

RICARDO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2022

Board Members Present:

Baldemar Garcia
Oliver Hinojosa
Frank Escobedo
James Fischer
Robert Zavala, Jr.

Board Members Absent:

Tim Robertson
Robert Garza

Staff Present:

John Marez
Frances De Leon
Jo Ella Wagner
Nigel Gomez

Guests Present:

Monica De La Paz, Kleberg County
Lora Trevino, Kleberg County
J.J. Jimenez, ICE
Charlie Cardenas, ICE

1. Call to Order.

Board President Baldemar Garcia called the Special Meeting of the Ricardo Water Supply Corporation Board of Directors to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. Citizen comments.

Mr. Garcia opened the floor to citizen comments. No comments were made.

3. Accept Memorandum of Understanding between Ricardo Water Supply Corporation and Kleberg County to pursue funding for water infrastructure.

Mr. Marez reported that he recently requested that International Consulting Engineers (ICE) tour RWSC facilities to provide an assessment for future improvement projects. The assessment was conducted free of charge. The firm later contacted Mr. Marez about a potential partnership with Kleberg County to seek a Memorandum of Understanding for a water improvement grant to benefit residents of the Ricardo area. The matching funds requirement for RWSC is between 1% and 10%. He presented the agreement for the Board's consideration and added that legal counsel has reviewed the agreement and stated that the document is satisfactory.

Mr. J.J. Jimenez of ICE informed the Board that Kleberg County can apply for up to \$1,000,000 under this funding opportunity. He believes the application would be scored very high based on the requirements. Kleberg County will be considering the agreement at their commissioner's court meeting on June 27th. Mr. Zavala made a motion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Kleberg County to seek grant funds on the corporation's behalf. Mr. Fischer seconded. All voted in favor.

4. Discussion and action on Kleberg County Human Services Low Income Household Water Assistance Program Agreement.

Mr. Marez introduced Ms. Monica De La Paz and Ms. Lora Trevino representing Kleberg County Human Services to discuss their Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). They explained that the program is designed for assistance up to \$600 per year. Applicants can reapply every 90 days. Once an applicant is approved it takes 45 days maximum for funds to reach the corporation. Mr. Escobedo made a motion to authorize the Board President to enter into the agreement with Kleberg County for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program. Mr. Hinojosa seconded and the motion passed unanimously.


5. Stage 1 Drought Restrictions and notification to customers.

Mr. Marez stated that in response to the City of Corpus Christi entering Stage 1 of their Drought Contingency Plan, STWA notified its customers that Stage 1 of STWA's Drought Contingency Plan was being implemented. Therefore, a notice to RWSC's customers has been drafted outlining the Stage 1 restrictions. He noted that Corpus Christi implemented Stage 1 based on National Weather Service forecast, despite the current total LCC/CCR capacity being at 42%. He asked that the Board formally adopt the restrictions in order to notify the corporation's customers. Mr. Hinojosa made a motion to adopt the Drought Contingency Plan Stage 1 Restrictions, Mr. Escobedo seconded and all voted in favor.

6. Adjournment.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Zavala made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 pm. Mr. Hinojosa seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Frances De Leon
Assistant Secretary