

Zapata Co. WCID
Special Board Meeting
Monday, September 11th, 2023

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of Zapata County Water Control & Improvement District (Highway 16E) convened on September 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the District, pursuant to notice duly given as required by law.

1. Vice-President Jesse Porras called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.
2. Present were: Jesse Porras, Ramiro Ramirez, Jr., Sergio Lozano, Mireya Bustamante, Office Manager and Neida Guerra, Office Assistant. Dr. Hildegardo Flores and Jaime Gonzalez were absent on this date.
3. It was noted that notice of this meeting was duly given as required by law.
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 10:01 a.m. It was noted that the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the August 17, 2023 edition of the Zapata County News and on the District's website. It was republished in the September 7, 2023 edition of the Zapata County News and on the District's website due to The August 30, 2023 Regular Board meeting being cancelled. No one appeared. It was noted that the proposed budget requires the tax rate for calendar year 2023 be \$0.38 per \$100 valuation. At 10:06 a.m., the public hearing was declared closed and the regular meeting reconvened.
6. Public Comment Period. No one appeared. No comment was received in any form prior to the meeting.
7. Personnel:
 - 7.1 Wage Administration: The motion was made by Mr. Lozano and seconded by Mr. Ramirez to approve a 7% salary/ cost-of-living increase for the District's employees effective September 15, 2023. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
 - 7.2 Health Insurance: The Board discussed the District employee's health insurance coverage stipend increase. A motion was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Lozano to approve an increase of \$200.00 more per month, a total of \$400.00 monthly per employee. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
8. Budget: After a review of the budget proposed on the August 7, 2023 Special Board meeting, the motion was made by Mr. Lozano and seconded by Mr. Ramirez to adopt the budget for the fiscal year that commences on September 1, 2023 and ends on August 31, 2024, making minor adjustments/ corrections. Following a discussion, the motion inani-

mously carried.

9. Tax Rate: The motion was made by Mr. Lozano and seconded by Mr. Ramirez that BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF Zapata County Water Control and Improvement district (Hwy 16E) that the tax rate of 0.38/\$100 remain the same as the previous calendar year and be adopted for the calendar year 2023. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
10. Holiday Schedule: The motion was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Lozano that the holiday schedule be adopted for the District's fiscal year that begins with September 1, 2023. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
11. Adjournment: It was noted that the next Regular Board meeting will be held on September 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

9/27/23
Date Approved

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