







MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING & Regular Meeting
Laguna Madre Water District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, August 24, 2022
5:30 PM – 7:14 PM
Board Room

1	<p><u>QUORUM</u></p> <p>Vice-Chairman, Adam Lalonde Director William "Bill" Donahue Director Dave Boughter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF</u></p> <p>General Manager, Carlos J. Galvan, Jr. Director of Operations, Robert Gomez District Engineer, Charles Ortiz Director of Finance, Eduardo Salazar Purchasing Agent, Enrique Samaniego Attorney, Brian Hansen Information Tech Specialist, Brandon Edge</p> <p><u>ABSENT</u></p> <p>Chairman, Scott Friedman Secretary, Jason Starkey</p> <p>Agenda items were presented as follows: 1,2,3,4,5,6,14,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,15,16,17,18,19,20</p>	
2	<p><u>Pledge of Allegiance And Invocation</u></p> <p>The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and E. Salazar 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"> • A. Lalonde commented the District is doing a good job in getting the word out and keeping up the good work despite the statement made on Facebook 	<p>PUBLIC COMMENTS</p>
4	<p><u>PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023. 💧</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Vice-Chairman opened the Hearing to the Public • No response from the audience • The Vice-Chairman closed the Hearing 	

5	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval a Resolution to adopt the Ad Valorem Tax Rate .069300 for the fiscal year 2022-2023 (Resolution No. 193-08-2022), (E. Salazar) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>Board approved the Ad Valorem Tax Rate .069300 for the Fiscal Year 2022 through a Resolution</p> <p>E. Salazar noted the Tax Rate is the debt service rate only. It's only to pay the existing tax-supported debt</p> <p>Moved by D. BOUGHTER, seconded by W. DONAHUE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
6	<p><u>Consider and Discuss for Possible Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting from August 10, 2022. (C. Galvan) 💧</u></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously to approve the Minutes as presented:</p> <p>MOVED BY W. DONAHUE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
7	<p><u>Presentation by Seven Seas Water Group given by Richard Whiting on Seawater Desalination. 💧</u></p> <p>Mr. Richard Whiting gave the presentation virtually through ZOOM, followed by questions and answers.</p> <p>The Board agreed with Staff to further discuss at the upcoming Workshop on September 7</p>	PRESENTATION
8	<p><u>Presentation by Freese and Nichols on District Facilities Assessment and Master Plan. 💧</u></p> <p>Andrew Perez from Freese and Nichols gave the presentation virtually through ZOOM, followed by questions and answers.</p>	PRESENTATION
9	<p><u>General Manager's Report</u></p> <p><u>Schedule Groundbreaking Ceremony – Water Plant No. 1 Improvements</u> – The Board agreed on Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 8 AM</p> <p><u>City of South Padre Island Meeting</u> – District Staff attended a City meeting and gave a presentation on the Drought Management Plan</p> <p><u>Board of Directors Elections Update</u> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The deadline for application for a place on the ballot was Monday, and information posted with the county ○ The deadline for Write-In Candidacy is Friday, August 26 ○ The Drawing of names for Place 1 for Place on the Ballot is on Monday, August 29, 2022, at 10:00 AM, held at the District's Board Room <p><u>Employee Summer Gathering - Saturday, September 3, 2022</u> - The summer gathering will be at the Beach Park. C. Galvan invited the Board and Legal Counsel to attend the event</p>	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT


	<u>Upcoming Budget Workshop – Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 5:30 PM</u> – Reminder of Budget Workshop and possibly add an item to discuss the Seawater Desalination Project further	
10	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval a Resolution to adopt revisions to the Water Conservation & Drought Contingency Plan for the District (Resolution Number 194-08-2022).</u> (C. Galvan) 💧</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Item deferred to the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 14, 2022</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously to table:</p> <p>MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE.</p> <p>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	TABLED
11	<p><u>Consider and discuss possible approval for purchasing nodes and hangers for 5/8" water meters.</u> (E. Samaniego) 💧</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The Board awarded the purchase to Muller for \$15,800</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously:</p> <p>MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE.</p> <p>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
12	<p><u>Consider and discuss possible approval for purchasing employee uniforms for the District.</u> (E. Samaniego) 💧</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The Board awarded the contract to Uniform Sales for \$39,431.35</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously:</p> <p>MOVED BY W. DONAHUE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
13	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of a contract for Isla Blanca Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Building Improvements.</u> (E. Samaniego) 💧</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The Board approved the Buyboard contract</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously:</p> <p>MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE.</p> <p>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE CPM DESIGN GROUP.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
14	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Group Health, Life, Dental, and Vision Insurance.</u> (E. Samaniego) 💧</p> <p>Discussion for Group Health:</p> <p>The Insurance Committee's recommendation for Group Health: Group Health – Assured Benefit Administrators (United Health Network)</p>	MOTION CARRIED

	<p>Motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY W. DONAHUE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE GROUP INSURANCE.</p> <p>Discussion for Life, Dental, and Vision: The Insurance Committee's recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life – Metlife (renewal) • Dental – Metlife (renewal) • Vision Insurance – Avesis <p>Motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE LIFE, DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
15	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval 12 months supply of chemicals for the Water Plant, Wastewater Plant, Collections, and Lift Station Departments. (E. Samaniego) </u></p> <p>Discussion: E. Samaniego noted Staff is recommending Board approval and award the contracts to all the lowest bids.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY W. DONAHUE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
16	<p><u>Consider and discuss possible approval for the purchase of security cameras, Finance Department. (E. Samaniego) </u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board agreed on the purchase of \$12,663 for eight cameras and a 3-year camera license from GTS Technology Solutions</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
17	<p><u>Consider and Review Expenditures from August 1, 2022, to August 15, 2022. (C. Galvan) </u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board accepted the expenditures as presented</p> <p>EXPENDITURES WERE ACKNOWLEDGED UNANIMOUSLY BY D. BOUGHTER, W. DONAHUE., AND A. LALONDE</p>	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXPENDITURES

18	<p><u>Consider and discuss possible approval to purchase a 50' towable man lift for Distribution Department. (E. Samaniego) </u></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The Board approved the budgeted item for \$25,955 from Tejas Equipment Rental</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously:</p> <p>MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE.</p> <p>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
19	<p><u>Consider and discuss possible approval Addendum to the Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector Agreement to include Long Island Village Designated Area. (E. Salazar) </u></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The Board approved Addendum to collect for the Long Island Village designated area also</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously:</p> <p>MOVED BY W. DONAHUE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
16	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS; THE VICE-CHAIRMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:14 PM.</p>	MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:14 PM



SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN



JASON STARKEY, SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022.