



MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, August 14, 2019
 5:30 PM – 7:16 PM
 Board Room

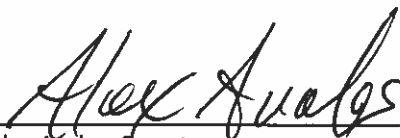
1	<p><u>QUORUM</u></p> <p>PRESENT: Chairman, Scott Friedman Vice-Chairman, Herb Houston Secretary, Alex Avalos Director, Jason Starkey Director, Adam Lalonde</p>  <p>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: General Manager, Carlos J. Galvan, Jr. Director of Operations, Robert Gomez District Engineer, Charles Ortiz Purchasing Agent, Enrique Samaniego Director of Finance, Eddie Salazar Attorney, Brian Hansen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ABSENT</p>	
2	<p><u>INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></p> <p>The Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer said earlier at the 3:30 PM Workshop</p>	
3	<p><u>INVITATION TO THE AUDIENCE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Comments from the audience • No Comments from the Board or Staff 	
4	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 24, 2019. (C. GALVAN) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Meeting Minutes approved <p>Moved by H. HOUSTON, seconded by J. STARKEY.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
5	<p><u>PRESENTATION BY THE BOND PLANNING COMMITTEE REGARDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT. (C. GALVAN) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Rudy Garcia, Chairman of the Bond Planning Committee, gave an update status on the proposed Bond Capital Improvements Projects 	DISCUSSION ONLY

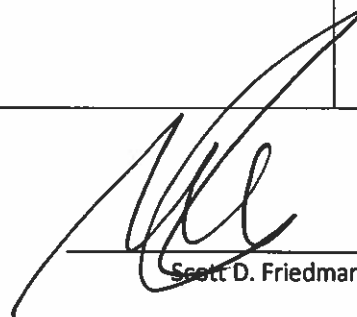
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Members were present at the meeting • Subjects discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water Plant 1 upgrades ○ Port Isabel Elevated Storage Tank and Laguna Vista Storage Tank Rehabilitation ○ Water Distribution Upgrades on South Padre Island ○ Gravity sewer in Port Isabel ○ Lift Stations needing rehabilitation ○ Isla Blanca Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation <p>✓ A possible Committee Meeting scheduled for August 22 or 23</p>	
6	<p><u>GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT</u> <u>VIDEO AND AUDIO</u></p> <p>REPORT: <u>VIDEO AND AUDIO</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed scripts on July 10 • Recordings on August 1 & 2 • Reviewed results August 7 • Completion hopefully by early September 	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
7	<p><u>PRESENTATION BY KAREN ELLIS WITH AMI FERGUSON METERS REGARDING THE METER PROJECT CONTRACT WITH LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT.</u></p> <p>REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Discussion • No Presentation, AMI Ferguson Meters, Ms. Karen Ellis was not present at the meeting. • The Board agreed to table and deferred to the next Regular Meeting on August 28, 2019 <p>Moved by H. HOUSTON, seconded by A. LALONDE. Motion moved to table.</p>	NO DISCUSSION <u>TABLED</u>
8	<p><u>DIRECTOR OF OPERATION'S REPORT</u> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY</u> • <u>METER PROJECT UPDATE</u> • <u>COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT</u> <p>REPORT: <u>MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparison of 2019 to 2018: Differences in number for meters due to the meter program <p><u>UPDATE ON METER PROJECT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laguna Vista and Laguna Heights 75% complete 	DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 410 Meters left to install in Port Isabel • 209 Meters left to install in South Padre 	
9	<p><u>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT</u> 🔹</p> <p><u>UPDATE ON MEDIA AFFAIRS CONSULTANT SERVICES</u></p> <p>REPORT:</p> <p><u>UPDATE ON MEDIA AFFAIRS CONSULTANT SERVICES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid Opening was on July 25 • 4 Bid Proposals submitted and reviewed at the Bid Opening • Professional Services Committee selection and recommendation presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 28, 2019 	DIRECTOR FINANCE REPORT
10	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE RENEWAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE WITH UNITED HEALTHCARE FOR THE DISTRICT. (E. SALAZAR)</u> 🔹</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal Quote increase 12.9% increase • Last year the increase was 21% • Insurance Committee met to review • Staff recommendation: Renewal with Option 1 <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by H. HOUSTON.</p> <p>Motion moved to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
11	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED TAX RATE TO BE PUBLISHED ON THE NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 28, 2019, AT 5:20 PM, AND SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPT THE TAX RATE AT THE REGULAR MEETING FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING. (E. SALAZAR)</u> 🔹</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed tax rate published in the newspaper for two weeks • Public hearing before a regular meeting • Last year total tax rate adopted .0404101/\$100 • This year tax rate proposed .038821/\$100 • The Board approved the notice and scheduled a hearing on August 28, 2019 <p>Moved by H. HOUSTON, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p> <p>Motion moved to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
12	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JUNE 2019. (E. SALAZAR)</u> 🔹</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Reports for June 2019 approved as presented <p>Moved by H. HOUSTON, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>Motion moved to acknowledge.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
13	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF BUDGET INCREASE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TARPON AVENUE SEWER REPLACEMENT AND ISLAND AVENUE WATER REPLACEMENT IN PORT ISABEL. (C. ORTIZ) ♠</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The budget increase approved as presented <p>Moved by A. AVALOS, seconded by J. STARKEY.</p> <p>Motion moved to approve</p>	MOTION CARRIED
14	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TASK AUTHORIZATION WITH FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC. FOR REHABILITATION OF ISLA BLANCA WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY TO BE INCLUDED IN ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2020 BOND ELECTION. (C. ORTIZ) ♠</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item was not discussed and no action taken 	NO ACTION
15	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PURCHASE TWO ROTARY SCREW AIR COMPRESSORS FOR THE WATER PLANT. (E. SAMANIEGO) ♠</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff recommendation award: Valley Compressed Air, Inc. A maintenance technician in the RGV area <p>Moved by A. AVALOS, seconded by J. STARKEY.</p> <p>Motion moved to approve</p>	MOTION CARRIED
16	<p><u>CONSIDER AND REVIEW EXPENDITURES FROM JULY 16 – JULY 31, 2019. (C. GALVAN) ♠</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comments or questions <p>Expenditures acknowledged by H. HOUSTON and seconded by J. STARKEY.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXPENDITURES
17	<p><u>CONSIDER AND REMOVE FROM THE TABLE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM TABLED AT THE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 24, 2019:</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 removed the item from the table for discussion <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p> <p>Motion moved to remove from the table.</p>	MOTION CARRIED

