

Siesta Shores Water Control and Improvement District

5325 South Siesta Lane
Zapata, Texas 78076
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 17, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Siesta Shores Water Board was held at the Siesta Shores Business Office on Thursday October 17, 2024. The Board President, Mr. Manuel Garcia brought the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa read the minutes from September 12, 2024, board meeting and Mrs. Francisca Campos made the motion to approve the minutes as read and Mr. Moises Camacho second the motion.

Public Comment:

Mr. Fuentes expressed his concern about refusing to pay the tampering charge on the connection of the sewer line at his property. Mr. Fuentes was advised that the connection would take up to a month to install as other customers were already scheduled prior to his request. However, he proceeded to do it on his own, which violates Board policy. According to Mr. Fuentes, Mr. Manuel Gonzales reviewed all the connections to the sewer line. Based on the Siesta Shores Policy, all customers must adhere to the rule that all connections must be made by the Siesta Shore Water District personnel. The board decided to discuss Mr. Fuentes's concern in executive session and provide him with an answer via a letter notification.

Old Business:

All proposals for acquiring an electricity provider were tabled for the November meeting. Since an annual inspection needs to be conducted on the sandpipe, the board decided to enter a three-year contract to ensure that the water district is in compliance. Mr. Moises Camacho motion that the Board sign the contract for three years and it was second by Mrs. Francisca Campos.

New Business:

Engineer's Report

The Project Grant has been closed and the remaining balance will be used to reimburse Siesta Shores District and any pending invoices.

An Emergency Grant from 2021 has been stagnate and the Board requested that Mr. Armando Guerra, Primer Engineer look into this grant and update all the requirements (specks) outlined in

the grant. The Board authorized Primer Engineering to solicit bids for the grant by October 25, 2024. These bids along with a project plan should be submitted to the USDA as soon as possible.

Discussion on board stipends was tabled for the November meeting.

Distributing Halloween treats to children was approved by the Board with Mr. Moises Camacho making the motion to spend at least \$75 on purchasing the treats and Mr. Manuel Garcia second the motion.

In appreciation for their hard work at the Siesta Shores Water District, the Board approved a staff luncheon for November 15, 2024, at the Holiday Restaurant. Ms. Irma G Hinojosa made the motion to approve the luncheon, and it was second by Mrs. Francisca Campos.

To repair the SCBA Flow test, the cost amounts to \$1,800. The Board acknowledged that the masks and the oxygen tank needed to be replaced, therefore Mr. Moises Camacho made a motion to proceed to get quotes to obtain these items and Mr. Manuel Garcia second the motion.

Financial Reports:

The financial report recorded a balance of \$391,647.89. All invoices were approved to be paid accordingly. Mrs. Francisca Campos made a motion to accept the financial report as read and it was seconded by Mr. Moises Camacho.

Office Manager's Report:

A total of 74 accounts were past due and all have been paid with the exception of 10. The office manager reported that one chopper pump has been installed and that the Board needed to purchase an additional one. The request was tabled for the November meeting.

There were 4 water leaks, and they all have been repaired.

Siesta Shores Water District also acquired 3 new accounts.

Plant Updates: A variety of pictures were distributed to visually see how the plant is operating.

Operational Report:

TCEQ was very impressed with all the corrections and updates that the Siesta Shores Water District has completed. Currently, everything at the plant is standardized. A summary report will also be submitted to TCEQ on the capacity of water the District is required to have. The report will summarize the contract the District has with the Zapata Water Department to obtain at least ½ million gallons of water a month if needed.

Review Correspondence:

None

Executive Session:

Account 269: Mrs. Solis, SS customer, has paved the easement where the district water pipes are located. The easement belongs to the Siesta Shores Water District, therefore, if the water district personnel need to break the concrete to fix any leaks, they are authorized to do it and are not responsible for repaving.