


MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, July 10, 2024
 5:30 PM – 6:05 PM
 Board Room
 105 Port Rd. Port Isabel, TX 78578

1	<p>Chairman S. Friedman, with his facilitation, commenced the meeting by establishing a quorum. Four members were present, affirming the meeting’s official status.</p> <p><u>PRESENT</u></p> <p>Scott Friedman, Chairman Adam Lalonde, Vice-Chairman Jason Starkey, Secretary William “Bill” Donahue, Director</p> <p><u>ABSENT</u></p> <p>Dave Boughter, Director</p> <p><u>LMWD STAFF</u></p> <p>Carlos J. Galvan, Jr., General Manager Robert Gomez, Director of Operations Charles Ortiz, District Engineer Eduardo Salazar, Director of Finance Enrique Samaniego, Purchasing Agent Brandon Edge, Information Tech Specialist Noe Cantu, Superintendent of Water Mary Gamboa, Human Resources Santiago Ochoa, IV, Superintendent of Wastewater Brian Hansen, Attorney</p> <p style="text-align: right;">virtually through ZOOM</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"> • No comments from the Audience, Board, or Staff 	PUBLIC COMMENTS
4	<p><u>Consider and discuss the possible approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 26, 2024. (C. Galvan) 🗳️</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved the Minutes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The motion carried unanimously:</u> MOVED BY W. DONAHUE, SECONDED BY J. STARKEY. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED

5	<p><u>General Manager's Report</u> 💧</p> <p>Mr. Galvan reported on:</p> <p><u>Reservoir Levels</u> - The combined storage levels for Amistad and Flacon Lake (copy attached) were 19.1%. The LMWD reservoirs are full. C. Galvan noted that we hope for more rain in the coming days. The District's Drought Management remains in Stage 3 to conserve water. The Drought Management Plan is also being worked on and possibly discussed at a regularly scheduled meeting.</p>	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
6	<p><u>Director of Operation's Report</u></p> <p>Mr. Gomez reported on:</p> <p>Monthly Report – June's comparison to May concerning Service Orders and Call Outs illustrated a decrease in June in the Distribution Department and the Collection and Maintenance Department. The Pre-Treatment and Lift Stations Department also showed a slight decline in June. Mr. Gomez gave a breakdown describing the services performed for each department.</p> <p>Mr. Gomez also gave an update on the two separate water line breaks that affected Laguna Vista, followed by a discussion.</p>	
7	<p><u>District Engineer's Report</u> 💧</p> <p>Mr. Ortiz reported on:</p> <p><u>Texas Water Development Board Project Funding Request for Planning, Acquisition, and Design of a Seawater Desalination Plant</u> - TWDB staff approved LMWD's Project Funding Request to authorize \$10,000,000 in financing from the State Water Implementation Fund for planning, acquiring, and designing a seawater desalination plant project. TWDB Board meeting will be held on July 23, 2024, and Mr. Friedman would like to attend.</p> <p><u>Long Island Village Water and Sewer System Improvements & Financial Agreement</u> – The proposed Construction Contract exceeds the original approved budget. The District will perform an analysis to determine if earned interest from investments will be sufficient to fund the entire project. The Board expressed concern that funding is not proposed for change orders. The District recommends that construction proceed through a BuyBoard proposal with Southern Trenchless Solutions with no change orders. The scope of work to be included in the Contract is sufficient to provide functional water, sewer, and paving improvements that the District can accept upon completion of construction.</p> <p>Mr. Randy Winston with SWG Consulting Engineers gave a PowerPoint presentation on the cost of \$18,992,364.22 for Southern Trenchless Solutions (copy attached).</p>	DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT
8	<p><u>Consider and discuss the possible approval of Financial Reports for May 2024. (E. Salazar)</u> 💧</p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved the financial report for May.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The motion carried unanimously:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOVED BY J. STARKEY, SECONDED BY A. LALONDE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE</p>	MOTION CARRIED

9	<p>Consider and review Expenditures from June 16, 2024, to June 30, 2024. (C. Galvan) </p> <p>Discussion: The Board accepted the expenditures and was acknowledged by all.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The expenditures acknowledged by:</u> A. LALONDE, S. FRIEDMAN, J. STARKEY, and W. DONAHUE.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGED
10	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned.</p>	<p>MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:05 PM</p>



SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN



JASON STARKEY, SECRETARY



MINUTES APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF AUGUST 2024.