

SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY
Minutes – Regular Board of Directors Meeting
March 19, 2024

Board Members Present:

Jose Graveley
Frances Garcia
Joe Morales
Angela Pena
Patsy Rodgers
Art Rodriguez

Board Members Absent:

Rudy Galvan, Jr
Imelda Garza
Kathleen Lowman

Staff Present:

John Marez
Frances De Leon
Jo Ella Wagner
Patrick Sendejo

Guests Present:

Michael Mintz, EV
Kasy Stinson, Seven Seas
Darrell Brownlow
James Beach, AGS
Maria Lucio
Bette Cranford
Sandra Arizmendi
Rogelio Rodriguez, WFX
Sergio Luna, I.C.E.

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. Ms. Maria Lucio addressed the Board and stated that as a result of the proposed Avina Clean Hydrogen ammonia plant in the Robstown area, she is trying to make herself more aware of water issues.

Ms. Sandra Arizmendi of Robstown also approached the board and stated that she is concerned with Nueces County Water Control and Improvement District #3 agreement to serve the Avina plant next to her residence. She believes the plant poses a health issue and that they will consume a large amount of water.

Ms. Bette Cranford voiced her concerns about Corpus Christi and District #3 pulling vast amounts of water from the Nueces River.

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

6. Discussion of Alternative Water Sources.

Mr. Marez introduced Mr. Michael Mintz of the EV Group who gave a presentation on the Eshelman-Vogt Ranch Brackish Desal Project. He explained that the 3 to 4-year project involves drilling 3000 feet in the Catahoula Aquifer on the EV Ranch in Hebronville and transporting potable water to STWA through a 46-mile pipeline. The water would flow downhill, thereby reducing operating costs. Pressure is expected at 67 psi by arrival at Bishop and 4 psi at Robstown. Participation of other water systems would reduce the cost of the water and STWA would be able to participate in sales revenues. The aquifer water is expected to last at least 100 years.

3. Approval of Minutes.

Ms. Rodgers made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2024 Regular Meeting as presented. Mr. Rodriguez seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

The following reports were presented for the Board's consideration:

- Treasurer's Report for period ending October 31, 2023
- Revenue Fund Income Statement for period ending October 31, 2023
- Tax Fund Income Statement for period ending October 31, 2023
- Special Services Income Statement for period ending October 31, 2023
- STWA Revenue Fund Balance Sheet – October 31, 2023
- STWA Revenue Fund Trial Balance for October, 2023
- STWA Debt Service Fund Income Statement for period ending October 31, 2023
- STWA Debt Service Fund Balance Sheet – October 31, 2023
- STWA Debt Service Fund Trial Balance – October, 2023
- STWA Capital Projects Fund Income Statement for period ending October 31, 2023
- STWA Capital Projects Fund Balance Sheet – October 31, 2023
- STWA Capital Projects Fund Trial Balance – October, 2023
- STWA 2012 Bond Election Report

The following invoices were presented for Board approval:

• Universal Rectifiers, Inc.	\$	4,559.00
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• Raftelis	\$	12,050.00
• Kleberg County Appraisal District	\$	5,922.01
• Nueces County Appraisal District	\$	2,980.00

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills as presented. Ms. Garcia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Operation and Maintenance Reports.

- O&M Report
- CP Update

Mr. Sendejo presented the O&M Report and CP Update. There were no questions from the Board.

7. TRWA 2024 Ballot for Proposed Bylaws Amendment.

Mr. Marez presented the Texas Rural Water Association 2024 Ballot for Proposed Bylaw Amendment. Ms. Rodgers made a motion to vote in favor of the Proposed Bylaws Amendment, Mr. Rodriguez seconded and all voted in favor.

8. Administration Report.

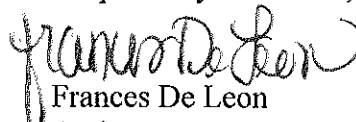
Mr. Marez stated that the water supply contract with the City of Corpus Christi ends in June 2025 and negotiations have included discussions that other water sources are being explored. He added that the April agenda will include an item on the potentially available water sources.

Mr. Marez also reported that STWA's application for Texas Water Development Board funding has been selected for the next round of funding for next year.

9. Adjournment.

Ms. Pena made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Mr. Rodriguez seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Frances De Leon
Assistant Secretary