



MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, April 27, 2022
 5:37 PM – 6:05 PM
 Board Room



1	<p><u>QUORUM</u></p> <p>PRESENT: Chairman, Scott Friedman Vice-Chairman, Adam Lalonde Director, William "Bill" Donahue</p> <p>ABSENT: Secretary, Jason Starkey Director, Dave Boughter</p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:</u> 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</p> <p>ABSENT: Information Tech Specialist, Orlando Huerta</p>	
2	<p><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION</u></p> <p>The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and C. Ortiz 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"> • No comments 	PUBLIC COMMENTS
4	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING FROM APRIL 13, 2022. (C. GALVAN) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board approved the Minutes as presented <p>Moved by W. DONAHUE, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
5.	<p><u>GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT</u> 💧</p> <p>C. Galvan reported:</p>	GENERAL MANAGERS' REPORT

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RESERVOIR LEVELS - For Amistad and Falcon Lake, both levels combined are at 32%, which is still ok and above the 25% • EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Francisco Silva, Lift Station Department, acquired a “C” Licence for the Wastewater side • ASSOCIATION OF WATER BOARD DIRECTORS (AWBD) 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE- Three Board Members are attending the Conference in June, which falls on a board meeting day, possibly need to postpone it to a different week, will bring back to consider later on in May’s agenda • GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY– Planning a ceremony for the new Water Treatment Plant. The Board agreed on a date and time of Ceremony: Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 9 AM 	
6	<p>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR APPROVAL OF RESCHEDULING THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 2022, TO MAY 17, 2022, FOR THE CANVASSING OF THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE BOND ELECTION ON MAY 7, 2022.</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board agreed to one meeting for May • The Regular Meeting is on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 <p>Moved by A. LALONDE, seconded by W. DONAHUE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	
7	<p>DISTRICT ENGINEER’S REPORT 💧</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIGHLIGHTS FROM TEXAS WATER 2022 – C. Ortiz attended the following presentations at the Texas Water Conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 87th Session of the Texas Legislature Water law. The main points were: Senate Bill requires TCEQ to guide potable reuse, effective September 1, 2021; 100% voted in gave in both the House and Senate ○ C. Ortiz noted he gave a presentation titled “Help them see the Value” and a second presentation on the ongoing Lift Station Rehabilitation Project ○ Presentation on “Augmentation of Reclaimed Water with Excess Urban Stormwater- A new holistic approach to sustainable water resources management for central Texas • ANDY BOWIE WWTP STRICTER EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS FOR TOTAL COPPER – Freese and Nichols (FNI) provided a technical memorandum for a Path Forward for compliance with the copper permit. FNI reviewed the following options for the District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Change the Water Treatment Plants coagulant to one with less copper ○ Monitor total copper at the District’s water and wastewater treatment plants ○ Perform feasibility on process and treatment options for removing copper at Andy Bowie • LIFT STATION (SEWER COLLECTION) REHAB AND TAX BOND PROJECTS STATUS– on April 7, the contractor mobilized on 2nd Street in Port Isabel to begin gravity sewer extension across SH100. The contractor started work on April 15, which required full road closure to install the sewer crossing. Met with the City of Port Isabel to provide construction schedules in the Port Isabel vicinity about the construction activity and related traffic control 	<p>DISTRICT ENGINEER’S REPORT</p>

8	<p><u>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT</u> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>INVESTMENTS</u> – E. Salazar reported on April 18, the District conducted a bank solicitation to invest the 2022 Tax Bond proceeds conservatively. The solicitation went to 23 banks, and both of the offers returned had small yields relative to the last placement. In addition, East-West Bank, which gave the District the outstanding rate of 1.05% in February, did not participate. \$20 million invested in a Money Market Account at 0.33% interest with Veritex Bank and work setting up a safekeeping account to purchase securities. The District chose Wells Fargo Securities for the safekeeping account. E. Salazar noted the District received the \$27.62 million of Tax Bond 2022 proceeds on April 19, 2022, \$20 million to Veritex Bank the following day, and left the rest at IBC to finance project costs for the next three months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board mentioned a possible agenda item to discuss the cost increases to Water Treatment Plant 1 Improvements 	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT
9	<p><u>CONSIDER AND REVIEW EXPENDITURES FROM APRIL 1, 2022, TO APRIL 15, 2022. (C. GALVAN)</u> </p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board accepted the expenditures as presented <p>Expenditures were acknowledged unanimously by W. DONAHUE, A. LALONDE, and S. FRIEDMAN.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXPENDITURES
11	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>There being no further business, the CHAIRMAN adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM.</p>	MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:05 PM


SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN


JASON STABKEY, SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 17TH DAY OF MAY 2022.