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 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, September 8, 2021
 5:34 PM – 6:08 PM
 Board Room

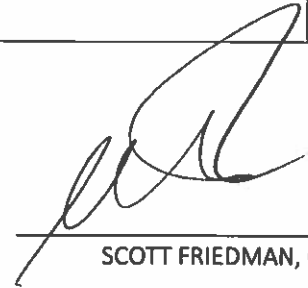
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| 1 | <p><u>QUORUM</u></p> <p>PRESENT: Scott Friedman, Chairman Adam Lalonde, Vice-Chairman William "Bill" Donahue, Director Dave Boughter, Director</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Departed Meeting @ 5:44 PM</p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:</u> Carlos J. Galvan, Jr., General Manager Robert Gomez, Director of Operations Eduardo Salazar, Director of Finance Charles Ortiz, District Engineer Orlando Huerta, Information Tech Specialist Enrique Samaniego, Purchasing Agent Brian Hansen, Attorney</p> <p>ABSENT: Jason Starkey, Secretary</p> | |
| 2 | <p><u>INVITATION TO THE AUDIENCE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No one responded | PUBLIC COMMENTS |
| 3 | <p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FROM AUGUST 25, 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 W. DONAHUE, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p> | MOTION CARRIED |
| 4 | <p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MEDIA AFFAIRS CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN GRANT ACCESS AND LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT. (C. GALVAN) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. Galvan noted Contract is under review by B. Hansen, Attorney, and recommended to table the item for further review | TABLED |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board agreed to table the item until the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 22, 2021 <p>Moved by A. LALONDE, seconded by D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>Motion: Move to table.</p> | |
| 5 | <p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL EMERGENCY DEMAND AND RESPONSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN VOLTUS, INC, AND LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT. (C. GALVAN)</u> 🔹</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. Galvan noted the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) Demand Response Program would be an annual financial opportunity of \$40,736 <p>Moved by W. DONAHUE, seconded by D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p> | MOTION CARRIED |
| 6 | <p><u>DIRECTOR OF OPERATION'S REPORT</u> 🔹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>MONTHLY REPORT</u> <p>REPORT:</p> <p>R. Gomez noted for August 2021 on service orders, and service calls comparison to 2020 numbers. The comparison mostly showed an overall increase.</p> | DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT |
| 7 | <p><u>DIRECTOR OF OPERATION'S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>PLAN REVIEW FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS</u> <u>DISTRICT LAND USES AND WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES INVENTORY</u> <p>REPORT:</p> <p><u>PLAN REVIEW FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS</u> - C. Ortiz reported the Plans, specifications, and construction documents required for the Water Distribution Improvements.</p> <p><u>DISTRICT LAND USES AND WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES INVENTORY</u>- C. Ortiz gave an update on the development status for District Land uses and Water supply facilities</p> | DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT |
| 8 | <p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL CONTRACT AWARD OF WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ENGINEERING DESIGN, BID, AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES TO FREESE AND NICHOLS. (C. ORTIZ)</u> 🔹</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. Ortiz noted Freese and Nichols Inc. prepared two versions of the Contract to consider The Board reviewed and approved the version that excludes the Raw Water Transfer Pump Station Improvements for \$3,107,331 | MOTION CARRIED |

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| | Moved by A. LALONDE, seconded by W. DONAHUE. Motion: Move to approve. | |
| 9 | <p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF 12-MONTH SUPPLY OF CHEMICALS FOR WATER PLANT, WASTEWATER PLANT, COLLECTIONS, AND LIFT STATION DEPARTMENTS. (E. SALAZAR) ♠</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Samaniego recommended approval of awarding the contracts to all the lowest bids, but one chemical, the Ammonia Sulfate, recommends going with the second-lowest bid The Board agreed and approved <p>Moved by A. LALONDE, seconded by W. DONAHUE. Motion: Move to approve.</p> | MOTION CARRIED |
| 10 | <p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS RESCINDING THE BRENNTAG CONTRACT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS MONTH DUE TO A BREACH OF CONTRACT CONCERNING CHEMICAL QUALITY. (E. SAMANIEGO) ♠</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Samaniego noted the chemical quality is not up to standards The Board acknowledged and agreed <p>Moved by A. LALONDE, seconded by W. DONAHUE. Motion: Move to approve.</p> | MOTION CARRIED |
| 11 | <p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION RENEWAL. (E. SAMANIEGO) ♠</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Samaniego recommended approval to renew the Worker's compensation insurance with Texas Insurance. The proposed amount \$22,315.00 The Board agreed to renew <p>Moved by A. LALONDE, seconded by W. DONAHUE. Motion: Move to approve.</p> | |
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| 12 | <u>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT ♠</u> | DIRECTOR OF |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>UPDATE ON INVESTMENTS</u> <p>E. Salazar reported on the CD's mature and renewed in August 2021. The solicitation went to 23 Banks, and three offers were returned. Best offer, one year at 0.13% interest. Four of the CDs were placed with East West Bank from the Meter Deposit and Revenue Bond Reserve. The General Fund with Texas Regional Bank. Also, an additional Money Market account was opened with Texas Regional Bank with \$100,000 of the Meter Deposits Payable funds, currently paying 0.12%.</p> | FINANCE REPORT |
| 13 | <p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JULY 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 W. DONAHUE, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p> | MOTION CARRIED |
| 14 | <p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 (RESOLUTION NO. 189-09-2021). (E. SALAZAR) 🔹</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board approved the Budget for FY 2021-2022 <p>Moved by A. LALONDE, seconded by W. DONAHUE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p> | MOTION CARRIED |
| 15 | <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 |
| 16 | <p><u>CONSIDER AND REMOVE FROM THE TABLE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM Tabled AT THE REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 25, 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"> No Discussion; item skipped and remained tabled. Item deferred to the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 22, 2021 | NO ACTION |

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| 17 | <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> <p><u>DELIBERATION REGARDING THE EVALUATION OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEE TO WIT: GENERAL MANAGER</u></p> <p>No Discussion (see item 16 for more information)</p> | NO ACTION |
| 18 | <p><u>CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF NECESSARY:</u></p> <p>No Discussion (see item 16 for more information)</p> | NO ACTION |
| 19 | <p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>There being no further business, the CHAIRMAN adjourned the meeting at 6:08 PM.</p> | MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:08 PM |



SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN



JASON STARKEY, SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 22 ND ^{DAY} OF SEPTEMBER 2021.