


MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, December 18, 2019
 5:30 PM – 6:16 PM
 Board Room

1	<p><u>QUORUM</u></p> <p>PRESENT: Chairman, Scott Friedman Vice-Chairman, Herb Houston Secretary, Alex Avalos Director, Jason Starkey ABSENT 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>	
2	<p><u>INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></p> <p>The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer by E. Salazar.</p>	
3	<p><u>INVITATION TO THE AUDIENCE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victor and Alicia with Grant Access were at our meeting and noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This year the District participated in the 3rd Annual Port Isabel Christmas Parade. Board and staff were involved and won 2nd place in the Commercial and Political Category. The Board gathered to take a photo with the plaque. 	
4	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING AND THE REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 20, 2019. (C. GALVAN) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Discussion • The Board approved the Regular Meeting Minutes • The Board approved the Workshop Meeting Minutes <p>Moved by A. AVALOS, seconded by H. HOUSTON.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
5	<p><u>GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT</u></p>	


	<p>REPORT:</p> <p><u>BOND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON DECEMBER 19, 2019, AT 5:30 PM:</u></p> <p>A document was prepared and going to be reviewed by the Committee Members at the upcoming meeting. The material is information on responses to frequently asked questions by the voters.</p> <p>The meeting got rescheduled to January 7, 2020, by the Committee's Chair and Vice because too close to the Christmas Holidays.</p>	<p>GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL BOARD TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE 2020 ASSOCIATION OF WATER BOARD DIRECTORS (AWBD) MID WINTER CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 17TH AND JANUARY 18, 2020, IN DALLAS, TEXAS (C. GALVAN) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Friedman and A. Avalos will attend the conference • H. Houston declined, will not attend the conference • C. Galvan will reach out to J. Starkey and A. Lalonde through text or email for confirmation on attending <p>Moved by A. AVALOS, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	<p>MOTION CARRIED</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><u>DISTRICT OF OPERATION'S REPORT 💧</u></p> <p>REPORT:</p> <p><u>MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparison Report from 2018 to 2019 is the same only difference is in the increase in service orders for meters because of the meter swap program • Half of the sewer back-up service orders were personal problems, and the customer calls the District first before a plumber with the issue since the District checks it at no charge • Question: Are we 100% installed with all the meters? Response: We are about five short, most are commercial meters. Having issues with some buried in concrete 	<p>DIRECTOR OF OPERATION'S REPORT</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><u>DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT 💧</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>MINUTES FOR BOND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2019</u> • <u>REQUEST TWBD'S REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP, REGION M, TO ADD A RECOMMENDATION STRATEGY FOR LMWD TO IMPLEMENT A SEAWATER DESALINATION PLANT; INCLUDE IN THE YEAR 2020 STATE WATER PLAN</u> <p>REPORT:</p> <p><u>MINUTES FOR BOND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2019:</u></p>	<p>DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee's Vice-Chair requested minutes for those members who did not attend the meeting can be updated. The Minutes were emailed to all the committee members The information given was useful information and a better understanding of what the expectations are regarding the seawater and how to address it The Committee agreed to take no action on the proposition 2 for seawater but hoping to see a future condition showing how water plant 1 (one) can eventually get to a seawater component Discussion ensued regarding concerns on a worst-case scenario of getting water from another supplier and coming up with a plan of action. <p><u>REQUEST TWBD'S REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP, REGION M, TO ADD A RECOMMENDED STRATEGY FOR LMWD TO IMPLEMENT A SEAWATER DESALINATION PLANT; INCLUDE IN THE YEAR 2020 STATE WATER PLAN:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ray Longoria, with Freese and Nichols, gave an update on what information Region M would need to recommend a strategy to implement a seawater desalination plant, followed by questions and answers. Discussion on water rights ensued 	
9	<p><u>PRESENTATION BY FREESE AND NICHOLS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS PORT ISABEL LIFT STATIONS, FORCE MAINS, WASTEWATER COLLECTION IMPROVEMENTS, & ISLA BLANCA WWTP REHABILITATION TO INCLUDE IN TWDB PROJECT #73730</u></p> <p>REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman noted no action No Presentation. No discussion 	THIS ITEM WAS NOT DISCUSSED
10	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF WINDSTORM, HURRICANE, AND HAIL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR JANUARY 31, 2020, TO JANUARY 31, 2021. (E. SAMANIEGO) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received only one quote from The Klement Agency for the bidding process due to the markets are blocked Recommendation award: The Klement Agency Changes to the original amount of \$139,137.05. It dropped to \$133,777.45 Coverage of equipment and buildings coverage amount is 21 million dollars The Board agreed for approval <p>Moved by A. AVALOS, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
11	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE PURCHASE OF A HYDRAULIC HAMMER FOR THE JOHN DEERE MINI EXCAVATOR (E. SAMANIEGO) 💧</u></p>	MOTION

	<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Source item Doggett is the only distributor in this area • This hydraulic will only fit on this one tractor • Board agreed to approve <p>Moved by A. AVALOS, seconded by H. HOUSTON.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	CARRIED
12	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT FOR LAB TESTING FOR THE PERMIT RENEWALS. (E. SAMANIEGO) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is already a Purchase Order for the Permit Renewals this is proper ratification for payment • The Board approved <p>Moved by A. AVALOS, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
13	<p><u>CONSIDER AND REVIEW EXPENDITURES FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2019 – NOVEMBER 30, 2019. (C. GALVAN) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditures acknowledged as presented <p>Expenditures acknowledged by A. AVALOS and H. HOUSTON.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXPENDITURES
14	<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; SECTION 551.072, DELIBERATION ABOUT REAL PROPERTY:</u></p> <p><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 the executive session at 6:01 PM, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p> <p>For Executive Session, A. LALONDE withdrew himself a quorum maintained.</p> <p>H. HOUSTON made a motion for the BOARD to get out of the executive session at 6:16 PM, seconded by A. AVALOS.</p>	<p>MOTION CARRIED IN SESSION @ 6:01 PM</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED OUT OF SESSION @ 6:15 PM</p>
15	<p><u>CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF NECESSARY.</u></p> <p>The CHAIRMAN noted no action taken at this time for Executive Session.</p>	EXECUTIVE SESSION RESULTS: NO

		ACTION
16	ADJOURNMENT There being no further business the CHAIRMAN adjourned the meeting at 6:16 PM Moved by A. AVALOS , seconded by H. HOUSTON .	MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:16 PM


SCOTT D. FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN


ALEX AVALOS, SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.