

MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
Laguna Madre Water District  
Board of Directors  
Wednesday, January 14, 2026  
5:30 PM – 6:37 PM  
Board Room  
105 Port Rd. Port Isabel, TX 78578

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

Chairman, S. Friedman initiated the meeting by confirming the presence of a quorum. With all members in attendance, the official status of the meeting was established.

PRESENT

Scott Friedman, Chairman

Adam Lalonde, Vice-Chairman

Jason Starkey, Secretary

David "Dave" Boughter, Director

William "Bill" Donahue, Director

arrived at 5:42 PM  
virtually through ZOOM

LMWD STAFF

Noe Cantu, Interim General Manager

Brian Hansen, Attorney

Charles Ortiz, District Engineer

Eduardo Salazar, Director of Finance

Enrique Samaniego, Purchasing Agent

Mary Gamboa, Human Resources

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**

- Mr. Doc Young, Long Island Village General Manager, read a statement letter on the Long Island Village project concerning issues and completion period.

**4. Consider and discuss for possible approval the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 17, 2025. (N. Cantu)** 

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

Moved By B. Donahue, Seconded By D. Boughter.

Motion: Move to Approve

**THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 5. General Managers Report

- **Operations Monthly Report**
  - Water - Reservoir levels are at 27.3, which have been able to be maintained at a steady level due to rain.
  - N. Cantu presented a 5-year comparison of Treated Water.
  - Laguna Madre Blvd and W. Red Snapper sewer project update; issues have come up such as an obstruction in the pipe, as well as the hole collapsing and a water pipe break. Completion time is scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup>. The Board asked LMWD to provide better traffic mitigation with cones and fencing.
  - Wastewater - Palo Blanco pipe issues, alternative methods are being researched. Pipe bursting looks to be the most efficient fix, awaiting estimate.

## 6. District Engineer's Report

- **Water System Improvements Project Schedule**
  - C. Ortiz presented an update to the project schedule that has been posted to the LMWD website.
- **Long Island Village Water and Sewer Improvements**
  - C. Ortiz presented an update to the project that has been posted to the LMWD website. Jacob Casteneda from SWG Engineers also provided additional information on project updates that would provide answers to Mr. Young's statement concerning issues.

## 7. Consider and discuss for possible approval of Change Order No. 6 with Ferguson Service Systems, Inc. for Water Plant 1 Construction. (C. Ortiz)

C. Ortiz reported Change Order No. 6 is for additional pipe supports that are required at the price of \$35,235.27, as well as 45days being added to the contract time schedule.

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

## 8. Consider and discuss for possible approval of Change Order No. 1 with Ferguson Service Systems, Inc. for CID 01: Water Plant 2 / Reservoir No. 3 Raw Water Transfer Pump Station Construction. (C. Ortiz)

C. Ortiz reported Change Order No. 1 is for a substantial number of debris found in the reservoir that needed to be removed causing an increase of \$21,098.70. As well 154 days being added to the contract time, due to AEP delay in relocating the power lines.

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

## 9. Consider and discuss for possible approval Monthly Financial Report for September 2025. (E. Salazar)

E. Salazar shared the financials for September 2025, highlighting the Revenue figures came out 2% above budget and the Expenditures came 98.8% of the budget. Ending with the total sum of revenues over expenditures of \$483,000.

The Board acknowledged the monthly financial report.

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

10. **Consider and discuss for possible approval the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2025. (E. Salazar)** ♡

Director of Finance E. Salazar presented the yield for the quarter was 3.92%, with the Fiscal Year 4.23%; and Fiscal YTD Total of \$2,744.775

The Board approved the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter that ended on September 30, 2025.

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

11. **Consider and review Expenditures from December 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. (N. Cantu)** ♡

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

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

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION permitted by the Open Meetings Act, VTCA, Government Code Section 551.001 et seq., Under Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney; under Section 551.072, Deliberation about Real Property, Under Section 551.074, Personnel Matters:**

- A. **Discussion and possible action concerning the negotiations with the Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District for the Seawater Intake Facilities.**
  
- B. **Discussion concerning Lift station Rehabilitation Project with Mor-Wil, LLC.**

S. Friedman, Chairman 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 Chairman entertained the motion to enter into Executive Session. A. Lalonde moved, with Mr. Boughter seconding, to initiate the **Executive Session at 6:07 PM**. B. Donahue put forth a motion, seconded by A. Lalonde, to adjourn the **Executive Session at 6:36 PM**. The only matters discussed during the Executive Session were addressed by the Board of Directors, who then proceeded to the next agenda item.

13. Consider and action on EXECUTIVE SESSION item(s), if necessary.

Moved By A. Lalonde, Seconded D. Boughter.  
Motion: Move to Proceed as Directed  
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

14. Adjournment

No additional business remained; the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.



  
SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN



  
WILLIAM DONAHUE, DIRECTOR

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2026.