

## **Siesta Shores Water Control and Improvement District**

5325 South Siesta Lane  
Zapata, Texas 78076  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, March 28, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Siesta Shores Water Board was held at the Siesta Shores Business Office on Monday, March 28, 2024. The Board President, Mr. Manuel Garcia III brought the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

### **Attendance:**

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

### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

### **Public Comment:**

The board heard from Mr. Fernando Gomez Siesta Shores Water customer residing at 5402 Pharr Lane on substantial charges on his water bill, totaling to \$543.67. According to Mr. Gomez the consumption of water is not aligned to what was used. The meter was originally closed and in late January the meter was opened without an application to resume water consumption. The crew at Siesta Shores preceded to examine the water meter for malfunctioning but found no issues with the meter. The board acknowledge Mr. Gomez's concern and will precede to examine the situation and will report back to Mr. Gomez on the results of the investigation.

### **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**

The Engineer's Report was moved to executive session to discuss confidentiality of information concerning the construction progress, tank repairs and invoices submitted.

Based on the walk-through items that were addressed that needed to be repaired were initially completed by the contractor. The contractor, in retrospect, requested that the two invoices that were submitted be paid. Both invoices totaled to \$80,015.53. Discussion followed on the original amount of the contract which was \$667,985 and to the cost of overrun which was \$220,000. There were a total of 290 days of over run passed the completion date, which amounted to Siesta Shores having to pay \$90,000 to Zapata County Water Works for water distribution to Siesta Shores customers. The board approved that Siesta Shores WCISD not pay the additional \$65,000 from their funds due the contractor and only pay \$15,015.53 the balance from USDA, thus dismissing the over-run cost. The board also is not responsible for covering pending accounts by the contractor.

### New Business/Open Session

Mr. Moises Camacho made a motion to approve the Engineer's report and proceed with the plan discussed during executive session. Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa second the motion.

All tank repairs were completed, and the project was coming to its close-out phase. Funds from USDA will be used to pay off the invoices based on the current balances.

Mr. Manuel Gonzalez had previously mentioned that there are additional grants that the board can apply for to improve the Siesta Shores Water Community. Grants can be used to provide new water lines, asphalt repairs, and reposition meters to the front rather than the back of properties. The board unanimously approved that he looks into these grants and if we meet the qualifications to consider applying on behalf of the Siesta Shores Water Board.

### *Financial Reports:*

The board reviewed checks, invoices and wages for February 24, 2024, and Mr. Moises Camacho made a motion to approve and Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa second the motion. All members present approved. A balance of \$411,229.94 was reported for the month.

### *Bids, Proposals, Contracts:*

Discussion on NRG Energy/TXU Energy was tabled until all members were present.

### *Operational Report*

The lead service line has been completed and plans for plant start up has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

### *Office Manager's Report:*

There are a total of 245 accounts and 174 have been paid.

Installation is pending for the lift stations.

A total of four (4) leaks have been repaired.

The property next to the plant is up for sale which consists of one lot and price is \$20,000.

### **Next Board Meeting:**

The next board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 15, 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 6.36 p.m.