

Siesta Shores Water Control and Improvement District

5325 South Siesta Lane
Zapata, Texas 78076
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 14, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Siesta Shores Water Board was held at the Siesta Shores Business Office on Thursday, November 14, 2024. The Board President, Mr. Manuel Garcia brought the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa read the minutes from October 17, 2024, board meeting and Mr. Rene Calderas made the motion to approve the minutes as read and Mr. Manuel Garcia second the motion.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Old Business:

All proposals for acquiring an electricity provider were tabled for the December meeting.

New Business:

Gift cards to be distributed to all staff members and board members were approved with Mr. Rene Calderas making the motion for approval and it was second by Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa. Discussion on board stipends was tabled for the December meeting.

Financial Reports:

The financial report recorded a balance of \$377,441.30. All invoices were approved to be paid accordingly. Mr. Rene Calderas made the motion to accept the financial report as read and it was seconded by Mr. Manuel Garcia.

Office Manager's Report:

A total of 91 accounts were past due and all have been paid with the exception of 10. The office manager provided board members with a breakdown report on each of the lift stations where she highlighted key points about each station. Some of the issues or concerns were generator to be checked at Lift Station A, install new pump at Lift Station C/S, wait on a quote for a new pump for Lift Station E, and install the new pump at Lift Station F. According to TCEQ, two people should always be working together at the lift stations.

There were two water leaks, and both have been repaired.

A total of 1,799.8 hours were logged for the backhoe.

The manager stated that the outside sink is not working properly and that a new one needs to be purchased and installed. Mr. Rene Calderas made the motion to obtain quotes on wash sinks and proceed to purchase a new one. Ms. Irma G. Hinojosa second the motion for approval.

Operational Report:

TCEQ has cleared all violations for the water district. A summary report has been prepared and submitted as instructed in the previous report from the October minutes. Currently, the water district is experiencing less than 10% water loss. For the next two weeks after the November meeting a burnout will be conducted.

Review Correspondence:

None

Engineer's Report:

The board was presented with an update on the water line subdivision that will be annexed to the water district. Two miles of pipes 4 inches in diameter will be used to cover 3,550 feet of property. A total of 850 acres will be annexed to the water district. According to the engineer, Siesta Shores is paying for all materials.

As far as the USDA project grants, all invoices that were pending for other suppliers or additional vendors were or will be paid. If monies are still available, Mr. Gonzalez was going to submit invoices for materials etc. that the District purchased for reimbursement.

Plans were submitted for Grant Year 2021-2022 and for an additional grant for Year 2022, totaling 1 million dollars. These plans were submitted for review to USDA and the board was notified that Mr. Gonzalez was going to go after the bids and create a schedule for implementing the objectives outlined in the grant. Therefore, once those plans are approved, the district can proceed to execute the grant project. The new grant will provide the District with a floating platform, a control panel, a recovery system and a backwash recycling system.

Executive Session:

A letter has been sent to Mr. Puentes on the tampering charges where he has to abide by board policy and must pay the charges due.

Mr. Gonzalez, a part-time worker, has resigned.

Salary increases for employees were mentioned but no action was taken.

Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 5.30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Mr. Rene Calderas made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was second by Mr. Manuel Garcia III.