charged, therefore customers are responsible for repairs if the need arises that the pumps are not working properly. There are 60 customers that are using these pumps and the cost to replace these pumps is \$1,500 a pump. The board proposed that a letter be sent to notify the 60 customers about the fee that has not been added to their monthly bill. Discussion followed to probably not charge the \$34 but a \$5.00 fee for maintenance and repairs to the grinder pumps. The board tabled this proposal for the next board meeting.

New Business/Executive Session:

Engineer's Report

Mr. Manuel Gonzalez, project director presented his engineer's report where he suggested that a local agreement for getting water from Zapata Water District be conducted. The agreement should state that a minimum of 250,000 gallons of water to a maximum of 350,000 gallons will be needed per day to sustain water usage at the district. Mrs. Francisca Campos made a motion that the board should amend the agreement by adding this clause presented by Mr. Gonzalez. Mr. Rene Calderas made the second motion, and it was approved by all members present.

As to the USDA project, several forms still needed to be completed to fulfill the contract with Renoworks. Mr. Gonzalez presented to the board that he had received a request from Loma Linda for Siesta Shores to provide water to their District. Based on their conversation, Loma Linda is proposing that Siesta Shores provide 4" tubing lines and they would pay for the labor cost. A total of 10,000 feet is the estimated area that will be connected. It is understood that a double meter will be installed, one reading will be for Siesta Shores and the other will be for Loma Linda. Discussion on this proposal will be ongoing as the board did not make a commitment.

Financial Reports:

The board reviewed checks, invoices and wages for June 2024, and Mr. Rene Calderas made a motion to approve the financial report as presented and Mrs. Francisca Campos second the motion. All members present approved. A balance of \$443,307.45 was reported for the month.

Office Manager's Report:

The board heard from the office manager that Mr. Puentes had connected the sewer line on his own, but he was still responsible for paying the \$750 due for the connection. The office manager was instructed that the workers go out and check if the line was connected correctly and if yes, then the connecting fee will be assessed.

Operational Report:

The Manual is being reviewed and the board emphasized the importance of adding a code of Ethics training.

New chemicals to help with PH levels are being purchased, which in turn will improve the water quality. The board also heard that the clarifier had broken.

New Business:

A Budget workshop has been scheduled for August 8, 2024, to create and approve a financial budget for year 2025. The workshop will take place at the Siesta Shores Office at 5 pm.

Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 6.00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Mr. Manuel Garcia III made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Rene Calderas. The meeting adjourned at 6.27 p.m.