


**MINUTES**  
 Regular Meeting  
 Laguna Madre Water District  
 Board of Directors  
 Tuesday, November 23, 2021  
 5:30 PM – 5:54 PM  
 Board Room

1	<p><b><u>QUORUM</u></b></p> <p><b>PRESENT:</b>          Vice-Chairman, Adam Lalonde      arrived at 5:37 PM          Secretary, Jason Starkey          Director, William "Bill" Donahue          Director, Dave Boughter</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>          Chairman, Scott Friedman</p> <p><b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:</u></b>          General Manager, Carlos J. Galvan, Jr.          Director of Operations, Robert Gomez          District Engineer, Charles Ortiz          Director of Finance, Eduardo Salazar          Purchasing Agent, Enrique Samaniego          Information Tech Specialist, Orlando Huerta          Attorney, Brian Hansen</p>	
2	<p><b><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION</u></b></p> <p>The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and C. Galvan said the Opening Prayer</p>	
3	<p><b><u>INVITATION TO THE AUDIENCE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></b></p> <p><b>COMMENTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C. Galvan announced and invited the Board to the District's Employee Awards Banquet on Saturday, December 11, 2021</li> </ul>	<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>
4	<p><b><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FROM NOVEMBER 10, 2021. (C. GALVAN) 💧</u></b></p> <p><b>DISCUSSION:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board approved the Minutes as presented</li> </ul> <p>Moved by W. DONAHUE, seconded by D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p><b>Motion: Move to approve.</b></p>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
5	<p><b><u>GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT 💧</u></b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. <b><u>2020 BONDS UPDATE</u></b></p>	<b>GENERAL MANAGER'S</b>

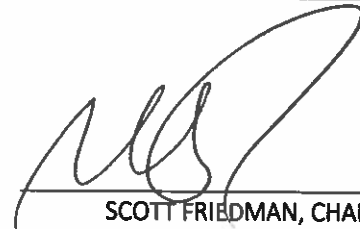
	<p><b>b. <u>RESERVOIR LEVELS</u></b></p> <p><b>REPORT:</b></p> <p><u>2020 BONDS UPDATE</u> - C. Galvan reported updating the cities and entities with District Staff. So far, attended the meetings and provided an update at Long Island Village, the City of South Padre Island, and the Town of Laguna Vista. Sometime next week planning on attending the City of Port Isabel meeting.</p> <p><u>RESERVOIR LEVELS</u> - The reservoir and lakes levels are at 36.9%. The District's Conservation Measures remain in place. If levels drop below 25%, mandatory management falls into place.</p>	<b>REPORT</b>
6	<p><b><u>DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>ISLA BLANCA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPAIRS</u></li> <li>• <u>LONG ISLAND VILLAGE WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS</u></li> </ul> <p><b>REPORT:</b></p> <p><u>ISLA BLANCA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPAIRS</u> - C. Ortiz reported ongoing repairs for Isla Blanca Wastewater Treatment Plant. The clarifier is back online and working well—the total cost was \$49,770 leaving a credit of \$14,100.</p> <p>Blow room improvements were not part of the work description, and there's money budgeted in the sewer infrastructure plan that can be allocated for the improvements.</p> <p><u>LONG ISLAND VILLAGE WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS</u> – C. Ortiz noted the project is pending funding.</p>	<b>DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT</b>
7	<p><b><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR LAGUNA BLVD, CAUSEWAY BYPASS, AND VALVE UPGRADE (BID # DI-21-11-01. (C. ORTIZ)</u></b></p> <p><b>DISCUSSION:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C. Ortiz recommended approval on the lower bid out the two received. The lowest bid was from Cornett Construction for \$2,493,804.00</li> <li>• Board approved</li> </ul> <p>Moved by A. LALONDE, seconded by D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>Motion: Move to accept the Cornett Bid.</p>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
8	<p><b><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR ISLA BLANCA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BLOWER ROOM IMPROVEMENTS. (C. ORTIZ)</u></b></p> <p><b>DISCUSSION:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C. Ortiz recommended approval and noted the proposal from Square E Engineering is in line with the repairs requested, and the estimate to complete these services is \$65,995.00</li> <li>• Board approved</li> </ul>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>

	<p>Moved by W. DONAHUE, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p><b>Motion: Move to approve.</b></p>	
9	<p><b><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE PURCHASE OF MOBILE STANDBY PUMP FOR LIFT STATION DEPARTMENT (E. SAMANIEGO)</u></b></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E. Samaniego recommended approval and awarding the Precision Pump System contract to purchase one 4X4 mobile standby pump for \$50,484.</li> <li>Board approved</li> </ul> <p>Moved by W. DONAHUE, seconded by D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p><b>Motion: Move to approve.</b></p>	
10	<p><b><u>CONSIDER AND REVIEW EXPENDITURES FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2021, TO NOVEMBER 15, 2021. (C. GALVAN)</u></b></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board accepted the expenditures as presented</li> </ul> <p>Expenditures acknowledged by LALONDE, D. BOUGHTER, AND W. DONAHUE.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXPENDITURES
11	<p><b><u>CONSIDER AND REMOVE FROM THE TABLE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM Tabled AT THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 27, 2021:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>DELIBERATION REGARDING THE EVALUATION OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEE TO WIT: GENERAL MANAGER</u></b></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board removed the item from the table for discussion</li> <li>The Board agreed to wait for an entire Board to be present and to remain tabled till the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 23, 2021</li> </ul> <p>Moved by A. LALONDE, seconded by D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p><b>Motion: Move to remove.</b></p>	MOTION CARRIED
12	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE SESSION PERMITTED BY THE OPEN MEETING ACT, V. T. C. A., GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.001 ET. SEQ., UNDER SECTION 551.071 (1) (A), CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; UNDER SECTION 551.074, PERSONNEL MATTERS:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>DELIBERATION REGARDING THE EVALUATION OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEE TO WIT: GENERAL MANAGER</u></b></p>	NO ACTION

	This item was not discussed; see above item (item 11) for more information.	
13	<b>CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF NECESSARY.</b>  This item was not discussed; see above item (item 11) for more information.	NO ACTION
14	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>  There being no further business, the <b>SECRETARY</b> adjourned the meeting at <b>5:54 PM.</b>	MEETING ADJOURNED @ 5:54 PM



JASON STARKEY, SECRETARY



SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN



MINUTES APPROVED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.