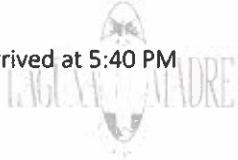



MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, November 8, 2023
 5:30 PM – 6:10 PM
 Board Room

1	<p><u>QUORUM</u> Adam Lalonde, Vice-Chairman Jason Starkey, Secretary William "Bill" Donahue, Director Dave Boughter, Director</p> <p style="text-align: center;">arrived at 5:40 PM </p> <p><u>ABSENT</u> Scott Friedman, Chairman</p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF</u> 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 Santiago Ochoa, IV, Superintendent of Wastewater Noe Cantu, Superintendent of Water Mary Gamboa, Human Resources Manager Brian Hansen, Attorney</p>	
2	<p><u>Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.</u></p> <p>The Secretary, Jason Starkey, began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and C. Galvan 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"> C. Galvan announced and invited Board Members to attend the district veteran's breakfast for the employees who served. The gathering is on November 9 at 9 AM. 	PUBLIC COMMENTS
4	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2023. (C. Galvan)</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved the Minutes as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY W. DONAHUE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER. 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> - C. Galvan handed out printed copies at the meeting of the Brownsville Area Reservoirs monitored water supply. A copy is attached to the minutes. As of today, the levels combined declined to 20.8%. The District’s Drought Management remains in Stage 3.</p> <p><u>2nd Meeting in November</u> – The Board agreed to cancel the second meeting in November because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The next meeting is on December 13, 2023.</p> <p><u>Save the Date – Annual Awards Banquet</u> – The Employee Awards Banquet falls on December 9, 2023. The Dinner is at Pirates Landing Restaurant.</p>	GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT
6	<p><u>Director of Operation’s Report</u> 💧</p> <p>Mr. Gomez reported on:</p> <p><u>Monthly Report</u> –October’s comparison to September illustrated a decrease in the Distribution Department. The Collections Department Services call, and the Pre-Treatment and Lift Station Department increased for October, with a breakdown of each department.</p>	
7	<p><u>District Engineer’s Report</u> 💧</p> <p>Mr. Ortiz reported on:</p> <p><u>Status of \$26,335,000 UNLIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2022</u> – The remaining balance of \$1,458,101.72 includes earned interest</p> <p><u>Laguna Madre Desalination Intake and Industrial Discharge Modelling Study Update</u> – The US Army Corps of Engineers gave their final technical presentation on 10/31/2023. The final report is pending completion.</p> <p><u>WaterSMART: Water Recycling and Desalination Planning Funding for FY2023 for Port Isabel Seawater Desalination Treatment on Facility</u>- Isaac Huacuja, PE, CFM, Team leader of the Water Team from Garver, gave an update on the project. Yuliana Porras Mendoza, Water Practice Leader, reported on the application and details of the funding. Followed by questions and answers</p> <p><u>Professional Services Committee meeting on December 7, 2023, at 9 AM to discuss the RFQ’s</u></p>	DISTRICT ENGINEER’S REPORT
8	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Petition for Annexation of 87.29 Acres of Land to Laguna Madre Water District from Shores Development, Inc. and Padre Shores II, LLC.</u></p> <p>(C. Ortiz) 💧</p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY A. LALONDE, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
9	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of setting date for public hearing on petition for annexation of The Shores Islands Development to be held on December 13, 2023, at 5:30</u></p>	MOTION CARRIED

	<p><u>PM and subsequently consider Order Adding Land for approval at the regular meeting following the public hearing. (C Ortiz)</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board public hearing is to be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY A. LALONDE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	
10	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Change Order No. 1 with Ferguson Service Systems, Inc. for Water System Improvements – Water Plant 1, Emergency Repairs. (C. Ortiz)</u></p> <p>Discussion: C. Ortiz noted the proposed scope of work to repair the Isla Blanca WWTP Clarifier will not exceed \$92,020</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY A. LALONDE, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
11	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Assignment of Agreement for Delivery and Sale of Effluent Water to The Friends of the Laguna Atascosa Wildlife Refuge. (C. Ortiz)</u></p> <p>Discussion: C. Ortiz noted that the agreement has gone through legal review and looks appropriate for approval. The Board agreed and approved the agreement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY A. LALONDE. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
12	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Quarterly Investment Report ending September 30, 2023. (E. Salazar)</u></p> <p>Discussion: E. Salazar reported on the current investments for the last quarter. The Board approved as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY A. LALONDE, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
13	<p><u>Consider and review Expenditures from October 16, 2023, to October 31, 2023. (C. Galvan)</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board accepted the expenditures as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The expenditures acknowledged by: D. BOUGHTER, A. LALONDE, W. DONAHUE, and J. STARKEY.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGED
14	<p><u>Consider and remove from the table the following EXECUTIVE SESSION item tabled at the Regular Meeting on October 25, 2023:</u></p>	MOTION CARRIED

	<p><u>Deliberation regarding the Evaluation of District Employee to wit: General Manager (551.074)</u></p> <p>Discussion: The item was removed from the table</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY A. LALONDE, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE. MOTION: REMOVE FROM THE TABLE.</p>	
17	<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; under Section 551.072, Deliberation about Real Property; under Section 551.074, Personnel Matters:</u> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Deliberation regarding the Evaluation of District Employee to wit: General Manager. (551.074)</u> <p>Discussion: No executive session or discussion. The Board tabled the item.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY A. LALONDE. MOTION: TABLE.</p>	EXECUTIVE SESSION
18	<p>Consideration and action on EXECUTIVE SESSION Item, if necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Deliberation regarding the Evaluation of District Employee to wit: General Manager. (551.074)</u> <p>Discussion: No executive session or discussion. The Board tabled the item.</p>	EXECUTIVE SESSION
19	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned.</p>	MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:10 PM



ADAM LALONDE - VICE-CHAIRMAN



JASON STARKEY, SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.