

Siesta Shores Water Control and Improvement District

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

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

Attendance:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa read the minutes from August 8, 2024, board meeting and Mr. Manuel Garcia made the motion to approve the minutes as read and Mrs. Francisca Campos second the motion.

Old Business:

On December 17, 2018, a notice was sent to customers saying that if the grinder pump malfunctioned Siesta Shores would correct the problem. Currently, an amendment has been recorded on the Siesta Shores Policy Book under the section "Grinder Pumps" where the customer is responsible for fixing the grinder pump. However, if a customer brings in the notice sent on December 17, 2018, it will be accepted and considered as a grandfather customer.

The budget for 2024-2025 was approved with Mrs. Francisca Campos making the motion to approve the budget as stated and Mr. Manuel Garcia second the motion. All members agreed.

New Business/Executive Session:

Engineer's Report

Mr. Manuel Gonzalez reported that all invoices for Renoworks have been paid and all other outstanding debts have also been paid. The only invoice pending is Martinez Electric where \$4,000 was paid toward the invoice of \$15,000, thus leaving a balance of \$11,000.

Financial Reports:

The financial report recorded a balance of \$321,001.03. The balance reflects the yearly payment to Prosperity Bank for the new meters. The yearly payment is \$30,841.00.

Office Manager's Report:

A total of 85 accounts were past due and all have been paid with the exception of 10. All lift stations are working properly and there were two water leaks but have been fixed. It was brought to the attention of the Board that a new battery has been purchased for Lift Station A and is currently waiting for it to be installed.

Bids/Proposals/contracts:

Discussion on new electricity providers was tabled until we can solicit more quotes. John Hudec high service flowmeter was also tabled for the next meeting.

Operational Report:

The following operational reports: Plant status and an update on TCEQ were both tabled for the next meeting.

The Lead and Copper Report, which is sent once a year has not been sent by TCEQ.

November 5, 2024, Election:

November 5, 2024, the board election for Mr. Rene Calderas, Mrs. Francisca Campos and Mr. Moises Camacho was cancelled due to running unopposed. They will be sworn in January 2025.

New Business:

A Boil Water notice has been sent out to customers. Installing a telephone app to send notices immediately to customers was discussed as an alternative to paper notices. It was moved to the October meeting for further discussion and approval.

- Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa made a motion that under new business that Mr. Manuel Gonzalez expediate all completed forms to USDA so Siesta Shores could receive reimbursements for expenditures acquired under the Project Grant. It was seconded by Mrs. Francisca Campos.

Executive Session:

Mr. Enrique Pena is now a licensed certified operator. He will be an intern for two years. Due to his certification, it was acknowledged that a \$3.00 salary increase be approved, thus bringing his hourly wage to \$12.00 an hour. Mrs. Francisca Campos made the motion to approve the increase, and it was second by Mr. Manuel Garcia.

Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 5.00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Mr. Manuel Garcia made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Mrs. Francisca Campos and the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.