

MINUTES
Workshop Meeting
Laguna Madre Water District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, August 22, 2018
4:00 PM – 5:01 PM
Board Room

ITEM #1 QUORUM

PRESENT: Chairman, Scott D. Friedman
 Vice Chairman, Rick A. Wells
 Secretary, Doyle Wells
 Director, Herb Houston
 Director, Alex Avalos

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Director of Operations, Robert Gomez
 District Engineer, Charles Ortiz
 Purchasing Agent, Enrique Samaniego
 Director of Finance, Eddie Salazar

ABSENT: General Manager, Carlos J. Galvan, Jr.

ITEM #2 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge Allegiance and an Opening Prayer.

ITEM #3 DISCUSS CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018- 2019. 💧

DISCUSSION:

- Report on changes from the last workshop; the last workshop focused on the general fund:
 - Reviewed changes discussed at the last workshop
 - Revenues include all the recommendations from the rate study (if rates are adopted)
 - Projected revenue 10.3 million dollars (last year 9.7)
 - Wastewater Department Expenditures - \$10,000.00 increase added to odor control. Discussion ensued.
 - Debt Service: Added Scheduled payments: Note and Texas Water Development Board (have not been approved)
 - Added Meter project
- Discussion on the fleet maintenance department's tracking and maintenance program system is down for a month and a half. Working on getting it taken care of
- Capital Projects:

- Port Isabel Wastewater Treatment Modifications, \$1,997,901.50
- Water Plant 2 Residuals Management, \$1,537,000.00
- Water Plant 2 Rapid Mix & Chlorine Regulators (WP1 & 2), \$36,500.00
- Water Valves Replacement in Distribution, \$13,000.00
- Elevated & Ground Tanks Rehab, \$20,000.00
- Water Plant 1 Clearwell Restoration, \$80,000.00
- Elevated & Ground Storage Tanks Rehab, \$20,000.00
- Port Isabel WWTP Buffer Zone Land purchase, \$51,500.00
- LMWD Lift Station Rehabilitation (18 Lift Stations), \$4,043,038.00
- AMI Meter Software, \$2,582,200.00 (Loan pending waiting to hear back from TCEQ)
- Comments from the Public Audience:
 - The items discussed been approved? No.
 - New meter system:
 - Is the new meter system going to provide cost savings/ cost efficiencies? Meters reached life expectancy and needed replacement. Discussion ensued.
 - How many employees is it going to displace? None, system will only be enhanced, easier and safer.
 - Will money be better spent on other expenditures?
 - Will rate change? No.
 - What is the actual cost per unit? \$187.00 per household meter.
 - Are customers charged for the meter? No charge.

ITEM #4

ADJOURNMENT

The Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 5:01 PM.

RICK WELLS, VICE CHAIRMAN

DOYLE WELLS, SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018.

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