


MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, January 22, 2020
 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
 Board Room

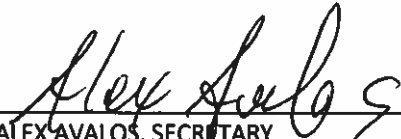
1	<p><u>QUORUM</u></p> <p>PRESENT: Chairman, Scott Friedman Vice-Chairman, Herb Houston Secretary, Alex Avalos Director, Adam Lalonde</p>  <p>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: General Manager, Carlos J. Galvan, Jr. Director of Operations, Robert Gomez District Engineer, Charles Ortiz Purchasing Agent, Enrique Samaniego Director of Finance, Eddie Salazar Attorney, Brian Hansen</p> <p>ABSENT: Director, Jason Starkey</p>	
2	<p><u>INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></p> <p>The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was said earlier at the 4:30 PM Workshop by C. Ortiz</p>	
3	<p><u>INVITATION TO THE AUDIENCE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alicia Baldovinos, from Grant Access, noted a press release went out to the Port Isabel-South Padre Press, and the Coastal Current. The press release is on public information on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board voted to lower the District's Tax rate ○ The meter replacement project ○ The new plans for the bond • Ms. Baldovinos also mentioned she's working on posting the information on the District's social media. 	
4	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 8, 2020. (C. GALVAN) ♣</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board approved the Regular Meeting Minutes as presented • A. Avalos abstained since he was not at the January 8th meeting 	<p>MOTION CARRIED</p>

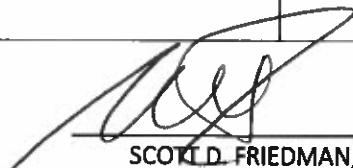
	<p>Moved by H. HOUSTON, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	
5	<p><u>GENERAL MANAGER'S</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>BOND PRESENTATION SCHEDULE</u> • <u>RESCHEDULE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12TH TO FEBRUARY 5TH, 2020</u> <p>REPORT:</p> <p><u>BOND PRESENTATION SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Staff and Bond Committee Members will be giving the presentations listed on the schedule • The District Staff gave their first presentation today at the Long Island Village Homeowners Association Meeting • The next performance is on Friday the 24th at the Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Meeting <p><u>RESCHEDULE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12TH TO FEBRUARY 5TH, 2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reminder that our Regular Meeting from February 12th got moved up to the 5th • Also, there will be a Workshop at 4:30 PM before the Regular Meeting on February 5th 	<p>GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT</p>
6	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE BIDS(S) RECEIVED ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY STRUCK OFF THE CAMERON COUNTY, FOR ITSELF AND OTHER TAXING JURISDICTIONS FROM A TAX RESALE CONDUCTED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019. (C. GALVAN) ♦</u></p> <p><u>LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT7, BLOCK492, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE TO THE CITY OF LAGUNA VISTA, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 13, MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 31-0000-4920-0070-00)</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ariana Curiel with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson presented the item • Ms. Curiel noted the property sold in November 2019 for \$8,900, the amount owed to the District is \$420.12 • The Board agreed to approve <p>Moved by H. HOUSTON, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	<p>MOTION CARRIED</p>
7	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BID(S) RECEIVED ON THE TAX RESALE CONDUCTED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019, FOR THE PROPERTY MENTIONED ABOVE. (C. GALVAN) ♦</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board agreed to approve <p>Moved by H. HOUSTON, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p>	<p>MOTION CARRIED</p>

