

Zapata Co. WCID
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 25th, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Zapata County Water Control & Improvement District (Highway 16E) convened on August 25th, 2021 at 10:02 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 Jaime A. Gonzalez called the meeting to order and presided.
2. Roll Call. Directors present were Jaime Gonzalez, Ramiro Ramirez, Jr., Sergio Lozano, Jesse Porras, J.J. Benavides, Field Supervisor, Mireya Bustamante, Office Manager and Neida Guerra, Office Assistant. Dr. Hildegarde Flores was not present on this date.
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. Mr. Jaime Gonzalez led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.
5. Public Hearing to Proposed Tax Rate: Mr. Jaime Gonzalez opened the public hearing at 10:03 a.m. It was noted that the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the August 12, 2021 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 2021 be \$0.39 per \$100 valuation. At 10:07 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 for the July 28, 2021 regular Board meeting were read, reviewed and discussed. Motion was made by Mr. Ramirez to approve minutes as distributed. It was seconded by Mr. Lozano. Motion carried.
 - 7.2 The minutes for the August 6, 2021 special meeting were read, reviewed and discussed. Minor corrections were needed. The motion was made by Mr. Lozano and seconded by Mr. Porras to approve the minutes with corrections. Following the discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
8. Budget: After a review of the budget proposed at the August 6, 2021 meeting, the motion was made by Mr. Lozano and seconded by Mr. Porras to adopt the budget for

the fiscal year that commences on September 1, 2021 and ends on August 31, 2022. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

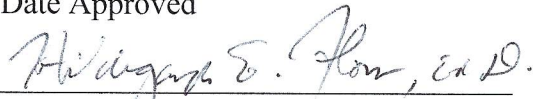
9. Tax Rate: The motion was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Lozano that BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF Zapata County Water Control and Improvement District (Hwy 16 E) that a tax rate of 0.39/ \$100 valuation is adopted for calendar year 2021. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
10. Holiday Schedule. The motion was made by Mr. Porras and seconded by Mr. Lozano that the holiday schedule be adopted for the District's fiscal year that begins with September 1, 2021. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
11. Field Supervisor's Report. Presented and discussed.
12. Attorney's Report. Written report was presented and discussed.
13. Board District Engineer's Report. Verbal report was given and discussed.
14. Ellert Request for Service. A letter was received from Jaime and Connie Garza stating that they relinquish their meter/ slot to Mr. Ellert. The motion was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Lozano to approve service requested by Mr. Ellert, pending on the payment of all required fees and annexation of his property into the District. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried. It was noted that the Garza's had deposit fees for their meter. Upon receipt of Mr. Ellert's payment, the funds (\$1,200.75) deposited by the Garza's will be refunded.
15. Discuss and take action on wholesale water rates agreement with Zapata Co. (Waterworks). This item was tabled for next Board Meeting.
16. Financial reports for July 2021 were presented and reviewed and discussed.
17. Payable Accounts and payroll checks paid for the month of August 2021 were discussed and reviewed. Payments were approved as presented.

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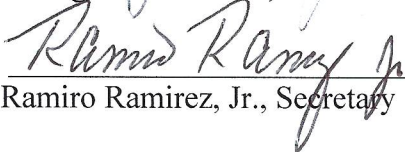
18. Meetings. Moving Board meetings from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. was discussed, whereupon the motion was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Lozano that Board meetings be moved from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., beginning September 2021 Board meeting and that unless a Board member requests the item be placed on the agenda sooner, the issue of whether to reinstate the 10:00 a.m. meeting time shall be on the agenda of the first meeting held in 2022. Following a discussion, the motion unanimously carried.
19. Personnel. Discussion of District's COVID-19 response plan to protect employees was tabled for next Board Meeting.
20. Communications – None
21. Adjournment: It was noted that the next Regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 29th, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 11:38 a.m.

9/29/21

Date Approved



Hildegardo E. Flores, President



Ramiro Ramirez, Jr., Secretary