

RICARDO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025

Board Members Present:

Baldemar Garcia
Robert Garza
Oliver Hinojosa
Frank Escobedo
James Fischer
Tisha Jones

Board Members Absent:

Robert Zavala, Jr.

Staff Present:

John Marez
Frances De Leon
Jo Ella Wagner
Patrick Sendejo

Guests Present:

Ivan Luna, I.C.E.
Sergio Luna, I.C.E.
Ansar Palakkal, I.C.E.

1. Call to Order.

Board President Baldemar Garcia called the Regular Meeting of the Ricardo Water Supply Corporation Board of Directors to order at 5:38 p.m. at the STWA Boardroom in Kingsville, Texas. A quorum was present.

2. Citizen comments.

Mr. Garcia opened the floor to citizen comments. No comments were made

3. Election of officers.

Mr. Escobedo made a motion to re-elect the current slate of officers. Mr. Hinojosa seconded and all voted in favor.

The slate of officers remains as follows:

President – Baldemar Garcia
Vice-President – Robert Garza
Secretary/Treasurer – Oliver Hinojosa

4. Approval of Minutes.

Mr. Garza made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 Regular Meeting, January 7, 2025 Special Meeting and February 25, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented. Mr. Escobedo seconded. All voted in favor.

5. Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills.

The following financial reports were presented for Board review and approval:

Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2025

Account Activity for General Account for January 1, 2025 to January 31, 2025

Account Activity for Operations Account for January 1, 2025 to January 31, 2025

Account Activity for Debt Service Account for January 1, 2025 to January 31, 2025

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 01/01/2025 – 01/31/2025 for General Account

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 01/01/2025 – 01/31/2025 for Membership Deposit Account

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 01/01/2025 – 01/31/2025 for USDA Reserve Account

Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2025

Account Activity for General Account for February 1, 2025 to February 28, 2025

Account Activity for Operations Account for February 1, 2025 to February 28, 2025

Account Activity for Debt Service Account for February 1, 2025 to February 28, 2025

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 02/01/2025 – 02/28/2025 for General Account

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 02/01/2025 – 02/28/2025 for Membership Deposit Account

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 02/01/2025 – 02/28/2025 for USDA Reserve Account

The following bills were presented for payment:

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| STWA Invoice S25-011 | \$10,069.18 |
| December 2024 Taps and Repairs | |

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| STWA Invoice S25-021 | \$33,278.57 |
| January 2025 Water Usage, Water Cost and Handling Charge | |

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| STWA Invoice S25-022 | \$21,664.83 |
| January 2025 General and Administration | |

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| STWA Invoice S25-026 | \$ 7,146.98 |
| January 2025 Taps and Repairs | |

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| STWA Invoice S25-035 | \$30,763.01 |
| February 2025 Water Usage, Water Cost and Handling Charge | |

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| STWA Invoice S25-036 | \$20,372.21 |
| February 2025 General and Administration | |

A motion was made by Mr. Escobedo and seconded by Mr. Garza to approve the Treasurer's Reports and payment of the bills. The motion carried.

6. Appointment of Credentials Committee.

Ms. Jones made a motion to appoint Mr. Hinojosa, Mr. Escobedo and Mr. Robert Wagner to the Credentials Committee. Mr. Hinojosa seconded and all voted in favor.

7. RWSC Master Plan and TWDB Funding.

- Presentation
- Update on bid process for Pump Station Improvement Projects

Mr. Ivan Luna of International Consulting Engineers (I.C.E.) gave a brief presentation on the Master Plan. He emphasized that the Master Plan is a very powerful tool in securing funding from the Texas Water Development Board. The original Master Plan requires updating since it was composed in 2023 and will be adjusted based on population growth and water demand projections as well as for inclusion of State Water Plan Projects which includes a brackish desalination project in Driscoll and a well water project in Ricardo. Mr. Luna said he expects a 95% draft to be available soon and will forward it to the Board for questions and comments. He added that a 3% cost increase is expected and I.C.E. will respond to the Board's direction. Mr. Garcia stated that his focus is on RWSC projects and he will provide questions after reviewing the 95% draft. He also stated that he was contacted by the Ricardo School superintendent who is interested in having the Yellowjacket logo placed on the water tower at Pump Station #1. Mr. Luna also reviewed the process for locating and permitting a well. No action was taken by the Board.

8. Amended RWSC Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.

Mr. Marez presented an updated Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan for the Board's consideration. He explained the City of Corpus Christi made changes to their plan therefore RWSC's plan was modified to reflect the same changes. He explained that the stages now include Water Shortage Stage, Stage 1-Mild Water Shortage, Stage 2-Moderate Water Shortage, Stage 3-Critical Water Shortage and Water Emergency Stage Levels 1 and 2. South Texas Water Authority and Nueces Water Supply Corporation have approved updated plans.

9. **Resolution 25-03.** Resolution adopting the Amended Ricardo Water Supply Corporation Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.

Mr. Hinojosa made a motion to approve Resolution 25-03 adopting the Amended Ricardo Water Supply Corporation Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan. Mr. Fischer seconded and all voted in favor.

10. Water Supply and Development Contract with Tiffée Holding Company, LLC./William Charlie Tiffée, Developer, for the Brooklyn Estates Subdivision.

Mr. Marez presented the Water Supply and Development Contract with Tiffée Holding Company, LLC./William Charlie Tiffée for the development of the Brooklyn Estates Subdivision. He reported that Mr. Tiffée has met the Kleberg County subdivision requirements and has paid the pro rata share of the improvements to the corporation's water system to service the subdivision. The development is at the intersection of CR 2180 and CR 1060 and will service 17 connections.

11. **Resolution 25-04.** Resolution authorizing the Ricardo Water Supply Corporation President to enter into a Water Supply and Development Contract with Tiffée Holding Company, LLC./William Charlie Tiffée, Developer, for the Brooklyn Estates Subdivision.

Mr. Escobedo made a motion to approve Resolution 25-04 and Ms. Jones seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

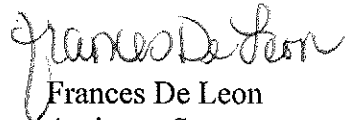
12. **General Manager's Report.**

Mr. Marez reported that South Texas Water Authority will be interviewing applicants for the Finance Manager position on April 15th. He had nothing further to report.

13. **Adjournment.**

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Escobedo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Ms. Jones seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Frances De Leon
Assistant Secretary