	Move to approve.	
8	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL BOARD TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE TEXAS WATER 2020 CONFERENCE FROM MARCH 31, 2020, THROUGH APRIL 3, 2020, IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS. (C. GALVAN) ♦</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question- Can you attend part of the conference rather than the full conference? Response – Yes, you can do only part of the conference. • The deadline to register for the conference is March 9, 2020 • The Board approved • S Friedman confirmed to attend <p>Moved by H. HOUSTON, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
9	<p><u>DIRECTOR OF OPERATION’S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>UPDATE ON METER PROJECT ♦</u> • <u>UPDATE ON AEP POLE INSTALLATION CONCERNING OUR WATER LINES</u> <p>REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Monthly Report for December - A decrease in 2019, comparison from 2018 • Update on Meter Project – Meter Changeout completed as of Tuesday the 21st. Printed copies handed out during the meeting. • Update on AEP Pole installation- The Board viewed printed copies of photos showing AEP installing the Poles through a vibration method and what preventive measures were performed to protect the water lines from possible breaks. Discussion and questions ensued regarding the technique of installation, which may be causing harm to the water lines. 	DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT
10	<p><u>DISTRICT ENGINEER’S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>DISCUSS BOND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2020</u> <p>REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Ortiz noted, Bond Counsel, Noel Valdez with McCall Parkhurst & Horton gave the presentation at the Bond Committee Meeting on different scenarios about the use of District Resources being used to advocate for the Bond Election. • The Bond Counsel reviewed the videos and Freese and Nichols PowerPoint Presentation. Mr. Valdez advised what was acceptable for use at the Bond Election Presentations. Discussion and questions followed regarding what is acceptable information. 	DISTRICT ENGINEER’S REPORT

11	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RE-PLAT OF LOT 2, RAUL FLORES SUBDIVISION, INCLUDING THE RELOCATION OF UTILITY EASEMENT AND EXISTING WATERLINE, GRAVITY SEWER, AND FORCE MAIN. (C. ORTIZ) ♣</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This item was deferred to the next meeting on February 5, 2020 • The Board agreed to table this item <p>Moved by A. LALONDE, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p> <p>Move to table.</p>	TABLED
12	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR OCTOBER 2019. (E. SALAZAR) ♣</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Financials got approved as presented <p>Moved by H. HOUSTON, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
13	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 2019. (E. SALAZAR) ♣</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Financials got approved as presented <p>Moved by A. LALONDE, seconded by H. HOUSTON.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
14	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019. (E. SALAZAR) ♣</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Quarterly Investment Report got approved as presented <p>Moved by A. AVALOS, seconded by H. HOUSTON.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
15	<p><u>CONSIDER AND REVIEW EXPENDITURES FROM JANUARY 1, 2020 – JANUARY 15, 2020. (C. GALVAN) ♣</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The expenditures were acknowledged as presented <p>Expenditures acknowledged by H. HOUSTON and A. AVALOS.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXPENDITURES
16	<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:</u></p> <p>a. <u>UPDATE ON A LAND SWAP BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORT ISABEL AND LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT AT LITTLE LEAGUE/MAINTENANCE YARD</u></p> <p>b. <u>UPDATE ON LEGAL MATTERS CONCERNING RATEPAYER'S APPEAL OF THE RAW WATER RATE</u></p> <p>H. HOUSTON made a motion for the BOARD to go into the executive session at 6:05 PM, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>A. LALONDE D withdrew himself before the Executive Session Item B, and departed the meeting, a quorum maintained.</p> <p>A. AVALOS made a motion for the BOARD to get out of the executive session at 6:23 PM, seconded by H. HOUSTON.</p>	<p>MOTION CARRIED IN SESSION @ 6:05 PM</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED OUT OF SESSION @ 6:23 PM</p>
17	<p><u>CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF NECESSARY.</u></p> <p>a. <u>UPDATE ON A LAND SWAP BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORT ISABEL AND LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT AT LITTLE LEAGUE/MAINTENANCE YARD.</u> 💧</p> <p>The CHAIRMAN noted to proceed as directed, no action required</p> <p>c. <u>UPDATE ON LEGAL MATTERS CONCERNING RATEPAYERS APPEAL OF THE RAW WATER RATE</u></p> <p>The CHAIRMAN noted no action.</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION RESULTS:</p> <p>ITEM A: PROCEED AS DIRECTED NO ACTION REQUIRED</p> <p>ITEM B: NO ACTION</p>
18	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>There being no further business the CHAIRMAN adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM</p> <p>Moved by A. AVALOS, seconded by H. HOUSTON.</p>	<p>MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:24 PM</p>


ALEX AVALOS, SECRETARY


SCOTT D. FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.