





MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, October 13, 2021
 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 Board Room

1	<p><u>QUORUM</u></p> <p>PRESENT: Chairman, Scott Friedman Secretary, Jason Starkey Director, William "Bill" Donahue Director, Dave Boughter</p> <p>ABSENT: Vice-Chairman, Adam Lalonde</p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:</u> 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> <p>ABSENT:</p>	 <p>arrived at 5:34 PM</p>	
2	<p><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION</u></p> <p>The meeting began 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 noted issues at Water Plant 2. Electrical problems at the Water Plant Station. 		PUBLIC COMMENTS
4	<p><u>POINT ISABEL BOND ISD ELECTION 2021 PRESENTATION, PRESENTED BY POINT ISABEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presentation was given by PISD Superintendent Theresa Capistran, Christy Gonzalez, Finance Department, and School Board Members: Cecilia Castillo and Alicia Baldovinos, followed by questions and answers. The following points were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Point Isabel ISD Bond Election \$42.5 Million for School Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposition A: \$26,965,000 ▪ Proposition B: \$3,035,000 ▪ Proposition C: \$12,500,000 ○ No Change to the Tax Rate – No Tax Rate Increase 		PRESENTATION

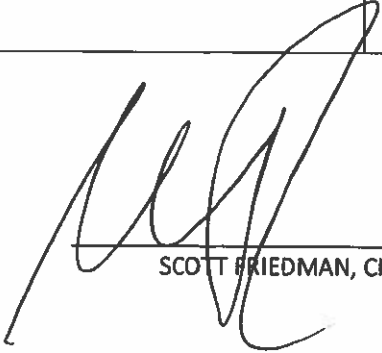
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Early Voting: October 18-29, 2021 o Election Day: November 2, 2021 	
5	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FROM SEPTEMBER 22, 2021. (C. GALVAN) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board approved the Minutes as presented <p>Moved by W. DONAHUE, seconded by D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
6	<p><u>GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT 💧</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>UPCOMING CONFERENCES</u> b. <u>RESERVOIR LEVELS</u> <p>REPORT:</p> <p><u>UPCOMING CONFERENCES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6TH Annual Water & Wastewater Regional Conference – February 23 & 24, 2022, Eagle Pass, Texas • Texas Water 2022- April 4-7, 2022, San Antonio, Texas <p>C. Galvan noted if any Board of Director is interested in attending to contact the office.</p> <p><u>RESERVOIR LEVELS</u> - The reservoir and lakes level are at 37.4%. The levels are still going down, hoping for some rain.</p>	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
7	<p><u>DIRECTOR OF OPERATION'S REPORT 💧</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>MONTHLY REPORT</u> <p>REPORT: R. Gomez reported on the Service Orders/Callouts, September 2021 compared to September 2020; the comparison mostly showed an overall increase for Distribution Department and a decrease in Collection Department; and the Pretreatment and Lift Stations comparison had fewer service orders in 2021.</p>	DIRECTOR OF OPERATION'S REPORT
8	<p><u>DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT 💧</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>PROPOSITION A STATUS REPORT – WATERWORKS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS</u> <p>REPORT:</p> <p>Design schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 2021- Complete Funding Application • November 2021 – District Requests TCEQ 45-Day Expedited Bond Application Review • February 2022- Schedule Closing for Bond Proceeds • September 2022 – Complete Design • June 2024 – Complete Construction 	DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT

9	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH US CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR LAGUNA MADRE DESALINATION INTAKE AND INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGE MODELING STUDY. (C. ORTIZ)</u> 💧</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Ortiz recommending approval of the Study • Estimate Cost \$65,000 • The Board agreed and approved <p>Moved by W. DONAHUE, seconded by J. STARKEY.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
10	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM TETRA TECH FOR SEAWATER DESALINATION FACILITY CORMIX STUDY. (C. ORTIZ)</u> 💧</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This proposal is from the Consulting Firm supports the Corps Study • Price Proposal \$61,910 • Board approved the proposal from Tetra Tech for the Seawater Desalination Facility Cormix Study <p>Moved by D. BOUGHTER, seconded by J. STARKEY.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
11	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR ASPHALT PAVING AND REPAIR PROJECTS. (E. SAMANIEGO)</u> 💧</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E. Samaniego noted the District advertised and received three quotes • Staff recommended awarding the contract to G & T Paving for the annual asphalt paving and repair services • The Board agreed and approved <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
12	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL PURCHASE OF SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR LIFT STATION 19. (E. SAMANIEGO)</u> 💧</p>	MOTION CARRIED

	<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff recommended awarding the contract to Precision Pump Systems for the purchase of one submersible pump for \$31,075.33 <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by W. DONAHUE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	
13	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF BACKHOE LOADER FOR COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT (E. SAMANIEGO)</u> 💧</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E Samaniego noted the purchase is a Buy board Contract item and recommended awarding the purchase of a Backhoe loader tractor to Doggett for \$125,696.20 <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
14	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL PURCHASE DUMP TRUCK FOR COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT (E. SAMANIEGO)</u> 💧</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Samaniego noted that the District's dump truck is over 20 years old, and the frame and chassis are rusted out Recommended awarding the purchase of a dump truck to Rush Truck Center for \$109,000.00 <p>Moved by W. DONAHUE, seconded by J. STARKEY.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
15	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2021. (E. SALAZAR)</u> 💧</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Salazar noted although revenues are sided down due to the water restrictions, all the revenues are in line, and projections are ahead of schedule with the tap fees The Board agreed and acknowledged <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by W. DONAHUE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED

16	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 OF THE LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT (RESOLUTION NO. 190-10-2021 (E. SALAZAR))</u> </p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual adoption of the Investment Policy • Minor changes, mostly verbiage. Nothing significant on the policy was changed • The Board approved and adopted the Investment Policy for 2021-2022 <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by W. DONAHUE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
17	<p><u>CONSIDER AND REVIEW EXPENDITURES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2021, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021. (C. GALVAN)</u> </p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board accepted the expenditures as presented <p>Expenditures acknowledged by J. STARKEY, D. BOUGHTER, and W. DONAHUE.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXPENDITURES
18	<p><u>CONSIDER AND REMOVE FROM THE TABLE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM Tabled AT THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2021:</u></p> <p><u>DELIBERATION REGARDING THE EVALUATION OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEE TO WIT: GENERAL MANAGER</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board took no action, and it remains tabled until the entire Board is present; the item got deferred to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 27, 2021. 	NO ACTION
19	<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 (1) (A), CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; UNDER SECTION 551.074, PERSONNEL MATTERS:</u> </p> <p><u>DELIBERATION REGARDING THE EVALUATION OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEE TO WIT: GENERAL MANAGER</u></p> <p>This item was not discussed; see above item (item 18) for more information.</p>	NO ACTION
20	<p><u>CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF NECESSARY.</u></p> <p>This item was not discussed; see above item (item 18) for more information.</p>	NO ACTION

21	ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the CHAIRMAN adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.	MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:30 PM
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SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN



JASON FARREY, SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.