

Zapata Co. WCID
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 24, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Zapata County Water Control & Improvement District (Highway 16E) convened on August 24, 2022 at 10:07 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, Ramiro Ramirez, Jr., Jaime A. Gonzalez, Sergio Lozano, J.J. Benavides, Field Supervisor, Mireya Bustamante, Office Manager and Neida Guerra, Office Assistant. Hildegardo Flores was 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 Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate: Mr. Jesse Porras opened the public hearing at 10:09 a.m. It was noted that the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the August 11, 2022 edition of the Zapata County News and on the District's website. No one appeared. It was noted that the proposed budget requires the tax rate for calendar year 2022 be \$0.38 per \$100 valuation. At 10:12 a.m. the public hearing was declared closed and the regular meeting re-convened.
6. Public Comment Period. No one appeared. No Comment was received in any form prior to the meeting.
7. Minutes:
 - 7.1 The minutes of the July 27, 2022 regular Board meeting were read, reviewed and discussed. The motion was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Lozano to approve minutes as distributed. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
 - 7.2 The minutes for the August 8, 2022 special Board meeting were read, reviewed and discussed. The motion was made by Mr. Gonzalez and seconded by Mr. Lozano to approve minutes as distributed. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
8. Budget: After a review of the budget proposed at the August 8, 2022 meeting, the motion was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Lozano to adopt the budget for the fiscal year that commences on September 1, 2022 and ends on August 31, 2023. Following a dis-

ussion, the motion unanimously carried.

9. Tax Rate: The motion was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Lozano that BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF Zapata County Water Control and Improvement District (Hwy16E) that a tax rate of 0.38/\$100 valuation is adopted for calendar year 2022. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
10. Holiday Schedule. The motion was made by Mr. Lozano and seconded by Mr. Gonzalez that the holiday schedule be adopted for the District's fiscal year that begins with September 1, 2022. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
11. Field Supervisor's Report. Presented and discussed.
12. Attorney's Report. – None
13. District's Engineer's Report. – Presented and discussed.
14. Office Building
 - 14.1 Floor repairs – This Item tabled for next Board meeting
 - 14.2 Parking awning – Construction has not yet commenced.
15. Salomoneno Booster Station Relocation. Tabled for the next Regular Board meeting.
16. District Boundary: Review and approval of revised metes and bounds description of the District was tabled for the next regular Board meeting.
17. Zapata Waterworks. Report on boundary of Zapata County Waterworks service area was tabled for the next regular board meeting.
18. TCEQ Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans. A motion was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Lozano to approve/ adopt the updated District's Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan as presented by Mr. Manuel Gonzalez from Premier Civil Engineering. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
19. Status Report on District's Water Restrictions. Currently The District is following suit with Zapata County waterworks in notifying customers of Stage 4 restrictions, due to critically low water levels in Falcon Lake.
20. Determination of population of District as of September 1, 2022. It was determined that

the population of the district on September 1, 2022 will be substantially less than 500 persons. It was noted that the population of the District being less than 500 persons, Texas Government Code Section 2051.201 applies to the District, and that the District will ONLY publish on the District's website the agendas and minutes for the current calendar year and the prior calendar year.

- 21. Annexation. No annexation petitions were received.
- 22. Water Rate Changes. The District's water rates were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Due to an increase in costs for the District's operations and maintenance, the motion was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Lozano to increase the District's water rates effective November 1, 2022, as follow:

Residential accounts	from \$2.00 per 1,000 gal. to \$2.50 per 1,000 gal.
Commercial Accounts	from \$4.00 per 1,000 gal. to \$6.00 per 1,000 gal.

After a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

- 23. Financials Reports: The reports for July 2022 were presented, reviewed and discussed.
- 24. Payable accounts and payroll checks paid for the month of August 2022 were discussed and reviewed. Payments were approved as presented.
- 25. Communications - None
- 26. Adjournment: It was noted that the next Regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 12:09 ~~a~~.m.

9/28/22
Date Approved

Hildegardo Flores ^{for} Hildegardo Flores
Hildegardo Flores, President
Ramiro Ramirez
Ramiro Ramirez, Secretary