

SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY
Minutes – Special Board of Directors Meeting
October 14, 2025

Board Members Present:

Jose Graveley
Frances Garcia
Imelda Garza
Daniel Morales
Joe Morales
Angela Pena
Patsy Rodgers (Zoom)
Arturo Rodriguez

Board Members Absent:

Tanya Lawhon

Staff Present:

John Marez
Frances De Leon
August Patroelj

Guests Present:

Ansar Palakkal, I.C.E.
Ivan G. Luna, I.C.E.
Andrew Mendez

1. Call to Order.

Mr. Jose Graveley, Board President, called the Special Meeting of the STWA Board of Directors to order at 12:00 p.m. at the South Texas Water Authority Boardroom, 2302 E. Sage Road, Kingsville, Texas. A quorum was present.

2. Citizen Comments.

Mr. Graveley opened the floor to citizen's comments. Mr. Andrew Mendez, 405 E. Alice, Kingsville, Texas, representing South Texas Water Watch, commented that he has researched STWA's past meetings and reviewed the Board's actions and will continue to monitor and share information with the public. He questioned the Board's decision to enter into an agreement with Seven Seas and said he would continue to monitor the Board's actions.

3. Payment of Bills.

The following outstanding invoices were presented for Board approval:

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| • Charles W. Zahn, Jr., Attorney at Law | \$ 45,900.00 |
| • Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool | \$ 92,765.82 |

Mr. J. Morales made a motion to approve payment of the bills as presented. Ms. Garza seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Request for Proposals: Condition Assessment – 42" Transmission Line.

Mr. Marez stated that an assessment of the Authority's 42" transmission line is necessary whether or not the Board decides to sell water to the City of Corpus Christi. He presented a Request for

Proposals developed by I.C.E for assessing the mechanical fittings on STWA's 42" waterline including 25 air release valves and five gate valves. He said he prefers to follow through with the RFP for transparency reasons and to open up the project for competitive bidding although legal counsel informed him that the RFP is not a requirement. Mr. Ivan Luna, I.C.E., explained that this is for an assessment of the appurtenances only and will be followed up by recommendations from their structural engineers. Mr. Marez added that he was recently notified that STWA qualified for additional state funding and is waiting for the formal award notification which will specify the amount of funding. This funding could be used towards the assessment and follow-up projects to address any infrastructure issues. Mr. J. Morales made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to issue an RFP for the 42-inch Transmission Line Mechanical Condition Assessment in accordance with Texas Local Government Code and Texas Water Code requirements and to return to the Board for contract award once proposals have been received and evaluated. Ms. Garza seconded. All voted in favor.

5. Adjournment.

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Garza moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Mr. Rodriguez seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Frances De Leon
Assistant Secretary