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; UNDER SECTION 551.074, PERSONNEL MATTERS:</u></p> <p>a) <u>DELIBERATION REGARDING THE EVALUATION OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEE TO WIT: GENERAL MANAGER</u> ♦</p> <p>b) <u>UPDATE ON FEMA RELATED TO HURRICANE DOLLY 2008</u></p> <p>c) <u>UPDATE ON LEGAL MATTERS CONCERNING RATEPAYERS APPEAL OF THE RAW WATER RATE</u></p> <p>A. LALONDE made a motion for the BOARD to go into executive session at 6:18 PM, seconded by J. STARKEY.</p> <p>A. LALONDE withdrew himself from the Executive Session meeting for item "C," a quorum maintained.</p> <p>H. HOUSTON made a motion for the BOARD to get out of executive session at 6:46 PM, seconded by J. STARKEY.</p>	<p>MOTION CARRIED IN SESSION @ 6:18 PM</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED OUT OF SESSION @ 6:46 PM</p>
19	<p><u>CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF NECESSARY.</u></p> <p>a) <u>DELIBERATION REGARDING THE EVALUATION OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEE TO WIT: GENERAL MANAGER</u> ♦</p> <p>Motion: to proceed as directed Moved by H. HOUSTON, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>b) <u>UPDATE ON FEMA RELATED TO HURRICANE DOLLY 2008</u></p> <p>The CHAIRMAN noted, no action.</p> <p>c) <u>UPDATE ON LEGAL MATTERS CONCERNING RATEPAYERS APPEAL OF THE RAW WATER RATE</u></p> <p>Motion: to proceed as directed Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by H. HOUSTON.</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION RESULTS:</p> <p><u>ITEM A</u> PROCEED AS DIRECTED</p> <p><u>ITEM B</u> NO ACTION</p> <p><u>ITEM C</u> PROCEED AS DIRECTED</p>
20	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>The CHAIRMAN adjourned the meeting at 6:47 PM</p>	


 Alex Avalos, Secretary


 Scott D. Friedman, Chairman

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF AUGUST 2019.