

SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
January 31, 2023
Minutes

Board Members Present:

Jose Graveley
Imelda Garza
Rudy Galvan, Jr.
Frances Garcia
Kathleen Lowman
Joe Morales
Arturo Rodriguez

Board Members Absent:

Angela Pena
Patsy Rodgers

Staff Present:

John Marez
Patrick Sendejo
Jo Ella Wagner
Nigel Gomez

Guests Present:

Rogelio Rodriguez
Water Finance Exchange
Ivan Luna, I.C.E.
J.J. Jimenez, I.C.E.
Margaret Kelley, John Womack &
Co., P.C.
John L. Womack, John Womack &
Co., P.C.

1. Call to Order.

Mr. Jose Graveley, Board President, called the Regular Meeting of the STWA Board of Directors to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. Citizen Comments.

Mr. Graveley opened the floor to citizen's comments. No comments were made.

3. Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Audit.

Ms. Margaret Kelley, John Womack & Co., P.C. reviewed the Fiscal Year 2022 Audit with the Board and reported that all records were in order and the Authority's financial position continued to strengthen. She added that there was nothing negative to report and thanked staff for their work.

4. **Resolution 23-02.** Resolution accepting the Fiscal Year 2022 Audit prepared by John Womack & Co., P.C. of Kingsville, Texas.

Mr. Morales made a motion to approve Resolution 23-02. Mr. Galvan seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

5. Approval of Minutes.

Minutes were not available for presentation.

6. Quarterly Report/Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills.

No Treasurer's Reports were presented.

7. Reports from O&M and CP.

The Board reviewed the O&M and CP reports. Mr. Marez praised field staff for their ability to keep water running during the holidays.

8. Discussion/Action on ARV.

Mr. Marez reported that in late December, the Cathodic Protection crew noticed serious corrosion on an air relief valve on the 42" transmission line in the cul-de-sac area of Hearn Road in Calallen. Clark Pipeline Services was contacted for replacement of the ARV. The job was completed successfully on January 10, 2023. Mr. Marez presented Clark's invoice in the amount of \$23,047.24. Mr. Galvan made a motion to authorize payment of the invoice. Ms. Garza seconded. The motion passed with all directors present voting in favor with the exception of Mr. Graveley who abstained.

9. STWA Master Plan 2023-2027.

Mr. Marez stated that although WFX's services were discussed at the previous meeting, formal action by resolution is needed to proceed. Rogelio Rodriguez of WFX explained that of the 135 communities seeking help, WFX has chosen to work with STWA. He added that a resolution is being presented for approval to demonstrate STWA's commitment to working with WFX. Mr. J.J. Jimenez of I.C.E. explained that a master plan is also needed to serve as a guide for future projects.

10. Resolution 23-03. Resolution entering into agreement to partner with WFX for economic development and infrastructure improvements.

Mr. Galvan made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-03. Ms. Garcia seconded. All voted in favor.

11. Resolution 23-04. Resolution entering into a Professional Services Contract with ICE.

Mr. Galvan made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-04. Ms. Garcia seconded. All voted in favor.

12. Update on conveyance of section of STWA 42" waterline to the City of Corpus Christi.

Mr. Marez stated that STWA management has been in contact with Corpus Christi Water about the future relocation of the meter. There has been discussion on the size of the meter. He explained that currently a 16" meter is in place, but CCW suggests reducing to an 8" meter

which can provide for 10 MGD. STWA's engineers are reviewing the meter size and will assist in determining the correct size. Mr. Marez stated that no Board action is needed at this time.

13. Update on NCWC&ID#5 Wholesale Water Supply Contract and Operation and Maintenance of Facilities Contract.

Mr. Marez stated that STWA has made numerous attempts since 2015 to finalize contracts with NCWC&ID #5; however, progress has not been made. Discussions seem promising at times, but then fall apart until STWA's assistance is needed for water emergencies. STWA continues to assist despite not having a contract in place as a sign of goodwill. He will continue reaching out to the District President. No action was taken by the Board.

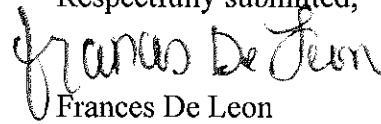
14. Administration Report.

Mr. Marez reported that the newest Field Technician, James Couch, will begin working on February 2nd. He also reported that a pre-bid meeting on the RWSC 14" transmission line replacement was held earlier in the day and the bid should be awarded within a couple of weeks. He reminded the Board about signing up for Rural Water Con if interested.

15. Adjournment.

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Lowman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Ms. Garza seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frances De Leon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Frances De Leon
Assistant Secretary