

SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY
Special Board of Directors Meeting
August 6, 2019
Minutes

Board Members Present:

Kathleen Lowman
Brandon Barrera
Rudy Galvan, Jr.
Jose Graveley
Lupita Perez
Patsy Rodgers
Steven Vaughn

Board Members Absent:

Filiberto Treviño

Staff Present:

Carola G. Serrato
Frances De Leon
Jo Ella Wagner

Guests Present:

None

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Kathleen Lowman, Board President, called the Regular Meeting of the STWA Board of Directors to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. Citizen Comments.

Ms. Lowman opened the floor to citizen's comments. No citizen comments were made.

3. Appointment of a committee to negotiate the License Agreement for the Bishop Pump Station Facilities with City of Bishop representatives.

Ms. Serrato stated that although the City of Bishop has not taken formal action, City Secretary Cynthia Contreras informed her that City Council members have suggested a meeting with three City representatives to negotiate solutions to the remaining unresolved provisions of the License Agreement. The City's legal counsel, Gerald Benadum, would attend as well as STWA's legal counsel Bill Flickinger and whichever Board members are selected to represent STWA. Ms. Contreras and Ms. Serrato would also participate. Ms. Lowman stated that she is willing to participate and suggested that Mr. Vaughn attend. Mr. Galvan recommended that Mr. Barrera also attend. Ms. Rodgers made a motion to have Ms. Lowman, Mr. Barrera, Mr. Galvan and Mr. Vaughn serve on the negotiating committee with one person acting as an alternate. Ms. Perez seconded. All voted in favor. Ms. Serrato added that she would suggest using the STWA conference room as a meeting place because it would allow for a suitable seating arrangement. Ms. Serrato informed the Board that Mr. Flickinger has stated he would not agree to attend a meeting by telephone and would only participate in person. He also stated that Mr. Benadum would have to agree in writing to a meeting occurring without him.


4. Consideration of additional taxable value on the 2019 Certified Appraisal Rolls for the Authority's district in Nueces County and Recalculated Truth in Taxation – Effective Tax Rate – Public Hearing Notice.

Ms. Serrato reported that after the July 30th Board meeting, the Nueces County Tax Office Finance Manager provided additional information which included a supplemental value of \$126,788,610. Ms. Serrato explained that although action taken by the Board to approve publishing the Truth in Taxation notice at the July 30th was correct, she consulted with Bill Flickinger due to the large amount of supplemental value. Mr. Flickinger recommended calculating the rates using the added value for presentation to the Board. The added value does not change the Average Home Value but the I&S rate is reduced from \$0.016852/\$100 to \$0.015932/\$100 – a decrease of \$0.00092/\$100. After reviewing the information, Mr. Galvan made a motion to authorize use of the updated figures for publication. Mr. Vaughn seconded. All voted in favor.

5. Adjournment.

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Lowman adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Frances De Leon
Assistant Secretary