

Siesta Shores Water Control and Improvement District

5325 South Siesta Lane
Zapata, Texas 78076
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 15, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Siesta Shores Water Board was held at the Siesta Shores Business Office on Thursday, May 15, 2025. The Board President brought the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa read the minutes from the last board meeting and Mr. Rene Calderas made the motion to accept the minutes as read and Mr. Manuel Garcia second the motion.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Old Business:

Discussion to act on payroll direct deposit was tabled for the June meeting.

The agenda item on upgrading current computers and software or the possibility of purchasing new computers and software was also tabled for the next meeting. Meanwhile, the board directed the office manager to acquire quotes on new computers.

On May 1, 2025, a payment amount of \$31,177.50 was made to USDA to cover the 30-year loan.

Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa requested a balance on the loan to be available for the next meeting.

New Business/Executive Session:

Concerning the purchasing of copper sulfate, it was acknowledged that the office had already obtained a quote for 400 pounds of sulfate at \$3.98 a pound, thus totaling \$1,592.00. AM Cheminc is the company that will provide the chemical, which will help in controlling algae and bacteria, thus improving the water quality. Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa made a motion to approve the vendor and his quote and purchase the much-needed copper sulfate for the plant. It was seconded by Mr. Rene Calderas.

The office manager provided the board with the new charges and fees from the International Bank of Commerce.

Engineer Report:

Mr. Gonzalez presented the board with an update on the Med-Loz addition and annexation project that is currently in progress with them and siesta shores water district. The formal annexation for this project is to be submitted formally to an attorney for legal assistance. Currently the district will

provide water rights to at least 10 acres. Mr. Rene Calderas made a motion to proceed with the annexation once it had been legally approved, and it was seconded by Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa. Mr. Gonzalez also notified the board that he is looking for a grant that the District can apply for to help with funding for this annexation project.

Financial Reports:

The board reviewed checks, invoices and wages for the month, and Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa made the motion to approve the financial report as presented and Mr. Rene Calderas second the motion. All members present approved. A balance of \$430,625.07 was reported for the month of April.

Office Manager's Report:

All 72 accounts are up to date with their payments.

The following is a summary of the lift stations:

Station A: This station needs a propane tank or needs to be repaired.

Station B: There is an issue with the generator starting and running for a while, but it eventually quits.

Mr. Medrano has been notified and waiting for a response.

Station C and D: No issues.

Station E: Still waiting for Pump #2 and generator needs maintenance. Mr. Medrano has been notified.

Station F: Needs a float, since one was never installed. Mr. Martinez with Martinez Electric has been notified to come and install the float.

Based on the need for Station A for a new propane tank, the board approved the purchase of a new tank at \$3,490.75 with warranty. Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa made the motion to approve this purchase, and it was seconded by Mr. Rene Calderas.

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

1846 were recorded for backhoe hours.

Bids, Proposals, Contracts:

Quotes are pending for the Chopper.

Operational Report:

Snakes have been encountered when checking meters and pumps and the office manager is in the process of getting quotes for an excavator to clear areas where the raw pumps are located.

A Risk Management Plan is in draft form to offset anything that could occur at the plant.

New Business and Review Correspondence:

Siesta Shores Water District has had two resignations, and these positions have been posted, with the addition of two more employees.

No correspondence.

Future Agenda Items:

Continue discussion on the water rights with Med-Loz and feedback from the district's attorney.

Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting has been scheduled for June 26, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Mr. Rene Calderas 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 6.29 p.m.

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