

MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, March 27, 2019
 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 Board Room

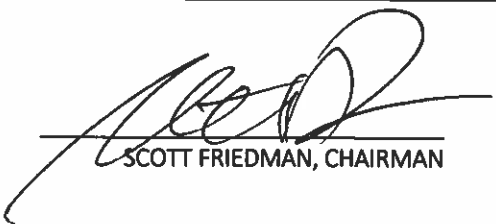
1	<p><u>QUORUM</u></p> <p>PRESENT: Chairman, Scott Friedman Vice Chairman, Herb Houston Secretary, Alex Avalos Director, Adam Lalonde - arrived @ 5:33 PM</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: General Manager, Carlos J. Galvan, Jr. Director of Operations, Robert Gomez District Engineer, Charles Ortiz Purchasing Agent, Enrique Samaniego Director of Finance, Eddie Salazar Interim Attorney, Brian Hansen</p> <p>ABSENT: Director, Jason Starkey</p> <p>Items discussed in the following order: 1,2,3,<u>13,14</u>,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,15</p>	
2	<p><u>INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></p> <p>The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and an 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 	
4	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 13, 2019. (C. GALVAN) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No questions or comments • Minutes approved <p>Moved by A. AVALOS, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Move to approve.</p>	<p>MOTION CARRIED</p>
5	<p><u>GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>AUDIO AND VIDEO UPDATE</u> 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>TEXAS WATER CONFERENCE</u> <p>REPORT: <u>AUDIO AND VIDEO UPDATE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More needed information was gathered • The scope of work completed for RFP's • possibly ready to present at the next meeting <p><u>TEXAS WATER CONFERENCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printed copies of invites handed out to members attending the conference • Board members attending conference encouraged to accept the invites and attend 	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
6	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES FIRM RECOMMENDATION FROM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE (C. GALVAN)</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received seven sealed bids reviewed by Professional Services Committee • Professional Services recommendation: Fryer & Hansen LLC Law Firm • The Board awarded Fryer & Hansen Law Firm as the Legal Counsel for the District <p>Moved by H. HOUSTON, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
7	<p><u>DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE AND POTENTIAL BOND ELECTION</u> <p>REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A possible timeline for November 2019 Bond Election reviewed • Workshop Meeting proposed for April 17, 2019 • Proposed Workshop Meeting too close to May 8th deadline on the timeline, discussion ensued. • Board agreed to schedule a Workshop Meeting on Monday, April 1, 2019, @ 5:30 PM 	ENGINEER'S REPORT
8	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON TARPON AVENUE IN PORT ISABEL, TEXAS. (C. ORTIZ) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board agreed to adopt the revised policy presented through a resolution. • Policy reviewed by Interim Attorney 	

	<p>Moved by H. HOUSTON, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
9	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL AN AMENDMENT OF PODZ HORIZON ODOR CONTROL COVERS FOR ISLA BLANCA AND ANDY BOWIE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES. (C. ORTIZ) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Above item is an amendment to the Purchase Order approved on January 23 • Discussion ensued regarding the current covers installed and currently in use • Recommendation: Take no action and continued working to resolve current issues on the set-up application • It was determined to take no action 	NO ACTION
10	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL MASTER AGREEMENT WITH FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC. AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR LIFT STATION NO. 25 REHABILITATION, SH100 GRAVITY MAIN ROUTE STUDY, AND FORCE MAIN ASSESSMENT. (C. ORTIZ) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lift Station No. 25 has two pumps, one of the pumps burned out in February • Problematic spot. Lots of private lift stations in that area and want to run a gravity main to take out a lot of the private lift stations • Presentation by Charles Kucherka with Freese and Nichols followed by questions and answers • The Board approved Master Agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. <p>Moved by H. HOUSTON, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p> <p>Motion moved.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
11	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR WASTEWATER ENGINEERING. (C. ORTIZ) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since item #10 got approved a budget transfer is needed <p>Moved by A. AVALOS, seconded by H. HOUSTON.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
12	<p><u>CONSIDER AND REVIEW EXPENDITURES FOR MARCH 1 – 15, 2019. (C. GALVAN) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments or questions <p>Expenditures acknowledged by H. HOUSTON and seconded by A. AVALOS.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXPENDITURES

13	<p><u>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; 551.072, DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY.</u></p> <p>A. <u>A STATUS UPDATE BY LEGAL COUNSEL AND CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON EXISTING LITIGATION INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER PLANT NO. 2.</u></p> <p>B. <u>UPDATE ON A LAND SWAP BETWEEN CITY OF PORT ISABEL AND LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT AT LITTLE LEAGUE/MAINTENANCE YARD.</u></p> <p>This item was taken out of order, along with item #14, the items got moved up on the agenda before item #4.</p> <p>H. HOUSTON made a motion for the BOARD to go into executive session at 5:32 PM, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>A. AVALOS made a motion for the BOARD to come out of executive session at 6:03 PM, seconded by H. HOUSTON.</p>	<p>MOTION CARRIED IN SESSION @ 5:32 PM</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED OUT OF SESSION @ 6:03 PM</p>
14	<p><u>CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF NECESSARY.</u></p> <p>This item was taken out of order, along with item #13, the items got moved up on the agenda before item #4.</p> <p>A. <u>A STATUS UPDATE BY LEGAL COUNSEL AND CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON EXISTING LITIGATION INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER PLANT NO. 2.</u></p> <p>Motion: to proceed as directed Moved by A. LALONDE, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p> <p>B. <u>UPDATE ON A LAND SWAP BETWEEN CITY OF PORT ISABEL AND LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT AT LITTLE LEAGUE/MAINTENANCE YARD.</u></p> <p>The CHAIRMAN noted NO ACTION.</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION RESULTS:</p> <p><u>ITEM A</u> MOTION CARRIED</p> <p><u>ITEM B</u> NO ACTION</p>
15	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>The CHAIRMAN adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM</p>	


ALEX AVALOS, SECRETARY


SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL 2019.