

SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY  
Regular Board of Directors Meeting  
August 1, 2023  
Minutes

Board Members Present:

Jose Graveley  
Imelda Garza  
Frances Garcia  
Kathleen Lowman  
Joe Morales  
Angela Pena  
Arturo Rodriguez

Board Members Absent:

Rudy Galvan, Jr.  
Patsy Rodgers

Staff Present:

John Marez  
Frances De Leon  
Jo Ella Wagner  
Nigel Gomez  
Oscar Ortegon

Guests Present (Via Zoom):

Bill Flickinger, Willatt & Flickinger  
Matthew Speights, Corpro

1. Call to Order.

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

*The order of the agenda was changed to accommodate the guests.*

7. Amendment of South Texas Water Authority and Nueces Water Supply Corporation Water Supply Agreement for new point of delivery.

Mr. Bill Flickinger introduced the Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Water Supply Contract between South Texas Water Authority and Nueces Water Supply Corporation. He explained that Nueces WSC has a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and a potential new customer within that area. The amendment would allow for STWA's 42-inch waterline to be tapped creating an additional point of delivery so that the customer can be billed on the basis of the 8" water meter that will be installed at the location. Mr. Morales questioned two sentences in the document pertaining to responsibility for damages. Mr. Flickinger explained that the first part refers to the water itself and that STWA has ownership before the tap and the water becomes NWSC's after the tap. If something happens to the water, each party is responsible for their own side. The second sentence refers to any damage that occurs during construction.

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Mr. Flickinger added that the amendment is designed to move the project forward since the point of delivery for this tap was not in the contract previously. NWSC will provide service to the customer and STWA will provide water up to the tap.

Mr. Marez noted that NWSC will be considering this amendment at their board meeting on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

8. Resolution 23-17. Resolution adopting amendment to the South Texas Water Authority and Nueces Water Supply Corporation Water Supply Agreement.

Ms. Garza made a motion to approve Resolution 23-17, Mr. Morales seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes.

Ms. Lowman made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting and July 11, 2023 Special Meeting as presented. Ms. Garza seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Operation and Maintenance Reports.

The O&M and CP reports were provided for the Board's review. Mr. Gomez reported that interviews for the Field Technician applicants are continuing through August 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Marez reported that Cathodic Protection Technician Oscar Ortegon has been working with Corpro representatives on providing CP improvements on STWA's 42-inch waterline. Mr. Ortegon explained that the Contract 2 section of line is fragile and is the same section that will serve NWSC's potential large volume customer. Corpro is looking into additional rectifiers to improve the protection on the line. Corpro's representative, Matthew Speights, stated that the plan includes two parts. The design phase includes an assessment from calculations to determine what is needed to protect the Contract 2 section of the line. The other part involves working with ICE to put together a package to protect the entire 42-inch waterline. Mr. Marez stated that a formal proposal will be presented at a future meeting.

5. Approval of Annexation of Certain Lands to the South Texas Water Authority.

- a. Roland Bayardo, Northeast ½ of Lot 29 and the Southwest ½ of Lot 30, Cyndie Park Subdivision, Unit 2 in Nueces County, Texas.

The Public Hearing on the Annexation Petition Roland Bayardo was conducted prior to this meeting.

6. Resolution 23-16. Resolution approving Annexation of Certain Lands to the South Texas Water Authority. (Roland Bayardo).

Mr. Morales made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-16. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rodriguez and passed unanimously.

9. Specifications for minimum requirements for purchase of Compact Track Loader.

The Board reviewed the minimum requirement for a compact track loader. O&M Supervisor Nigel Gomez stated that this type of equipment is needed to utilize various attachments to move items at the office or other locations and to gain access where other heavy equipment cannot be used. Mr. Marez stated that it was approved as part of the FY 23 budget. Ms. Pena made a motion to approve the specifications and authorize requesting bids for a compact track loader. Ms. Garcia seconded and all voted in favor.

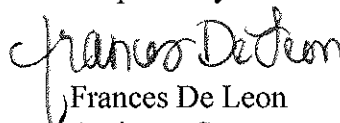
10. Administration Report.

Mr. Marez stated that another Board meeting is scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup> due to delays in receiving information from the appraisal districts. In addition, the Kleberg County Appraisal District ballot for Board of Directors will be included on the August 8<sup>th</sup> agenda. He also reported that he has been in contact with Daniel Morales of King Ranch about acquiring additional property to the west of STWA's current property for a new office space and felt that Mr. Morales appeared interested in presenting the idea to the local vice-president and their corporate office. Mr. Marez stated that this item will also be included either on the August 8th agenda or the following which will be on September 12th.

11. Adjournment.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Morales made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Ms. Garza seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Frances De Leon  
Assistant Secretary