



**MINUTES**  
 Regular Meeting  
 Laguna Madre Water District  
 Board of Directors  
 Wednesday, December 14, 2022  
 5:30 PM – 6:47 PM  
 Board Room

<b>1</b>	<p><b><u>QUORUM</u></b></p> <p>Chairman, Scott Friedman          Vice-Chairman, Adam Lalonde          Secretary Jason Starkey                      departed at 6:06 PM          Director William "Bill" Donahue          Director Dave Boughter                      arrived at 5:37 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>	
<b>2</b>	<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>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b><u>Invitation to the Audience for Public Comments</u></b></p> <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R. Gomez reported the causeway leak was repaired and the reason for what caused the leak, and the cost, followed by questions and answers.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Board suggested some proactive research and brainstorming on long-term solution options to prepare financially for the aged lines to get replaced.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>
<b>4</b>	<p><b><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval the Minutes for the Regular Meeting from November 21, 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:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOVED BY A. LALONDE, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</b></p>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b><u>Administer the Oath of Office for the newly elected Board of Directors. (C. Galvan) 💧</u></b></p> <p>Discussion:</p>	

	<p>The newly elected Board of Directors got sworn in by Judge Bo Ochoa, IV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Position No. 1, Jason Starkey</li> <li>• Position No. 5, Adam Lalonde</li> </ul>	
6	<p><u>Consider and approve the Re-organization of the Officers. (C. Galvan)</u> </p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The Board approved the Organization of Officers to remain the same:</p> <p>Chairman, Scott Friedman  Vice-Chairman, Adam Lalonde  Secretary Jason Starkey  Director William "Bill" Donahue  Director Dave Boughter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously:  <b>MOVED BY J. STARKEY, SECONDED BY A. LALONDE.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE KEEPING THE EXISTING ORGANIZATION OF THE OFFICERS.</b></p>	
7	<p><u>Consider and approve the Re-organization of the Committee's List. (C. Galvan)</u> </p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The Board approved the Committee's List to remain the same:</p> <p><u>Audit Committee</u>  Scott Friedman  Adam Lalonde</p> <p><u>Budget Committee</u>  Dave Boughter  Adam Lalonde</p> <p><u>Insurance Committee</u>  William Donahue  Scott Friedman</p> <p><u>Professional Services Committee</u>  Dave Boughter  Jason Starkey</p> <p><u>Annexation Committee</u>  William Donahue  Jason Starkey</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously:  <b>MOVED BY A. LALONDE, SECONDED BY J. STARKEY.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE FOR THE LIST TO REMAIN THE SAME.</b></p>	

8	<p><u>General Manager's Report</u></p> <p><u>Reservoir Levels</u> – The Levels combined, 32.2%, seem to keep it steady, slightly climbing. Still in hopes for more rain</p> <p><u>December 28-Board of Directors Regular Meeting</u> – The Board agreed to cancel the second meeting in December and meet at the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 11, 2023.</p>	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
9	<p><u>Director of Operation's Report</u> 💧</p> <p><u>Monthly Report</u> – Compared to October, November's Service Order and Call Outs showed fewer for the Distribution Department and Collection Department in November. However, the Pre-Treatment and Lift Stations showed more in November than in October.</p>	
10	<p><u>District Engineer's Report</u> 💧</p> <p><u>Status of Water System Improvements</u> – Water System Improvements Capital Budget reviewed as of 12/2/2022 The budget showed a shortage of \$9,760,000, but possibly the invitation from the state revolving fund will cover it.</p> <p><u>Long Island Village Site Visit by North American Development Bank</u> – The meeting went well with North American Bank, and the estimated closing date is in April</p> <p><u>Status of US Army Corps of Engineers Seawater Intake Study</u> – Should have the budgetary numbers in August</p> <p><u>Isla Blanca Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Pipeline</u> – Photos reviewed of the pipeline and how needing to get it sized correctly</p>	MOTION CARRIED
11	<p><u>Presentation by IDE Technologies Group on Seawater Desalination</u></p> <p>Questions and answers followed the presentation. A printed copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.</p> <p>✓ The Financial numbers will be presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting</p>	PRESENTATION
12	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of the proposal for State Hwy 48 Temporary Water Service (C. Ortiz)</u> 💧</p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved the proposal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: <b>MOVED BY A. LALONDE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER.</b> <b>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</b></p>	MOTION CARRIED
13	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Intent to Apply for funding to the Texas Water Development Board through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for Water Treatment Plant No 1 and EST Improvements. (C. Ortiz)</u> 💧</p> <p>Discussion: The Board agreed on applying for a \$15 million request</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion carried unanimously:</p>	MOTION CARRIED

	<p>MOVED BY A. LALONDE, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE.</p> <p>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE \$15 MILLION REQUEST.</p>	
14	<p><u>Consider and review Expenditures from November 15, 2022, to November 30, 2022. (C. Galvan) 💧</u></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The Board accepted the expenditures as presented</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE EXPENDITURES ACKNOWLEDGED BY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">D. BOUGHTER, A. LALONDE, S. FRIEDMAN, AND W. DONAHUE</p>	<p>ACKNOWLEDGED EXPENDITURES</p>
15	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>There was no further business; the meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.</p>	<p>MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:47 PM</p>



SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN



JASON STARKEY, SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2023.