

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2017
LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the **LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT** was held at the Administration Office of the District at 105 Port Road, Port Isabel, Texas on the **11th day of JANUARY, 2017** at the hour of **5:00 P.M.**, pursuant to written notice as prescribed by law.

ITEM #1 QUORUM

The **CHAIRMAN** called the meeting to order and he determined the Notice of the Meeting had been duly posted in accordance with the law and the following present constituted a quorum:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Scott D. Friedman - Chairman
William Thomas – Vice Chairman
Doyle Wells – Secretary
Jeff Keplinger – Director **ABSENT**
Rick Wells – Director

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Carlos J. Galvan, Jr. – General Manager
Charles Ortiz – District Engineer
Victor Valdez - Director of Operations
Sanjuana Garcia – Director of Finance
Gustavo Ruiz – Attorney

ITEM #2 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The **CHAIRMAN** invited everyone in the audience to stand for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3 INVITATION TO AUDIENCE FOR DISCUSSION

Public comments and announcements are given.

The **CHAIRMAN** asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the **BOARD**. No one responded.

ITEM #4 CONSIDER AND APPROVE MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2016.
(C. GALVAN)

A motion was made by **MR. R. WELLS** to approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 14, 2016, seconded by **MR. D. WELLS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM #5 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- **PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS**

Mr. Galvan reported on the following:

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

- Reviewed list of payroll deductions.
- A complete list of any expenditures (expenses) that are not necessary to the operation of the District will be prepared and presented at a Regular Meeting.

ITEM #6 DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT

- **PORT ISABEL WATERLINES CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS**
- **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS REHABILITATION CONSTRUCTION STATUS**
- **ISLA BLANCA WWTP COMPLIANCE**

Mr. Ortiz reported on the following:

PORT ISABEL WATERLINES CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS- Waterlines down Leal Street and Garcia Street (in the alley) are in place and have been doing the tie-ins. Next week will be moving on to Long Island Village to replace 24-inch pipe section.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS REHABILITATION CONSTRUCTION STATUS- Contract was awarded to Ferguson's for Isla Blanca, Andie Bowie, and Laguna Vista. Still going through submittals. Starting work on Isla Blanca, bases 3 and 4 taken offline and have been drained.

ISLA BLANCA WWTP COMPLIANCE – received a notice of enforcement in December for exceeding permit discharge limits. Mr. Leon Allen, Engineer with Carollo Engineers gave a presentation regarding the hydraulic issues at Isla Blanca WWTP followed by questions and answers. It was noted to schedule a Special Meeting, if necessary.

ITEM #7 DIRECTOR OF OPERATION'S REPORT

- **MONTHLY REPORT**

Mr. Valdez reported on the following for the month of December:

MONTHLY REPORT

- Truck Facility completed and lighting will be done in-house.
- Fleet Management System completed

**ITEM #8 CONSIDER AND REMOVE FROM THE TABLE THE FOLLOWING ITEM Tabled AT
REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 14, 2016:**

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE INDEMNITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORT ISABEL
AND THE LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT REGARDING REQUEST TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN**

**PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT SEWER PLANT
FROM PDD TO INDUSTRIAL H-1 ZONING. (C. ORTIZ)**

A motion was made by **MR. R. WELLS** to remove the item from the table for discussion, seconded by **MR. W. THOMAS**.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM #9 **CONSIDER AND APPROVE INDEMNITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORT
ISABEL AND THE LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT REGARDING REQUEST TO RE-ZONE
CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT
SEWER PLANT FROM PDD TO INDUSTRIAL H-1 ZONING. (C. ORTIZ)**

There was discussion and the Board agreed item would be discussed further in Item #12 under Executive Session. **MR. THOMAS** made a motion for the item to be taken into Executive Session for discussion, seconded by **MR. R. WELLS**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item was discussed in Executive Session (Item #12 and Item #13). The Chairman noted no action taken. **MOTION DIED.**

ITEM #10 **CONSIDER AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION OF PORT ISABEL WASTEWATER TREATMENT
FACILITY MODIFICATIONS (BID NO. WW-16-10-01). (C. ORTIZ)**

Mr. Charles Ortiz noted 4 Bids were received for the Construction of Port Isabel Wastewater Treatment Facility Modifications. Bid documents were opened on December 13, 2016, and submitted to the TWDB. TWDB agreed with awarding the construction contract to CSA Construction, Inc. at the bid amount of \$8,920,000.00, discussion and questions ensued.

A motion was made by **MR. W. THOMAS** to approve award Construction of Port Isabel Wastewater Treatment Facility Modifications (Bid No. WW-16-10-01), seconded by **MR. D. WELLS**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM #11 **CONSIDER AND APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS. (C. GALVAN)**

A motion was made by **MR. W. THOMAS** to approve Disbursements as presented, seconded by **MR. R. WELLS**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM #12 **EXECUTIVE SESSION PERMITTED BY THE OPEN MEETING ACT, V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 551.001 ET. SEQ., UNDER SECTION 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH
ATTORNEY; SECTION 551.072, DELIBERATION ABOUT REAL PROPERTY**

**CONSIDER AND DISCUSS AGREEMENT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE 1985 AGREEMENT
FOR THE RESOLUTION OF POTENTIAL LITIGATION AND CONVEYANCE OF INTERESTS IN REAL
PROPERTY**

A motion was made by **MR. R. WELLS** for the **BOARD** to go into executive session at **5:35 PM**, seconded by **MR. D. WELLS**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #9 will also be discussed in Executive Session.

The Board took a short recess before going into Executive Session.

A motion was made by **MR. R. WELLS** for the **BOARD** to come out of executive session at **6:18 PM**, seconded by **MR. D. WELLS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

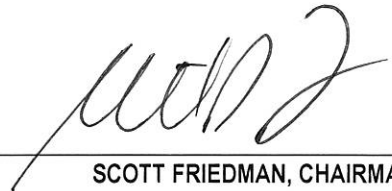
ITEM #13 CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF NECESSARY.

Item #9 was discussed in Executive Session and the Chairman noted no action was taken. **MOTION DIED.**

Item #12 the Chairman noted the Board agreed to continue and proceed as discussed (directed) in Executive Session.

ITEM #14 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the **CHAIRMAN** adjourned the meeting at **6:20 PM.**



SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN



DOYLE WELLS, SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF January 2017.