

Zapata Co. WCID
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 24, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Zapata County Water Control & Improvement District (Highway 16E) convened on May 24, 2023 at 10:05 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: Dr. Hildegardo Flores, Jesse Porras, Ramiro Ramirez, Jr., Jaime A. Gonzalez and Sergio Lozano. Also present were: Mireya Bustamante, Office Manager and Neida Guerra, Office Assistant.
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. No one appeared. No comment was received in any form prior to the meeting.
6. Minutes: The minutes of the April 26, 2023 regular Board meeting were read, reviewed and discussed. The motion was made by Mr. Gonzalez and seconded by Mr. Lozano to approve the minutes with minor corrections. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
7. Field Supervisor's Report. An oral report was given by the office manager and discussed.
8. Attorney's Report. – A report was presented and discussed.
9. District Engineer's Report - A report was presented and discussed.
10. Salomoneno Booster Station Relocation. - A status report was given by Manuel Gonzalez (Engineer).
11. Salomoneno Loop Project. Consider and take action on purchase of right-of-way. No action was taken at this time. This item to be discussed at a later Board meeting.
12. District Boundary: Review and approve updated/ revised metes and bounds description of Zapata County WCID as per District attorney's review. Table for next Board meeting.

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 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. Consider and take action on purchase of additional water rights. – This item tabled for the next Regular Board meeting.
17. Status report on efficiency of master meters and discuss contract. – This item tabled for the next Regular meeting.
18. Financials Reports: The reports for March 2023 were presented, reviewed and discussed.
19. Payable accounts and payroll checks paid for the month of April 2023 were discussed and reviewed. Payments were approved as presented.
20. Communications – Manager addressed the Board on their previous decision concerning Juan F. Delgado's temporary wage adjustment being rescinded and to readjust accordingly.

21. Adjournment: It was noted that the next Regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 11:40 a.m.

6/28/23
Date Approved

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