


MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, October 27, 2021
 5:30 PM – 5:52 PM
 Board Room


1	<p><u>QUORUM</u></p> <p>PRESENT: Chairman, Scott Friedman Vice-Chairman, Adam Lalonde Secretary, Jason Starkey Director, William "Bill" Donahue</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>arrived at 5:36 PM</i></p>  <p>ABSENT: 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 Information Tech Specialist, Orlando Huerta Attorney, Brian Hansen</p>	
2	<p><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION</u></p> <p>The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and R. Gomez 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 one in the audience responded. 	PUBLIC COMMENTS
4	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FROM OCTOBER 13, 2021. (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 J.STARKEY.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED

5	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR RATIFICATION THE PURCHASE OF A GENERATOR AT ISLA BLANCA WASTEWATER PLANT.</u> 💧</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board ratified the purchase as presented <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by W. DONAHUE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
6	<p><u>DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT</u> 💧</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>LIFT STATION REHABILITATION STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION</u> <p>REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lift Station 1 – Southern Trenchless working on Mesquite starting on the bypass work. Work should be done by the end of the year Lift Station 37- Materials are pending for the work on Ocelot Future material cost increase for the lift station project 	DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT
7	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH LJ POWER FOR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING GENERATOR ADDITION. (C. ORTIZ)</u> 💧</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. Ortiz noted a change in the amount from \$126,387.30 to \$122,020.00 C. Ortiz recommended approval of change order for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add temporary power \$7,800.00 Replace Disconnect #4 with stainless steel disconnect \$6,818.00 Increase 14% Total change order amount \$ 122,020.00 The Board agreed and approved the amended change order <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by W. DONAHUE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
8	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SINKHOLE AND SEWER LINE REPAIRS AND POSSIBLE RESTORATION OF THE ADJACENT MANHOLE ON EBONY LANE, LAGUNA VISTA. (R. GOMEZ)</u> 💧</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R. Gomez noted the District received only two bids and recommended approval to award G & T Paving for \$17,500.00 Board approved 	MOTION CARRIED

	<p>Moved by W. DONAHUE, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	
9	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) AS STATED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. (E. SALAZAR) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E. Salazar noted the latest COLA is 5.9% • In 2019 Board approved automatic adoption of the federal COLA, unless the COLA exceeds 2.5%. LMWD budgeted 3%. Discussion ensued • The Board approved to adopt the 5.9% COLA increase <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to adopt 5.9 %.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
10	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2021. (E. SALAZAR) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board approved the Quarterly Investment Report Quarter Ending June 30, 2021, as presented <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
11	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 (E. SALAZAR) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board approved the Quarterly Investment Report Quarter Ending September 30, 2021, as presented <p>Moved by W. DONAHUE, seconded by J. STARKEY.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
12	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE PURCHASE OF A SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR LIFT STATION 4. (E. SAMANIEGO) 💧</u></p>	MOTION CARRIED

	<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Samaniego recommended awarding the contract to Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. for the purchase of one submersible pump for \$18,557.00 <p>Moved by A. LALONDE, seconded by J. STARKEY.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	
13	<p><u>CONSIDER AND REVIEW EXPENDITURES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2021, TO OCTOBER 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 A. LALONDE and J. STARKEY.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXPENDITURES
14	<p><u>CONSIDER AND REMOVE FROM THE TABLE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM Tabled AT THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 22, 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"> The Board removed the item from the table for discussion The Board agreed to wait for an entire Board to be present and to remain tabled till the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 10, 2021 <p>Moved by J. STARKEY, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to remove.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
15	<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>This item was not discussed; see above item (item 14) for more information.</p>	NO ACTION
16	<p><u>CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF NECESSARY.</u></p> <p>This item was not discussed; see above item (item 14) for more information.</p>	NO ACTION

17	ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the CHAIRMAN adjourned the meeting at 5:52 PM.	MEETING ADJOURNED @ 5:52 PM
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SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN



ADAM LALONDE, VICE-CHAIRMAN



MINUTES APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.