

MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, August 9, 2023
 5:30 PM – 5:59 PM
 Board Room



1	<p><u>QUORUM</u> Scott Friedman, Chairman Jason Starkey, Secretary Adam Lalonde, Vice-Chairman William "Bill" Donahue, Director</p> <p><u>ABSENT</u> Dave Boughter, Director</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 Brian Hansen, Attorney</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Virtually through ZOOM</p>	
2	<p><u>Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.</u></p> <p>The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and E. Salazar 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 one responded 	PUBLIC COMMENTS
4	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval the Minutes for the Regular Meeting from July 26, 2023.</u> (C. Galvan) </p> <p>Discussion: The Minutes were approved as presented</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY W. DONAHUE, SECONDED BY A. LALONDE. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
5	<p><u>General Manager's Report</u> </p> <p>Mr. Galvan reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reservoir Levels - C. Galvan handed out printed copies at the meeting of the Brownsville Area Reservoirs monitored water supply. A copy is attached to the minutes. The reservoirs were 24.8% full on August 9, 2023. C. Galvan noted that as of Monday, August 7, it was 25%; the next 	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

	<p>step is to wait until 30 days, and the District will implement changes to the drought management procedures. We will continue to monitor. If it goes up, there are no changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Galvan invited the Board and encouraged them to attend the South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Luncheon, on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 11:30 AM, at Margaritaville Beach Resort. Speakers at the luncheon are Senator Morgan LaMantia and Representative Janie Lopez. 	
6	<p><u>Director of Operation's Report</u> 📌</p> <p>Mr. Gomez gave an update for July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Report – July's report illustrated a minor increase in most departments and gave a breakdown of each department. 	DIRECTOR OF OPERATION'S REPORT
7	<p><u>District Engineer's Report</u> 📌</p> <p>Mr. Ortiz reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change Order Request for the next meeting on August 23 for possible approval of Emergency Ratification of Change Order #2 with Pall Corporation for Furnishing Membrane Filtration Equipment for Water Treatment Plant No. 1. Total increase of \$890,678.83. Discussion ensued. 	DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT
8	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Resolution No. 202-08-2023 Amending the District's Policy Governing the Annexation of Land to the Laguna Madre Water District and the Furnishing of Water and Sewer Service to Annexed Land. (C. Ortiz)</u> 📌</p> <p>Discussion: C. Ortiz noted Attorney reviewed the amendment to the Policy and mentioned an increase in the water rights fee from \$3,000 to \$3,500. The Board agreed and approved.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY J. STARKEY, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
9	<p><u>Director of Finance Report</u></p> <p>Mr. Salazar reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule a Budget Committee Meeting with William Donahue and Adam Lalonde – Mr. Lalonde noted he's unavailable until after August 21. Mr. Donahue is out of town until August 27- The meeting was unresolved for a scheduled date. • Schedule a Budget Workshop – The Workshop meeting has an undetermined scheduled date. • Insurance Committee Meeting (Scott Friedman and William Donahue) – The meeting date is unascertained. 	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT
10	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of the proposed tax rate for Laguna Madre Water District and Long Island Village Designated Area to be published in the notice of a public hearing to be held on August 23, 2023, at 5:30 PM and subsequently adopt the tax rate at the regular meeting following the public hearing. (E Salazar)</u> 📌</p>	MOTION CARRIED

	<p>Discussion: E. Salazar noted the proposed Tax Rate for Laguna Madre Water District is .056380, and the new tax rate for Long Island Village Designated Area is .563076.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROLLCALL VOTE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FOR the proposal: Jason Starkey, Scott Friedman, Adam Lalonde, and William Donahue ○ AGAINST the proposal: NONE ○ PRESENT and not voting: NONE ○ ABSENT: David Boughter <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOVED BY J. STARKEY, SECONDED BY S. FRIEDMAN.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE BOTH PROPOSED TAX RATES - FOR LONG ISLAND VILLAGE DESIGNATED AREA AND LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT.</p>	
11	<p>Consider and review <u>Expenditures from July 15, 2023, to July 31, 2023.</u> (C. Galvan) 💧</p> <p>Discussion: The Board accepted the expenditures as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The expenditures acknowledged by:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A. LALONDE, S. FRIEDMAN, J. STARKEY, AND W. DONAHUE.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGED EXPENDITURES
12	<p>Consider and remove from the table the following <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u> item tabled at the Regular Meeting on July 26, 2023:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Deliberation regarding the Evaluation of District Employee to wit: General Manager (551.074)</p> <p>DISCUSSION: The Board chose not to discuss this item. The item remained tabled.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO ACTION</p>	NO ACTION
13	<p><u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u> 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 551.074, Personnel Matters: 💧</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Deliberation regarding the Evaluation of District Employee to wit: General Manager (551.074)</u> <p><u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u></p> <p>The Board chose not to discuss this item since there was no full quorum.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO ACTION</p>	EXECUTIVE SESSION NO ACTION
14	<p>Consideration and action on <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u> 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 style="text-align: center;">NO ACTION</p>	EXECUTIVE SESSION NO ACTION
17	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>There was no further business; the meeting adjourned.</p>	MEETING ADJOURNED @ 5:59 PM



SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN



JASON STARKEY, SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 23RD DAY OF AUGUST 2023.