


MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, August 28, 2019
 5:30 PM – 6:32 PM
 Board Room

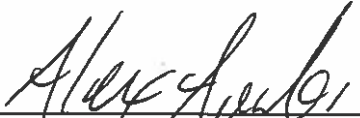
1	<p><u>QUORUM</u></p> <p>PRESENT: Chairman, Scott Friedman Vice-Chairman, Herb Houston Secretary, Alex Avalos Director, Jason Starkey Director, Adam Lalonde</p>  <p>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: General Manager, Carlos J. Galvan, Jr. Director of Operations, Robert Gomez District Engineer, Charles Ortiz Purchasing Agent, Enrique Samaniego Director of Finance, Eddie Salazar Attorney, Brian Hansen</p>	
2	<p><u>PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 – 2020</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one in the audience for the Public Hearing • E. Salazar noted, the notice published in the newspaper had a typo. The tax rate for the current year is .040101/\$100, not .40101/\$100. • How does this affect our deadline? Are we in compliance? Will confirm. • B. Hansen noted if there is time to remedy it and meet all the deadlines its best to republish with correct information. • Cameron County Tax Office deadline is September 13, 2019. 	
3	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE .038821 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 (RESOLUTION NO. 174-08-19). (E. SALAZAR)</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board agreed to table the item • Item deferred to the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 11, 2019 <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by H. HOUSTON.</p> <p>Motion moved to table.</p>	<p><u>TABLED</u></p>

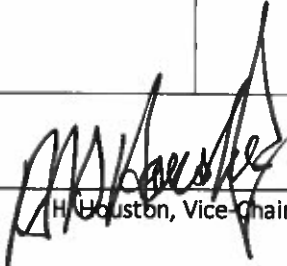
4	<p><u>INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></p> <p>The Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer said earlier at the 4:30 PM Workshop</p>	
5	<p><u>INVITATION TO THE AUDIENCE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Galvan announced, District Employee, Roger Cisneros acquired his "B" License, and Laurence Gonzalez acquired his "D" License • District employee, Joel Lopez, Distribution Manager, on behalf of employees, thanked the Board for being a proactive Board. • How was the Staff function? Beach party was a success 	
6	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING AND REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 14, 2019. (C. GALVAN) 📌</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Meeting Minutes approved • Workshop Meeting Minutes approved <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	<p>MOTION CARRIED</p>
7	<p><u>GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT 📌</u></p> <p><u>HEALTH FAIR</u></p> <p><u>HEALTH INSURANCE FOR DEPENDENTS</u></p> <p>REPORT:</p> <p><u>HEALTH FAIR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey on Health Fair - Successful event • Promoting health and wellness • Different type of events for employees <p><u>HEALTH INSURANCE FOR DEPENDENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report 	<p>GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT</p>
8	<p><u>CONSIDER AND REMOVE FROM THE TABLE THE FOLLOWING ITEM TABLED AT THE REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 14, 2019:</u></p> <p><u>PRESENTATION BY KAREN ELLIS WITH AMI FERGUSON METERS REGARDING THE METER PROJECT CONTRACT WITH LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT.</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item removed from the table for discussion <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p> <p>Motion moved to remove.</p>	<p>MOTION CARRIED</p>

9	<p><u>PRESSENTATION BY KAREN ELLIS WITH AMI FERGUSON METERS REGARDING THE METER PROJECT CONTRACT WITH LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT.</u> 🔹</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation to take no action and bring back at a later date 	NO ACTION
10	<p><u>DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT</u> 🔹</p> <p><u>LIFT STATION REHABILITATION</u></p> <p><u>PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BOND PROJECTS (2020 BOND ELECTION)</u></p> <p>REPORT:</p> <p><u>LIFT STATION REHABILITATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still completing survey • Installing gate valves • Doing an engineering feasibility study • 30% design submitting document to TWDB by October 9th <p><u>PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BOND PROJECTS (2020 BOND ELECTION)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerpoint presentation followed by questions and answers • Discussion on 2020 Bond Election • Update website remove Desal Project ✓ Suggestion: possibly schedule a meeting with Odor Committee Members to evaluate the methods of odor control chemicals. 	DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT
11	<p><u>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT</u> 🔹</p> <p><u>INVESTMENT UPDATE</u></p> <p>REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment Rate declined, Going to invest in additional resources in CD's • 3 CD's matured in August • The maturity for those new CD investments will vary from 6 months to a year • Investment and Financial Advisors suggested selecting some money market accounts for those funds 	DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FINANCE
12	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF REVISED QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT ENDING JUNE 30, 2019. (E. SALAZAR)</u> 🔹</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised because of the revenue bond which closed on June 26, 2019, did not make it into the quarterly report • Board approved the revised report <p>Moved by H. HOUSTON, seconded by J. STARKEY.</p> <p>Motion moved to acknowledge.</p>	MOTION CARRIED

13	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEDIA AFFAIRS CONSULTANT SERVICES FIRM. (E. SALAZAR) ♣</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews held on August 21 • Three firms listed • The professional Services Committee conducted the selection and interview process • Recommendation: Grant Access with the condition that the District has final approval of all communications • Who will be approving the overall communications? Administrative Staff will overlook it together <p>Moved by H. HOUSTON, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p> <p>Motion moved to approve Grant Access.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
14	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF 12-MONTH SUPPLY OF CHEMICALS FOR THE WATER PLANT AND WASTEWATER PLANT. (E. SAMANIEGO) ♣</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff recommending Board approval and award the contracts to all lowest bids • Board approved staff's recommendation <p>Moved by A. AVALOS, seconded by J. STARKEY.</p> <p>Motion moved to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
15	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF 12-MONTH SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR DISTRICT VEHICLES. (E. SAMANIEGO) ♣</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff recommending Board approval and award Arguindegui Oil Co. • New company for the District <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p> <p>Motion moved to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
16	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF 12-MONTH SUPPLY OF ODOR CONTROL CHEMICALS FOR THE WASTEWATER PLANTS AND COLLECTIONS. (E. SAMANIEGO) ♣</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation: EGSW \$145,902.90 • Discussion on Odor Control Chemicals with previous vendors <p>Moved by A. AVALOS, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>Motion moved to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED

17	<p><u>CONSIDER AND REVIEW EXPENDITURES FROM AUGUST 1 – AUGUST 15, 2019. (C. GALVAN)</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comments or questions <p>Expenditures acknowledged by J. STARKEY and seconded by A. AVALOS.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXPENDITURES
18	<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><u>UPDATE ON FEMA RELATED TO HURRICANE DOLLY 2008</u></p> <p>J. STARKEY made a motion for the BOARD to go into executive session at 6:22 PM, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>H. HOUSTON made a motion for the BOARD to get out of executive session at 6:31 PM, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p>	<p>MOTION CARRIED IN SESSION @ 6:22 PM</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED OUT OF SESSION @ 6:31 PM</p>
19	<p><u>CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM, IF NECESSARY.</u></p> <p><u>UPDATE ON FEMA RELATED TO HURRICANE DOLLY 2008</u></p> <p>Motion: to proceed as directed Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by H. HOUSTON.</p>	EXECUTIVE SESSION RESULTS: PROCEED AS DIRECTED
20	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>The CHAIRMAN adjourned the meeting at 6:32 PM</p>	


 Alex Avalos, Secretary


 H. Houston, Vice-Chairman

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019.