

Zapata Co. WCID  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 26, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Zapata County Water Control & Improvement District (Highway 16E) convened on April 26, 2023 at 10:01 a.m. at the office of the District, pursuant to notice duly given as required by law.

1. Call Meeting to Order. A quorum being present, Vice-President Jesse Porras called the meeting to order and presided.
2. Roll Call. Directors present when the meeting was called to order were: Jesse Porras, Jaime A. Gonzalez and Sergio Lozano. Also present were: Mireya Bustamante, Office Manager and Neida Guerra, Office Assistant. Dr. Hildegardo Flores and Ramiro Ramirez, Jr. were absent.
3. Certification of Meeting Notice. It was determined that the notice of the date, place, and time of meeting was posted in accordance with Texas Government Code 551.043.
4. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Jesse Porras led the Board in the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
5. Public Comment Period. Mr. Arthur was present to address the Board in regards to item 13.1 of the Agenda
6. Minutes: The minutes of the March 29, 2023 regular Board meeting were read, reviewed and discussed. The motion was made by Mr. Lozano and seconded by Mr. Gonzalez to approve the minutes. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
7. Salomoneno Booster Station Relocation. This item was tabled for next Regular Board meeting.
8. Salomoneno Loop Project. Consider and take action on purchase of right-of-way. This item tabled for next Regular Board meeting.
9. Field Supervisor's Report. An oral report was given by the office manager and discussed.
10. Attorney's Report. – A report was presented and discussed.
11. District's Engineer's Report. – A report was presented and discussed.
12. District Boundary: A motion was made by Mr. Gonzalez and seconded by Mr. Lozano to approve revisions as presented on condition/ based on the District's attorney review.

13. Requests for Services:
  - 13.1 2,542.94 acre tract, part of Blas Maria Grant. Tabled for next Regular Board meeting.
  - 13.2 3,009.41 acre tract out of the Barrocito Pasture. As the result of a discussion between Mr. Gonzalez (Engineer) and J.J. Benavides (Operator/Supervisor), issues and concerns regarding implementation of this project were brought up. Some included costs and reassurance that we meet or exceed the state's regulatory requirements. Mr. Porras requested they meet and on the next Board meeting, present the Board with a cost/benefit analysis on how we can meet/exceed the state requirements. -This item continued to be tabled for the next Regular Board meeting for further discussion and possible action.
14. Consider and take action on increase of base rate. – This item was discussed and Mr. Porras/ Board requested a rate study to be conducted by Communities Unlimited before considering approval of this item. This item continued to be tabled for the next Regular Board meeting for further discussion and possible approval.
15. Discussion on new customer water rights fee. This item tabled for the next Board meeting.
16. Board of Director's went into Executive Session at 11:33 a.m. to deliberate the following items:
  - 16.1 The temporary wage adjustment for Juan F. Delgado, due to temporary change of position.
  - 16.2 Purchase of water rights

Open Meeting resumed at 11:50 a.m.
17. The following motion was the result of the Board of Director's discussion/ decision during the Executive Session: Juan F. Delgado will be compensated with a one-time payment of \$400.00 for occupying the field supervisor position during his absence. Motion was made by Mr. Gonzalez and seconded by Mr. Lozano.
18. Consider and take action on purchase of additional water rights. No action taken at this time. This item tabled for the next Regular Board meeting.
19. No action was taken on the approval of a signature stamp for banking purposes.
20. Status report on efficiency of master meters and discuss contract. This item tabled for the

next Regular meeting.

21. Financials Reports: The reports for March 2023 were presented, reviewed and discussed.
22. Payable accounts and payroll checks paid for the month of April 2023 were discussed and reviewed. Payments were approved as presented.
23. Communications – None
24. Adjournment: It was noted that the next Regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 12:08 p.m.

5/24/23  
Date Approved

Jesse A. Porras  
Jesse Porras, Vice-President  
Ramiro Ramirez  
Ramiro Ramirez, Secretary