

RICARDO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2024

Board Members Present:

Baldemar Garcia
Robert Garza
Oliver Hinojosa
James Fischer
Tisha Jones

Board Members Absent:

Frank Escobedo
Robert Zavala, Jr.

Staff Present:

John Marez
Frances De Leon
Jo Ella Wagner
Patrick Sendejo

Guests Present:

Charlie Sosa
By Zoom :
Rogelio Rodriguez--Water Finance Exchange

1. Call to Order.

Board President Baldemar Garcia called the Regular 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. Ms. Jones stated that she had been contacted by residents in the Hillcrest neighborhood about above ground spigots in their yards and presented pictures of the spigots.

3. Approval of Minutes.

Ms. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2024 Regular Meeting as presented. Mr. Hinojosa seconded. All voted in favor.

4. Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills.

The following financial reports were presented for Board review and approval:

Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2024

Account Activity for General Account for June 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024

Account Activity for Operations Account for June 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024

Account Activity for Debt Service Account for June 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 06/01/2024 – 06/30/2024 for General Account

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 06/01/2024 – 06/30/2024 for Membership Deposit Account

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 06/01/2024 – 06/30/2024 for USDA Reserve Account

Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2024

Account Activity for General Account for July 1, 2024 to July 31, 2024

Account Activity for Operations Account for July 1, 2024 to July 31, 2024

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Account Activity for Debt Service Account for July 1, 2024 to July 31, 2024

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 07/01/2024 – 07/31/2024 for General Account

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 07/01/2024 – 07/31/2024 for Membership Deposit Account

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 07/01/2024 – 07/31/2024 for USDA Reserve Account

Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2024

Account Activity for General Account for August 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024

Account Activity for Operations Account for August 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 08/01/2024 – 08/31/2024 for General Account

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 08/01/2024 – 08/31/2024 for Membership Deposit Account

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 08/01/2024 – 08/31/2024 for USDA Reserve Account

The following bills were presented for payment:

STWA Invoice S24-106 June 2024 Water Usage, Water Cost and Handling Charge	\$34,027.67
STWA Invoice S24-107 June 2024 General and Administration	\$20,475.65
STWA Invoice S24-111 June 2024 Taps and Repairs	\$ 7,087.36
STWA Invoice S24-118 July 2024 Water Usage, Water Cost and Handling Charge	\$29,379.27
STWA Invoice S24-119 July 2024 General and Administration	\$18,602.51
STWA Invoice S24-123 July 2024 Taps and Repairs	\$ 7,651.73
STWA Invoice S24-127 Stand By Pay Reimbursement for March 28, 2024 through June 26, 2024	\$ 364.59
STWA Invoice S24-129 Quarterly Phone and IT reimbursement for 04/01/24 – 06/30/24	\$ 1,726.33
STWA Invoice S24-141 Supplies and Materials Reimbursement	\$ 241.75
STWA Invoice S24-143 August 2024 Taps and Repairs	\$ 4,185.30

A motion was made by Ms. Jones and seconded by Mr. Garza to approve the Treasurer's Reports and payment of the bills. The motion carried.

5. Water Supply and Development Contract with S & S Kingsville Construction, LLC./Charlie Sosa, for the Best Estates No. 1 Subdivision.

Mr. Charlie Sosa was present at the meeting. Mr. Marez presented the Water Supply and Development Contract with S & S Kingsville Construction, LLC. for development of the Best Estates No. 1 Subdivision. He reported that Mr. Sosa has met the Kleberg County subdivision requirements and has paid the pro rata share of the improvements to the corporation's water system to service the subdivision.

6. Resolution 24-05. Resolution authorizing the Ricardo Water Supply Corporation President to enter into a Water Supply and Development Contract with S & S Kingsville Construction, LLC./Charlie Sosa, Developer, for the Best Estates No. 1 Subdivision.

Mr. Garza made a motion to approve Resolution 24-05 and Mr. Hinojosa seconded. Ms. Jones Abstained. The motion passed.

7. Water Finance Exchange presentation.

Mr. Rogelio Rodriguez of Water Finance Exchange provided an update on the Texas Water Development Board funding application. He said he intends to speak with TWDB for an explanation on why STWA's most recent application was ranked without being invited for funding. TWDB is scheduled to meet on October 17, 2024 and will formally commit funding for the March 2023 State Revolving Fund application. STWA is expected to be awarded approximately \$7,737,207 on behalf of Ricardo Water Supply Corporation and Nueces Water Supply Corporation. Ricardo WSC's portion is \$4,872,640 broken down as \$1,485,000 in loan proceeds and \$3,387,640 loan forgiveness. Nueces WSC's portion is \$2,864,567 with \$875,000 in loan proceeds and \$1,989,567 loan forgiveness. Mr. Rodriguez will continue working with the TWDB to determine a timeline for funding. Additionally Water Finance Exchange is working with STWA and ICE to identify South Texas Water Authority's needs for a new water resource project and will apply to the Bureau of Reclamation for low-cost funding for this project.


8. General Manager's Report.

Mr. Sendejo presented estimates from Maguire Iron for sandblasting and repainting the towers and repairing the hatches. He added that a cathodic protection coating is included and Maquire Iron has worked on other projects for STWA and the Corporations. He also noted that he the TCEQ inspection is expected in January 2025 and the repairs are needed prior to the inspection. Mr. Garcia asked that staff attempt to get one more bid. Mr. Marez reported that RWSC met the deadline for submission of Lead and Copper Service Line Inventory and the Corporation is compliant on the Lead and Copper requirements. He also stated that STWA has been receiving open records requests recently and asked the Board to contact staff before giving out information in response to such requests.

9. Adjournment.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Hinojosa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Mr. Garza seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Frances De Leon
Assistant Secretary