

**MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting  
Laguna Madre Water District  
Board of Directors  
Thursday, June 28, 2018  
5:30 PM – 6:15 PM  
Board Room

**ITEM #1**      QUORUM

**PRESENT:**                      Chairman, Scott D. Friedman  
Vice Chairman, Rick A. Wells  
Secretary, Doyle Wells  
Director, Herb Houston  
Director, Alex Avalos

**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, Eddie Lucio, III

**ITEM #2**      INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge Allegiance and an Opening Prayer.

**ITEM #3**      INVITATION TO THE AUDIENCE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMENTS:

- Workshop Meeting at 4:30 PM, before today's Regular Meeting got Canceled. Workshop Meeting was on Water and Wastewater Rate and Long-Term Financial Plan.
  - Attorney, Frank Wood representing Home Owners Association for South Padre Island Golf Course, contacted E. Lucio, requesting more time
  - Request from a Board Member to postpone until after the rollout of water meters that will provide a real picture of water usage
  - Guest, in the audience, addressed comments to Board concerning the raw water rates @ the Golf Course

**ITEM #4**      CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING AND REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 13, 2018 (C. GALVAN) ♦

Moved by **R. WELLS**, seconded by **D. WELLS**:

**Motion moved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM #5**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS
- ELECTRICAL ENERGY REPORT
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING DATES
- WATERMASTERS REPORT – JUNE UPDATE

**REPORT:**

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

- Hurricane Preparedness Policy Updated
- Were there any changes from last year? The same action plan only changes on the update of names

ELECTRICAL ENERGY REPORT

- Information on Electrical rates
- Discussion ensued of an Amendment on Current Contract with Cavallo on setting a target price
- Future Agenda Item for Board approval

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING DATES

- The District posted Notice of Filing Dates and Times for applications for a place on the Ballot for Laguna Madre Water District Board of Directors Election
- Start Date for accepting applications: July 21, 2018
- End Date to receive applications: August 20, 2018

WATERMASTERS REPORT – JUNE REPORT

- Amistad/Falcon stood at 50.77%
- When 50% gets reached the District will start voluntary conservation measures. Notification to Public of voluntary conservation gets advertised
- When it reaches below the 50%, after every percent drop the District is deducted 147-acre-feet of the existing water rights
- At 25% it becomes mandatory conservation

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**ITEM #6**

DIRECTOR OF OPERATION'S REPORT

- MONTHLY REPORT

**REPORT:**

- Report for May 2018
  - Distribution Department 269 total Service Orders
  - Collections Departments 69 total Service Orders
  - Discussion on Distribution – 12 change meters (new Ferguson Meter)
  - Sometime next week should have information on how long it takes to get the meters. Remind Ferguson of sales pitch of a ready inventory
  - Request: For Meter Report - to include updates of the meter installs and problems encountered

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATION'S REPORT**

**ITEM #7**

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT

- POPULATION AND WASTEWATER FLOW PROJECTION THROUGH THE YEAR 2040

**ITEM #7**

**CONTINUED**

- WATER PLANT 2 RECYCLE AT SLUDGE LAGOON

**REPORT:**

POPULATION AND WASTEWATER FLOW PROJECTION THROUGH THE YEAR 2040

- LMWD Number of Connections:
  - 2014 -6,242 connections
  - 2018- 6,522 connections
  - Average Growth = 1.1% per year
- LMWD Water Rights Diversion
  - From 2012 through 2017 the average growth = 0.91% per year
- Wastewater flows from 2011 through 2017
- Focus for now is mainly rehab (no expansion at this time)
- Maps with future development areas reviewed

WATER PLANT 2 RECYCLE AT SLUDGE LAGOON

- Garver still working on the work order
- Clarification- Recycled water does have to go back either to the reservoir or the sewer plant (not the drain ditch)

**DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**ITEM #8**

CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN FOR LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT (RESOLUTION NO. 161-06-18)

**DISCUSSION:**

- Discussion on the new water meters and system highlights
- Suggestion to give time on new meter install, then analyze data and discuss again based on merits and facts
- Recommendation for no action at this time

Moved by **H. HOUSTON**, seconded by **D. WELLS**:


**Motion, to propose No Action.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ACTIONS:**

The Board agreed to take no action at this time.

**ITEM #9**

CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ANNEXATION FEES WAIVED ON 10 ACRES OUT OF THE 23.02 TRACT 5 FOR THE TOWN OF LAGUNA VISTA'S SOUTH TEXAS ECOSYSTEM CENTER. (C. GALVAN) 

**DISCUSSION:**

- Met with Annexation Committee
- Present at the meeting, Mike Carter and Joe Vega from Town of Laguna Vista and Cameron County, gave a brief presentation of the Ecosystem Center, 6.6-million-dollar project, and its opportunities

**ITEM #9** CONTINUED

Moved by **R. WELLS**, seconded by **A. AVALOS**:

**Move to approve.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM #10** CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL BUYBOARD PROPOSAL FROM SOUTHERN TRENCHLESS SOLUTIONS FOR RESTORATION OF CLEARWELL AT WATER PLANT 1. (C. ORTIZ) 💧

**DISCUSSION:**

- District Engineer recommended no action

Moved by **R. WELLS**, seconded by **D. WELLS**:

**Motion for no action.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ACTIONS:**

**No Action at this time.**

**ITEM #11** CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL BUDGET INCREASE FOR RESTORATION OF CLEARWELL AT WATER PLANT 1. (C. ORTIZ) 💧

**DISCUSSION:**

- District Engineer recommended no action

Moved by **R. WELLS**, seconded by **D. WELLS**:

**Motion for no action.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ACTIONS:**

**No Action.**

**ITEM #12** CONSIDER AND REVIEW EXPENDITURES FOR JUNE 1-15, 2018. (C. GALVAN) 💧

**DISCUSSION:**

- No Questions on expenditures

Expenditures acknowledged by **R. WELLS**, seconded by **H. HOUSTON**:

**Motion to accept.**

**EXPENDITURES ACKNOWLEDGED**

**ITEM #13**

ADJOURNMENT

The **CHAIRMAN** adjourned the meeting at **6:15 PM**.

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**SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN**

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**DOYLE WELLS, SECRETARY**

**MINUTES APPROVED THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2018.**