


MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, July 12, 2023
 5:30 PM – 6:12 PM
 Board Room



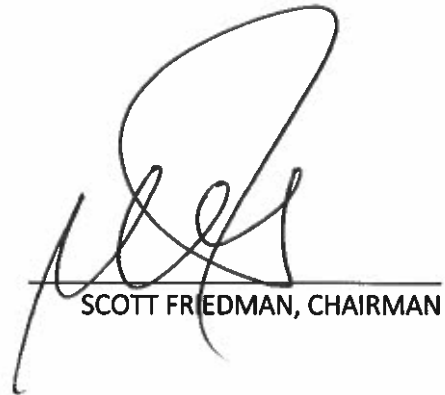
1	<p><u>QUORUM</u> Scott Friedman, Chairman Adam Lalonde, Vice-Chairman William “Bill” Donahue, Director Dave Boughter, Director</p> <p><u>ABSENT</u> Jason Starkey, Secretary</p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF</u> Robert Gomez, Director of Operations Charles Ortiz, District Engineer Eduardo Salazar, Director of Finance Enrique Samaniego, Purchasing Agent Brandon Edge, Information Tech Specialist Santiago Ochoa, IV, Superintendent Wastewater Noe Cantu, Superintendent Water Brian Hansen, Attorney</p> <p style="text-align: right;">virtually through ZOOM</p> <p><u>ABSENT</u> Carlos J. Galvan, Jr., General Manager</p>	
2	<p><u>Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.</u></p> <p>The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and N. Cantu said the Opening Prayer.</p>	
3	<p><u>Invitation to the Audience for Public Comments</u></p> <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E. Salazar thanked the two companies who donated to our employees who were affected by the tornado – Pumps of Houston and Freese and Nichols. • A. Lalonde thanked the District for assisting and helping with the leak in Laguna Vista two weeks ago. 	PUBLIC COMMENTS
4	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval the Minutes for the Regular Meeting from June 14, 2023.</u> <u>(C. Galvan)</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Minutes were approved as presented</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY A. LALONDE. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED

5	<p><u>General Manager's Report</u> 📌</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reservoir Levels - R. Gomez reported on behalf of C. Galvan. Printed copies were handed out at the meeting and attached to the minutes. 	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
6	<p><u>District Engineer's Report</u> 📌</p> <p>Mr. Ortiz reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status of Water Treatment Plant 1 Microfiltration Improvements Status of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project #62963 Application with Texas Water Development Board 	DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT
7	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Construction Materials Testing Services for Water Treatment Plant No. 1 Improvements. (C. Ortiz)</u> 📌</p> <p>Discussion: C. Ortiz noted the requested amount for services for the project is \$167,412.85. Printed copies were handed out at the meeting and attached to the minutes. The Board approved.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY A. LALONDE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
8	<p><u>Director of Finance Report</u> 📌</p> <p>Mr. Salazar reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment Update Auction Results 	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT
9	<p><u>Consider and discuss possible ratification of Payments for Inventory Restock in the Finance Department (E. Samaniego)</u> 📌</p> <p>Discussion: E. Samaniego reported purchases made due to shortages. The Board approved.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY W. DONAHUE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
10	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Decant Pump and Motor Purchase for Water Plant No. 2 Sludge Lagoon (Bid# WP-23-06-01). (E. Samaniego)</u> 📌</p> <p>Discussion: E. Samaniego noted the purchase amount of \$24,792.00. The Board approved</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
11	<p><u>Consider and review Expenditures from June 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023. (C. Galvan)</u> 📌</p> <p>Discussion:</p>	ACKNOWLEDGED EXPENDITURES

	<p>The Board accepted the expenditures as presented</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The expenditures acknowledged by: A. LALONDE, S. FRIEDMAN, D. BOUGHTER, AND W. DONAHUE.</p>	
12	<p><u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u> permitted by the Open Meeting Act, V. T. C. A., Government Code Section 551.001 Et. Seq., under Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney; under Section 551.072, Deliberations about Real Property; under Section 551.074, Personnel Matters: </p> <p>a) <u>Consultation with Attorney on pending or contemplated Litigation to wit: Lisa Cortes concerning personal injury incident in South Padre Island on August 19, 2021 (551.071)</u></p> <p>b) <u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Land Acquisition for the Port Isabel Seawater Desalination Facility (551.072)</u></p> <p>c) <u>Deliberation regarding the Evaluation of District Employee to wit: General Manager (551.074)</u></p> <p><u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u></p> <p>The Chairman entertained to adjourn into EXECUTIVE SESSION as permitted by the Open Meetings Act, VTCA, Government Code Section 551.001 Et Seq., under Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney; under Section 551.072, Deliberations about Real Property; under Section 551.074, Personnel Matters which authorizes the holding of such closed or Executive Session.</p> <p>With a motion by <u>A. Lalonde</u> and seconded by <u>D. Boughter</u>, the Board convened into EXECUTIVE SESSION at <u>5:51 PM</u>.</p> <p>With a move by <u>A. Lalonde</u> and seconded by <u>D. Boughter</u>, EXECUTIVE SESSION ended at <u>6:11 PM</u>. The only matters described were discussed, and the Board took action on item #13.</p>	EXECUTIVE SESSION
13	<p><u>Consideration and action on EXECUTIVE SESSION Item, if necessary.</u></p> <p>a) <u>Consultation with Attorney on pending or contemplated Litigation to wit: Lisa Cortes concerning personal injury incident in South Padre Island on August 19, 2021 (551.071)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY A. L.ALONDE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER. MOTION: APPROVE TO PROCEED AS DIRECTED.</p> <p>b) <u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Land Acquisition for the Port Isabel Seawater Desalination Facility (551.072)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY A. L.ALONDE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER. MOTION: APPROVE TO PROCEED AS DIRECTED.</p> <p>c) <u>Deliberation regarding the Evaluation of District Employee to wit: General Manager (551.074)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</p>	EXECUTIVE SESSION
14	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>There was no further business; the meeting adjourned.</p>	MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:12 PM



William Donahue, Director



SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN



MINUTES APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF JULY 2023.