

SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY
Minutes – Board of Directors Special Meeting
November 12, 2025

Board Members Present:

Jose Graveley
Frances Garcia
Imelda Garza
Daniel Morales
Joe Morales

Board Members Absent:

Tanya Lawhon
Angela Pena
Patsy Rodgers
Arturo Rodriguez

Staff Present:

John Marez
Frances De Leon
August Patroelj
Victor Gutierrez
Clarissa Vargas
Jo Ella Wagner (Zoom)

Guests Present:

Ivan G. Luna, I.C.E.
Mike Villarreal, CML Insight
Jesus Jimenez, I.C.E.
Sergio Luna, I.C.E.
Andrew Mendez
Zoom:
Isaiah Huerta, Estrada-Hinojosa
Greg Szuman, Willatt & Flickinger
Charles Zahn
Dan Martinez
Rogelio Rodriguez(Water Finance Exchange)
Ansar Palakkal, I.C.E.

1. Call to Order.

Mr. Jose Graveley, Board President, called the STWA Board of Directors Special Meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex Law Enforcement Center, 1500 E. King, Kingsville, Texas. A quorum was present.

2. Citizen comments.

Mr. Graveley opened the floor to citizen's comments.

Mr. Mike Villarreal, CML Insight, briefly reviewed the asset management services provided by his company. He explained that the platform includes identifying all STWA assets such as motors and pumps, downloading manufacturer information and conducting relevant research in order to train an artificial intelligence assistant to work with the information. A maintenance program would be created that can be implemented to STWA's crew to assist in keeping warranties valid and maintaining equipment. He asked that STWA contact him and he would provide further information.

Mr. Andrew Mendez, 405 E. Alice, Kingsville, thanked members of the Board for asking questions. He said that the Kenedy Groundwater District has been approached in the past and has said no to groundwater projects. He added that the cost increases to customers would be excessive if rates are increased. He has emailed the district attorney and has pending comments with the Office of the Attorney General questioning if STWA exceeded their statutory authority which could null and void the contract with Seven Seas.

3. Request for Proposals for gate valve assessment.

Mr. Marez stated that no bids were received during the specified time period and said no Board action is required at this time.

4. **Resolution 25-34.** Resolution awarding the bid for gate valve assessment.

Mr. J. Morales moved to table action on the gate valve assessment RFPs. Ms. Garcia seconded. All voted in favor.

5. Bids for purchase of office copier.

Mr. Marez presented four options for a replacement copier ranging in price from \$4,860 for a refurbished machine to \$10,950 for a brand new high-capacity copier.

6. **Resolution 25-36.** Resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of one office copier.

Mr. J. Morales made a motion to award the bid to Ricoh in the amount of \$9,620. Mr. D. Morales seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

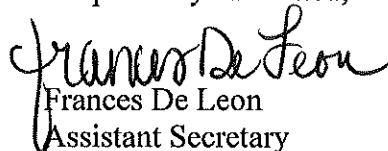
7. Administration Report.

Mr. Marez said that any updates would be provided by email.

8. Adjournment.

Mr. D. Morales made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Ms. Garza seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Frances De Leon
Assistant Secretary