MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Laguna Madre Water District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
5:33 PM – 6:08 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.

Vice-Chairman, Adam Lalonde 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
Jason Starkey, Secretary
David "Dave" Boughter, Director

ABSENT
Scott Friedman, Chairman
William "Bill" Donahue. Director

LMWD STAFF
Noe Cantu, Interim General Manager
Brian Hansen, Attorney **virtually through Zoom**
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. Finance Director Eduardo Salazar led the invocation.

3. Invitation to the Audience for Public Comments

No comments.

4. PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Laguna Madre Water District and Long Island Village Designated Area for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

The Vice-Chairman started the **PUBLIC HEARING**, and the Board commenced it at **5:35 PM**, following a motion by D. Boughter and a second from J. Starkey.

The Vice-Chairman then opened the session for questions or comments; none were raised.

The Vice-Chairman closed the **PUBLIC HEARING** at **5:36 PM**. The Board then considered the adoption of the ad valorem tax rates outlined in Item #5; the results are shown below.

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

5. <u>Consider and discuss for possible approval a Resolution to adopt the Ad Valorem Tax Rate of $0.122090/$100 for Laguna Madre Water District and the Ad Valorem Tax Rate of $0.602313/$100 for Long Island Village Designated Area for the fiscal year 2026-2027 (Resolution No. 231-08-2026). (E. Salazar)</u>

The Board formally approved and supported the new Tax Rates for the Laguna Madre Water District at $0.122090/$100 and the Long Island Village Designated Area at $0.602313 per $100.00

The Vice-Chairman conducted a roll-call vote and announced the result of vote:

Those **FOR** the Proposal of the Tax Rates:

- David Boughter
- Jason Starkey
- Adam Lalonde

Those **AGAINST** the Proposal of the Tax Rates: **NONE**

ABSENT:

- Scott Friedman
- William Donahue

Moved By D. Boughter, **Seconded** By J. Starkey.
Motion: Move to Approve
<u>THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</u>

6. <u>Consider and discuss for possible approval the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting and the Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2026. (N. Cantu)</u>

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

Moved By D. Boughter, **Seconded** By J. Starkey.
Motion: Move to Approve
<u>THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</u>

7. <u>General Manager's Report</u>

- Reservoir Levels
  - N. Cantu stated the Reservoir levels are currently at 31.5%.
- Update on High Service Pump Station Rehab
  - 7% complete as of most recent pay application; pictures were shown.
- Update on Raw Water Transfer Pump Station
  - 53% complete as of most recent pay application; pictures were shown.
- CBRE Presentation
  - Upcoming appraisal presentation costs
- Upcoming addendum for NL Engineering regarding the Pilot Plant

8. <u>Superintendent's Report</u>

- Andie Bowie STP AMI antenna relocation
  - Emergency installation was done a few months ago. Doing work in house, saved the District a significant amount. Pictures were shown.

9. <u>Consider and remove from the table the following item tabled at the Regular Meeting on August 12, 2026:</u>

<u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Change Order #4 for Long Island Village Sanitary Sewer, Water & Paving Improvements – Scallop Street Water and Wastewater Services. (N. Cantu)</u>

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

10. **Consider and discuss for possible approval of Change Order #4 for Long Island Village Sanitary Sewer, Water & Paving Improvements – Scallop Street Water and Wastewater Services. (N. Cantu)**

N. Cantu provided a brief explanation of pavement required on Scallop Street. This change order is to ensure that Laguna Madre Water District places the infrastructure in the correct locations that will allow for any work going forward in future incidents. Discussion on location of current infrastructures are uncertain, if there were to be a leak, the foundations that would be affected are unknown. After brief discussion on funding for Change Order #4; if it will be taken from Special Contingency Fund.

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

11. **Consider and discuss for possible approval of Monthly Financial Report for June 2026. (E. Salazar)**

E. Salazar presented a brief overview of June Financial Report with total revenues being $11,066,687.

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

12. **Consider and discuss for possible approval the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2026. (E. Salazar)**

Director of Finance, E. Salazar, highlighted that for the quarter ending June 30, 2026, the quarter yield was 3.3%; bringing the fiscal year to date yield to 3.32%. Total earnings for the quarter were $890,597.00. The Board approved.

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

13. **Consider and discuss for possible approval of 12-month Supply of Chemicals for the Water Plant and Wastewater Plant. (E. Samaniego)**

E. Samaniego noted the staff is recommending Board approval and award the contracts to the lowest bids. The Board approved.

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

14. Consider and discuss for possible approval of Annual Contract for Asphalt Paving and Repair Projects. (E. Samaniego)

E. Samaniego stated the staff is recommending Board approval and award the contract to JC Concrete and Sons, LLC for annual asphalt paving and repair services contract. The Board approved.

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

15. Consider and discuss for possible approval Grounds Keeping Maintenance (all departments). (E. Samaniego)

E. Samaniego noted the staff is recommending Board approval and award the three-year contract beginning October 1, 2026, until September 30, 2029, for ground-keeping maintenance to M.H. Mowing Services for $61,200.00 per year. The Board approved.

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

16. Consider and review Expenditures from August 01, 2026, to August 15, 2026. (N. Cantu)

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

17. 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 a Cybersecurity measure.

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

Mr. Adam Lalonde, Vice-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 Vice-Chairman entertained the motion to enter into Executive Session. J. Starkey moved, with D. Boughter seconding, to initiate the **Executive Session** at **5:56 PM.** D. Boughter put forth a motion, seconded by W. Donahue, to adjourn the **Executive Session** at **6:07 PM.** The only matters discussed during the Executive Session were addressed by the Board of Directors, who then proceeded to the next agenda item.

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

A. Moved: No Action

B. Motion: No Action

19. Adjournment

No additional business remained; the meeting was adjourned at **6:08 PM**.

ADAM LALONDE, VICE-CHAIRMAN

DAVID BOUGHTER, DIRECTOR

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.