



MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, August 25, 2021
 5:30 PM – 6:01 PM
 Board Room

1	<p><u>QUORUM</u></p> <p>PRESENT: Vice-Chairman, Adam Lalonde Secretary, Jason Starkey Director, William "Bill" Donahue</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> virtual meeting through ZOOM</p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:</u> General Manager, Carlos J. Galvan, Jr. Director of Operations, Robert Gomez Director of Finance, Eduardo Salazar District Engineer, Charles Ortiz Information Tech Specialist, Orlando Huerta Purchasing Agent, Enrique Samaniego Attorney, Brian Hansen</p> <p>ABSENT: Chairman, Scott Friedman Director, Dave Boughter</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"> • Gregory Klement commented on disagreement with the Board's decision denying the appeal on RFQ#INS-01-31-21 	PUBLIC COMMENTS
4	<p><u>PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 ♦</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The VICE-CHAIRMAN opened the Hearing • The proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate .038201 for the Fiscal Year 2021 • No one in the audience responded. Public Hearing closed 	PUBLIC HEARING


5	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE .038201 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 (RESOLUTION NO. 188-08-21). (E. SALAZAR) ♣</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board approved the Ad Valorem Tax Rate .038201 for the Fiscal Year 2021 through a Resolution (Resolution No. 188-08-2021) <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by D. BOUGHTER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
6	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FROM AUGUST 11, 2021. (C. GALVAN) ♣</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board approved the Regular Meeting Minutes as presented <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
7	<p><u>GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT ♣</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>RESERVOIR LEVELS</u> <u>SCHEDULE FOR A BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u> <p>REPORT:</p> <p><u>RESERVOIR LEVELS</u> - C. Galvan noted the reservoir and lakes levels remain the same as the last two weeks at 40.0%, hoping for some rain. Therefore, the District will continue with the water restrictions.</p> <p><u>BUDGET WORKSHOP</u> - The Board agreed to a Workshop Meeting @ 5 PM before the Regular Meeting on September 8, 2021</p>	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
8	<p><u>PRESENTATION BY GRANT ACCESS, LMWD'S MEDIA CONSULTANTS. (ALICIA & VICTOR BALDOVINOS)</u></p> <p>REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alicia Baldovinos gave a PowerPoint presentation on Social Media insights on how the District is performing on Facebook to reach the Community. A copy of the PowerPoint is attached to the minutes 	PRESENTATION

9	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL GROUP HEALTH, LIFE, DENTAL, AND VISION INSURANCE. (E. SAMANIEGO) ♣</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E. Samaniego noted Health, Life, Dental, and Vision Insurance with Bluecross Blueshield and Metlife sent renewal proposals with no change from current rates. Unum guaranteed price for three years for vision coverage • Recommending award contract for the renewal of group health, life, dental and vision insurance with Salazar Insurance <p>Moved by W. DONAHUE, seconded by J. STARKEY.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
10	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JUNE 2021. (E. SALAZAR) ♣</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board approved the June Financials as presented <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by W. DONAHUE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
11	<p><u>CONSIDER AND REVIEW EXPENDITURES FROM AUGUST 1, 2021 – AUGUST 15, 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 and W. DONAHUE.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXPENDITURES
12	<p><u>CONSIDER AND REMOVE FROM THE TABLE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM TABLED AT THE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 28, 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 removed the item from the table for discussion <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>Motion: Move to remove.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
13	<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>	TABLED

	<p><u>DELIBERATION REGARDING THE EVALUATION OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEE TO WIT: GENERAL MANAGER</u></p> <p>This item was not discussed and deferred to the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 8, 2021.</p> <p>VICE-CHAIRMAN ENTERTAINED MOTION: TO TABLE UNTIL ENTIRE BOARD IS PRESENT</p> <p>J. STARKEY made a motion to table the executive session item, seconded by W. DONAHUE.</p>	
14	<p><u>CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF NECESSARY:</u></p> <p>No discussion. See above (item 13) for more details</p>	NO ACTION
15	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>There being no further business, the VICE-CHAIRMAN adjourned the meeting at 6:01 PM.</p>	MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:01 PM



SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN



WILLIAM DONAHUE, DIRECTOR

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.