

MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, May 24, 2023
 5:30 PM – 5:51 PM
 Board Room

1	<p><u>QUORUM</u> Chairman, Scott Friedman Vice-Chairman, Adam Lalonde arrived at 5:40 PM Director William “Bill” Donahue Director Dave Boughter</p> <p><u>ABSENT</u> Secretary Jason Starkey</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 Brandon Edge Superintendent Wastewater, Santiago Ochoa, IV Superintendent Water, Noe Cantu Attorney, Richard Fryer virtually through ZOOM</p>	
2	<p><u>Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.</u> The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and C. Galvan said the Opening Prayer.</p>	
3	<p><u>Invitation to the Audience for Public Comments</u> Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Galvan noted Administration Staff is attending a meeting in Austin with TCEQ regarding the Desalination Project, leaving after tonight’s meeting. The Norrisleal Engineers are also attending the meeting. • R. Gomez shared a thank you message sent to J. Starkey from County Judge Eddie Trevino regarding the assistance LMWD District Employees provided after the tornado to the Laguna Heights community in their hour of need. R. Gomez reported twelve District Employees helped out that Saturday and Sunday. The District had five members (3 families) affected by the tornado. • E. Salazar mentioned how the District’s three families sustained significant damage to their homes. District Staff attended the recent Emergency Management Meeting right after the storm. Laguna Heights did not meet the dollar amount of damages threshold for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) assistance. E. Salazar expressed it would probably primarily be charities helping. <p>E. Salazar also shared the District is soliciting monetary donations from District Employees until the end of this week to help our three families out.</p>	PUBLIC COMMENTS

4	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval the Minutes for the Regular Meeting from May 10, 2023. (C. Galvan) 🗨️</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Minutes were approved as presented</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
5	<p><u>General Manager's Report</u></p> <p><u>Reservoir Levels</u> – C. Galvan handed out printed copies of the Rio Grande Flows & Reservoirs Condition for the US and Mexico. A copy of the document is attached to the minutes.</p> <p>Today the levels at Falcon Lake and Amistad are at 30.0%. Gradually the levels are climbing. Printed copies got handed out, and a copy is attached to the minutes.</p> <p>The District also accepted no charge water from TCEQ (meaning it's not deducted from its water rights). So as of May, we are over 800-acre feet at no charge.</p> <p><u>General Manager's Evaluation</u> – C. Galvan noted the evaluation form was in the Board packet for review, and the formal assessment will be on the agenda for consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting.</p>	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
6	<p><u>Consider and discuss for approval of Board Travel to attend the Association of Water Board Directors (AWBD) Annual Conference on June 22, 2023, through June 24, 2023, in Corpus Christi, Texas. (C. Galvan) 🗨️</u></p> <p>Discussion: C. Galvan encouraged the Board to attend. The Board approved the travel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY A. LALONDE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
7	<p><u>Consider and discuss for approval of Board Travel to attend the Texas Desal 2023 Annual Conference on September 27, 2023, through September 29, 2023, in El Paso, Texas. (C. Galvan) 🗨️</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved and agreed Staff should also attend.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
8	<p><u>Consider and discuss for approval the updated 2023 Hurricane Preparedness Operational Plan. (C. Galvan) 🗨️</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved the updated 2023 plan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY A. LALONDE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER.</p>	MOTION CARRIED

	MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.	
9	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of a Consulting Services Agreement with Kyle Frazier Consulting, Inc., to assess funding needs and sources for the Seawater Desalination Project. (C. Galvan) 💧</u></p> <p>Discussion: C. Galvan noted Kyle Frazier is the Texas Desalination President working with the State Representatives and will keep the District updated. The Board approved an Agreement.</p> <p>✓ The Board Requested to Invite Mr. Frazier to come down and meet with the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
10	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Abandonment of Utility Easements on Lots 1, 6, and 7, Block 96, Padre Beach Section VII. (C. Ortiz) 💧</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved the Abandonment of Utility Easements as described above</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously: MOVED BY A. LALONDE, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
12	<p><u>Consider and review Expenditures from May 1, 2023, to May 15, 2023. (C. Galvan) 💧</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board accepted the expenditures as presented</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The expenditures acknowledged by: D. BOUGHTER, A. LALONDE, S. FRIEDMAN, and W. DONAHUE.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGED EXPENDITURES
13	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>There was no further business; the meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.</p>	MEETING ADJOURNED @ 5:51 PM



JASON STARKEY, SECRETARY



ADAM LALONDE, VICE-CHAIRMAN

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF JUNE 2023.