

Siesta Shores Water Control and Improvement District

5325 South Siesta Lane
Zapata, Texas 78076
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 26, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Siesta Shores Water Board was held at the Siesta Shores Business Office on Thursday, March 26, 2026. Mr. Manuel Garcia, board president brought the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the February meeting were read by each member prior to the meeting. Mr. Moisis Camacho 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:

Naming of the water plant was tabled for the next meeting.
Discussion centered on the possibility of scheduling a workshop to set up commercial rates for businesses residing within the Siesta Shores water district. Some businesses were consuming at least 174,000 gallons of water per month and were paying residential rates. For the April meeting a workshop prior to our monthly meeting will be held to begin the process of setting up commercial rates.

New Business/Executive Session:

Approving the accountant to begin Audit 2024 was tabled for the April meeting.
Synergy Standby Solutions was selected to repair oil pressure switches and replace parts for E panels at a cost of \$8,805.91.
For Lift Station E the District will be soliciting quotes for either a new generator or updating the old one, depending on which one is most cost effective.
On Account 887, the current customer is requesting rerouting the sewer lines at no cost; however, no documentation exists for the meter on the property which was installed in 2020. Mrs. Francisca Campos motioned that the owner of the three (3) lots in question for the rerouting of the sewer lines is responsible for all costs incurred and Mr. Moisis Camacho second that motion.
The monthly maintenance of computers has been previously denied.

Financial Reports:

The financial report was approved by Mr. Moisis Camacho and second by Mrs. Francisca Campos. The balance sheet showed a total of \$475,156.85.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Manuel Gonzalez presented the board with an update on the ECWAG project. According to Mr. Gonzalez a reduction in funds had to be made on Phase I and Phase II of the project. Phase I consists of materials and Phase II any other equipment deems necessary to comply with the grant initiatives. Phase I came in with a bid of \$530,387 and was reviewed and approved by USDA. Mr. Moisis Camacho made the motion to approve McDean Incorporated to provide the materials for Phase I and it was second by Mr. Manuel Garcia and all members approved.

For Phase II three bids came in from the following companies: ARTISAN, A&A PIPELINE, and MURALA LLC. ARTISAN came in with a bid of \$296,500.00, A&A PIPELINE \$649,500 and MURALA \$897,662.40. Mr. Manuel Garcia made the motion to approve ARTISAN for Phase II and it was second by Mr. Moisis Camacho and all members approved of the company.

House Bill 500 sent out a call for grant applications for the purpose of funding water purification projects. Total of 5 million dollars was available to complete this project. Mr. Gonzalez acknowledged that the funding can be used to construct a water well and purchase machinery that can process water waste. The board had previously approved applying for this grant.

Office Manager's Report:

The office manager stated that 96 accounts were past due and 2 were still pending.

One new customer was added to the Water District.

Synergy Standby Solutions was hired to repair the generator at Lift Station E.

A new pump will also be installed at Lift Station E, the last station missing a pump.

As stated in New Business, quotes are being solicited to either update or purchase a new generator for Lift Station E.

There was a total of 2,005 backhoe hours recorded.

Bids, Proposals, Contracts:

None

Operational Report:

Mr. Santiago reported that the water quality at the plant has improved and the plant is experiencing a water loss of 10 to 12%. In retrospect, 5 years ago the water loss was at 60%. He also completed and submitted a water survey that was due March 1, 2026. Currently, a plan has also been submitted for a CT Study approval for switching to chlorine dioxide disinfection, this will help in recycling water.

To effectively test the water at the plant, Mr. Santiago is requesting monies to purchase equipment at a cost of between 10 to 20,000 dollars.

It was discussed that whenever an individual tampers with water meters a police report should be initiated and meters will be picked up, and charges will be assessed to the individual committing the crime.

New Business and Review Correspondence:

None

Future Agenda Items:

Quotes for generators

Commercial rates established

Naming the water plant

Approval of an accountant for Audit 2024

Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026, from 5:00 to 8:00PM. Prior to the scheduled meeting the board will hold a workshop to set commercial rates for the district. The regular board meeting will continue after the workshop.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Francisca Campos made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Mr. Moisis Camacho and all board members approved. The meeting adjourned at 6.30 p.m.