

Zapata Co. WCID
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 27, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Zapata County Water Control & Improvement District (Highway 16E) convened on September 27, 2023 at 10:00 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 Gonzalez and Sergio Lozano. Also present were: Mireya Bustamante, Office Manager, Neida Guerra, Office Assistant and Juan Delgado, Assistant Supervisor/ Operator. Dr. 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 Comment Period. A public was present and addressed the Board in regards to service requests :
 1. Paul Arthur
 2. Rey Segura
 3. Alicia Villarreal
 4. Jose H. Villarreal
 5. Edmundo Garcia
6. Minutes:
 - 6.1 The minutes of the June 28, 2023 regular Board meeting were read, reviewed and discussed. The motion was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Lozano to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2023 regular Board Meeting. The regular Board meetings for July and August 2023 were cancelled due to lack of quorum. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
 - 6.2 The minutes of the August 7, 2023 special Board meeting were read, reviewed and discussed. The motion was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Lozano to approve the minutes for the August 7, 2023 special Board minutes. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
 - 6.3 The minutes of the September 11, 2023 special Board meeting were read, reviewed

and discussed. The motion was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Lozano to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023 special Board meeting. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

7. Field Supervisor's Report. An oral report was given by Juan Delgado and discussed.
8. Attorney's Report. – None
9. District Engineer's Report - A report was presented and discussed.
10. Annexation. Petition of Annexation of Consuelo's Angeles, Ltd. After a final discussion, the Board came to a conclusion that there was not enough capacity for another water meter connection at this location. This service request was denied.
11. Requests for Services:
 - 11.1 2,542.94 acre tract, part of Blas Maria Grant. Tabled for next Regular Board meeting.
 - 11.2 3,009.41 acre tract out of the Barrocito Pasture. As the result of a discussion between Mr. Gonzalez (Engineer) and Juan Delgado (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. Tabled for the next Regular Board meeting for further discussion and possible action.
12. District: Boundary: No action was taken at this time on this item.
13. A motion was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Lozano to authorize the District's engineer (Manuel Gonzalez) to provide cost estimates for La Mota and including the Bustamante booster stations in regards to upgrades of these stations. After a discussion, the motion carried.
14. Motion was made by Mr. Jaime Gonzalez and seconded by Mr. Ramirez to approve the sale of water to Zapata County Waterworks. After a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
15. 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.

16. Status report on efficiency of master meters and discuss contract. – This item tabled for the next Board meeting.
17. Financials Reports: The reports for August 2023 were presented, reviewed and discussed.
18. Payable accounts and payroll checks paid for the month of September 2023 were discussed and reviewed. Payments were approved as presented.
19. Communications – The office Manager addressed the Board with concerns in regards to possible replacement of CPA to conduct District’s annual financial audits, beginning with fiscal year 2023-2024.
20. Adjournment: It was noted that the next Regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 12:00 p.m.

10/25/23
Date Approved

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