MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Laguna Madre Water District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, September 23, 2026
5:30 PM – 6:32 PM
Board Room
105 Port Rd. Port Isabel, TX 78578

1. The Secretary calls the meeting to order, determines the presence of a quorum, and notices that the meeting has been duly posted as required by law.

Secretary, Jason Starkey initiated the meeting by confirming the presence of a quorum. With members in attendance, the official status of the meeting was established.

PRESENT
Adam Lalonde, Vice-Chairman **entered the meeting at 5:36PM**
Jason Starkey, Secretary
William "Bill" Donahue. Director
David "Dave" Boughter, Director

ABSENT
Scott Friedman, Chairman

LMWD STAFF
Noe Cantu, Interim General Manager
Brian Hansen, Attorney
Mary Gamboa, Human Resources
Eduardo Salazar, Director of Finance
Enrique Samaniego, Purchasing Agent
Joel Lopez, Superintendent
Brandon Edge, Information Tech Specialist
Ana Lopez, Executive Secretary

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance. Interim General Manager Noe Cantu led the invocation.

3. Invitation to the Audience for Public Comments

No comments.

4. Consider and discuss for possible approval the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 09, 2026. (N. Cantu)

The minutes were submitted to the Board for review. The Board formally approved the minutes as presented.

Moved By D. Boughter, **Seconded** By W. Donahue.
Motion: Move to Approve
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. General Manager's Report

- Reservoir Levels
  - N. Cantu stated the Reservoir levels are currently at 31.1%.
- November Board meeting dates
  - Closed November 11th – Veterans Day
  - November 25th – Day before Thanksgiving
    - Mr. Cantu wanted to give sufficient notice of November meeting dates, due to Holidays and office closure. After discussion November 4th and November 18th were proposed meeting dates.
- Scott Friedman Resignation
  - Mr. Freidman has submitted his resignation, 60 days from acceptance for appointment deadline is November 13, 2026.

6. Director of Finance Report

- Long Island Village Repayment of Special Contingency Fund update
  - E. Salazar provided an update on repayment period for Change Order #3. Agreement was monthly payments; however Long Island Village has paid 12 months in advance; which have been received.

7. Consider and discuss for possible approval the publication of Notice of General Election for Laguna Madre Water District Board of Directors in newspaper. (N. Cantu)

N. Cantu presented the Notice of Election that must be published in the newspaper for the upcoming November 3, 2026 Election.

Moved By A. Lalonde, **Seconded** By D. Boughter.
Motion: Motion to Approve
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Consider and discuss for possible approval a Resolution designating authorized parties to act on behalf of the Laguna Madre Water District's bank accounts. (Resolution 235-09-2026). (E. Salazar)

E. Salazar presented the approval of the resolution to remove Mr. Scott Friedman due to his resignation and adding a member of the board as chosen. After discussion, Mr. Adam Lalonde is to be added as an authorized party to act on behalf of the Laguna Madre Water District's bank accounts.

Moved By D. Boughter, **Seconded** By W. Donahue.
Motion: Move to Approve
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Consider and discuss for possible approval of Monthly Financial Report for July 2026. (E. Salazar)

Director of Finance, E. Salazar, presented a brief overview of the monthly financial report for July 2026, with an emphasis that wastewater services are down 2.9% versus last year. He will be investigating more to find discrepancies on which would be causing the decrease.

Moved By A. Lalonde, **Seconded** By D. Boughter.
Motion: Move to Approve
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Consider and discuss for possible approval purchase of VFD for River pumps stations. (E. Samaniego)

E. Samaniego noted the staff recommending Board approval and award the purchase of VFD to Sun Source Inc. for $17,012.16.

Moved By W. Donahue, **Seconded** By A. Lalonde.
Motion: Move to Approve
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Consider and discuss for possible approval the purchase of gate valves for Distribution department. (E. Samaniego)

E. Samaniego stated the staff is recommending Board approval and award purchase of gate valves to Core and Main for $35,987.78.

Moved By D. Boughter, **Seconded** By W. Donahue.
Motion: Move to Approve
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Consider and review Expenditures from September 01, 2026, to September 15, 2026. (N. Cantu)

The Expenditures were provided for review and acknowledged by the board.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION permitted by the Open Meetings Act, VCTA, Government Code Section 551.001 et seq.; Under Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney; under Section 551.0761, Deliberation Regarding Critical Infrastructure Facility; under Section 551.074, Personnel Matters:

A. Discussion and possible action concerning the appointment and employment of the General Manager.

B. Discussion and possible action concerning the negotiations with the Port Isabel – San Benito Navigation District for Seawater Intake Facilities.

C. Discussion and possible action concerning Lift Station Rehabilitation Project with Mor-Wil, LLC.

Mr. Jason Starkey, Secretary of the Laguna Madre Water District's Board of Directors, took the following action: that an Executive Session be included on the agenda for the said meeting, which was duly posted at the office of the District, authorizing the holding of such a closed or Executive Session.

The Secretary entertained the motion to enter into Executive Session. D. Boughter moved, with A. Lalonde seconding, to initiate the **Executive Session** at **5:45 PM.** A. Lalonde put forth a motion, seconded by W. Donahue, to adjourn the **Executive Session** at **6:29 PM.** The only matters discussed during the Executive Session were addressed by the Board of Directors, who then proceeded to the next agenda item.

14. Consideration and action on EXECUTIVE SESSION item(s), if necessary.

A. **Moved By** A. Lalonde, **Seconded by** D. Boughter
Motion: Hire Mr. Noe Cantu Jr. as General Manager at the discussed rate.

B. **Moved By** A. Lalonde, **Seconded by** D. Boughter
Motion: Proceed as directed.

C. **Motion: No Action**

15. Adjournment

No additional business remained; the meeting was adjourned at **6:32 PM**.

JASON STARKEY, SECRETARY

DAVID BOUGHTER, DIRECTOR

SIGN HERE

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.