

SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
April 26, 2022
Minutes

Board Members Present:

Brandon Barrera
Patsy Rodgers
Rudy Galvan, Jr.
Frances Garcia
Jose Graveley
Kathleen Lowman
Joe Morales (by Zoom)

Board Members Absent:

Angela Pena
Imelda Garza

Staff Present:

John Marez
Frances De Leon
Jo Ella Wagner
Nigel Gomez
Patrick Sendejo

Guests Present:

None

1. Call to Order.

Mr. Brandon Barrera, Board President, called the Regular Meeting of the STWA Board of Directors to order at 5:31 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. Citizen Comments.

Mr. Barrera opened the floor to citizen's comments. He stated that as a member of the public he wanted to make the board aware of funeral arrangements for Ms. Imelda Garza's father-in-law who passed away recently. No other comments were made.

3. New Board members' oaths of office.

Ms. Wagner administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Barrera and Ms. Garcia who were re-appointed to their current positions on the Board by the Kleberg County Commissioner's Court. She also administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Rodgers who was re-appointed to her current position by the Nueces County Commissioner's Court. Mr. Morales was also re-appointed to his current position and will be administered the Oath of Office at the next meeting he attends in person.

4. Election of officers.

Mr. Graveley made a motion to re-elect the current slate of officers. Ms. Lowman seconded and all voted in favor.

5. Approval of Minutes.

Ms. Lowman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented. Mr. Graveley seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills.

Ms. Wagner explained that due to having to work extensive hours on the RWSC and NWSC audits, she was not able to complete the Treasurer's Report. She presented the following outstanding invoices for Board approval:

• Kevin Kieschnick-NC Tax Assessor	\$ 1,360.36
• Willatt & Flickinger	\$ 1,517.30
• City of Corpus Christi	\$ 90,536.08
• C & S Truck Equipment	\$ 4,857.90
• Fluid Meter Services	\$ 4,500.00

Ms. Lowman made a motion to approve payment of the bills as presented, Ms. Rodgers seconded and all voted in favor.

Ms. Wagner stated that the O&M and CP reports were included in the packet and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Sendejo reported that the CP crew is back to working on the Cathodic Protection project. Ms. Wagner and Mr. Marez reported that the accountant assistant has been helping with some of the accounting duties. Mr. Galvan made a motion to approve the presented reports. Mr. Graveley seconded and all voted in favor.

7. Update on conveyance of section of STWA's 42" waterline to the City of Corpus Christi.

Mr. Marez stated that this item was included on the agenda in case there was information to present by the time of the Board meeting, but he has not received any updates.

8. Nueces County project for construction of Banquete Pump Station to serve the Nueces County Water Control and Improvement District #5 (Banquete) and Nueces Water Supply Corporation – Utility Conveyance Agreement(s) conveying facilities from Nueces County to South Texas Water Authority and Nueces Water Supply Corporation.

Mr. Marez reported that Nueces County's legal department has received STWA's response and is working on the final language which should be completed within a week. Mr. Marez discussed matters pertaining to NCWC&ID#5 which could possibly result in TCEQ becoming involved. He added that at this time, it is too early to tell what will happen but will keep the Board updated on developments.

9. Discussion on increase in Willatt & Flickinger's Legal Assistant Fees.

Mr. Marez stated that he recently received a letter from Willatt & Flickinger which reflected an increase in the legal assistant fees from the current rate of \$115 per hour to \$155 per hour

beginning May 1, 2022. Mr. Galvan stated that STWA should voice their concern over the increase. Mr. Marez noted that other firms in the Austin area charge up to \$220 per hour for these services. Mr. Graveley made a motion to approve the letter, Ms. Garcia seconded and all voted in favor.

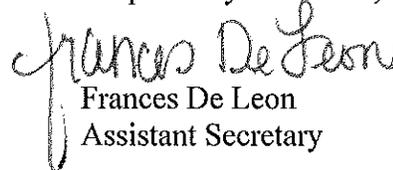
10. Administration Report.

Mr. Marez reported that he and field managers attended the TRWA district meeting earlier in the day and received useful information on the updated Lead and Copper Monitoring. Additionally, the meeting was a good networking tool. He also reported that he and some board members attended the Texas Rural Water Association water conference April 6th - 8th in Austin. The conference was very informative and he encouraged others to attend future conferences if they are able to. He stated that he received information on an apprenticeship program that might be beneficial to STWA. He added that in his opinion at least one additional technician is needed in the field and the apprenticeship program could be a good way to get future employees trained.

11. Adjournment.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Galvan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m. Ms. Lowman seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Frances De Leon
Assistant Secretary