








**MINUTES**  
 Regular Meeting  
 Laguna Madre Water District  
 Board of Directors  
 Wednesday, October 26, 2022  
 5:33 PM – 5:55 PM  
 Board Room


1	<p><b><u>QUORUM</u></b></p> <p>Chairman, Scott Friedman          Vice-Chairman, Adam Lalonde          Director Dave Boughter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">arrived at 5:33 PM</p>  <p><b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF</u></b></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><b><u>ABSENT</u></b></p> <p>Secretary, Jason Starkey          Director William "Bill" Donahue</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Pledge of Allegiance And Invocation</u></b></p> <p>The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and C. Ortiz said the Opening Prayer</p>	
3	<p><b><u>Invitation to the Audience for Public Comments</u></b></p> <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C. Galvan reminded the public that Early Voting had started and encouraged everyone to vote</li> <li>• R. Gomez reported a water leak under the bridge again in a much lower place, working on getting pictures. The leak is underneath the lowest part of the bridge; working on getting a barge, and hopefully, it will be taken care of in the next 3 to 4 weeks. Discussion ensued on the number of leaks and their cause.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b></p>
4	<p><b><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval the Minutes for the Regular Meeting from October 12, 2022. (C. Galvan)</u></b> </p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The Board approved the Minutes as presented</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously:  <b>MOVED BY D. BOUGTER, SECONDED BY A. LALONDE.</b>  <b>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>

5	<p><u>Presentation - Point Isabel Independent School District November 2022 Bond Election Information</u></p> <p>Christy Gonzalez gave the PowerPoint presentation Chief Financial Officer for the School District on 2022 Tax Bonds, followed by questions and answers. In addition, fliers were handed out, and a copy was attached to the minutes.</p>	Presentation
6	<p><u>General Manager's Report</u></p> <p><u>Reservoir Levels</u> – C Galvan noted the reservoir levels at Amistad are at 32% combined and have been above 30% for the past 30 days.</p>	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
7	<p><u>District Engineer's Report</u> </p> <p><u>Main Office Parking Improvements and Port Road Construction</u> – Parking Improvements were completed at the Main Office. The Port Isabel San Benito Navigation District will begin Port Road Construction from SH100 to Industrial Dr. For Phase I, the only access from Port Road to Truck Barn and Main Office will be through the drive-thru entrance. All other traffic must enter/exit through the new driveway on Tarpon fields Dr. Both intersections at the SH100 traffic light and Tarpon Fields Dr. will be closed during Phase I construction. In addition, the District's front parking will be temporarily closed during construction.</p>	DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT
8	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible award of Professional Engineering Design and Construction Management Services for Long Island Village Water and Sewer Improvements (RFQ No. PE-22-10-01).</u> (C. Ortiz) </p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The Board approved Professional Services Committee's recommendation to enter into contract negotiations with the top-ranked firm, SWG Engineering</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion carried unanimously:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY A. LALONDE.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</b></p>	MOTION CARRIED
9	<p><u>Director of Finance Report</u> </p> <p><u>Cost of Living Adjustment</u> – The latest COLA is 8.7% for Social Security, and Supplemental Security Income payments and benefits will increase beginning December 2022. The District will proceed with the COLA adjustment of 2.5%, approved by the Board during the LMWD Budget process for 2023.</p>	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT
10	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval the purchase of a Softener System for Water Plant 2.</u> (E. Samaniego) </p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The Board agreed to approve \$15,050.50 for the water softener system from Culligan Water Conditioning RGV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion carried unanimously:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOVED BY A. LALONDE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</b></p>	MOTION CARRIED
11	<p><u>Consider and review Expenditures from October 1, 2022, to October 15, 2022.</u> (C. Galvan) </p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The Board accepted the expenditures as presented</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE EXPENDITURES ACKNOWLEDGED BY</b></p>	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	D. BOUGHTER, S. FRIEDMAN, AND A. LALONDE	
15	<u>Adjournment</u> There was no further business; the meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.	MEETING ADJOURNED @ 5:55 PM



ADAM LALONDE, VICE CHAIRMAN

JASON STARKEY, SECRETARY



MINUTES APPROVED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022.