MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Laguna Madre Water District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, August 12, 2026
5:30 PM – 6:40 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
David "Dave" Boughter, Director
William "Bill" Donahue, Director

ABSENT
Scott Friedman, Chairman
Jason Starkey, Secretary

LMWD STAFF
Noe Cantu, Interim General Manager **virtually through Zoom**
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. Director David Boughter led the invocation.

3. Invitation to the Audience for Public Comments

Vice- Chairman A. Lalonde wanted to acknowledge a great budget workshop previous to the board meeting. J. Lopez wanted to recognize Santana Martinez for receiving his Class C Surface Water license.

4. Consider and discuss for possible approval the Regular meeting held on July 08, 2026. (N. Cantu)

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

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

5. General Manager's Report

- Reservoir Levels
  - N. Cantu stated the Reservoir levels are currently at 32.4%.
- DIR/Cybersecurity Mandatory training deadline August 31, 2026
  - Training has been sent to board members, please complete.
- Garver submitted application for House Bill 500
  - Application has been successfully submitted for potential grant monies.
- Next meeting August 26, 2026

6. Superintendent's Report

- Operations Report
  - The report was presented by Mr. Joel Lopez.
- Tower Climb
  - Hatch was refabricated and replaced; pictures were presented of work.
- No Charge Water
  - Daily calls to water master LMWD were able to receive 374-acre feet of water which equals 121 million gallons of No Charge Water.
- County Issue – Grease
  - Pictures of what was found were presented, the camera crawler will be inserted to verify issue has been cleared. This is responsibility of County to maintain in the future.
- Lagoon Project progress update
  - Employees cleaned out and got lagoon up and running.
- Water Plant #2 – Static Mixer calcium obstruction
  - Back pressure was causing plant to shut down, opened 24inch pipe, and found a calcium build up.

7. Consider and discuss for possible approval an Order Calling a Board of Directors Election of the Laguna Madre Water District, Establishing polling locations. (N. Cantu)

N. Cantu presented the Order of Election, with three polling locations being Port Isabel, South Padre Island and Laguna Vista. The Board approved.

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

8. Consider and discuss for possible approval the Amended and Restated Project Funding Agreement Relating to the Laguna Madre Water District – Long Island Village Defined Area Unlimited Tax Bonds, Taxable Series 2023 for the Purpose of Paying Cost Overruns Associated with Paving Improvements Incidental to the Water and Paving Improvements. (N. Cantu)

N. Cantu presented Change Order #3, which has been previously discussed by Long Island Village at their request. This agreement states the reimbursement of funds within 5 years. The Board approved.

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

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

N. Cantu requested the Board to table this item to allow more time for discussions. The Board approved this request, postponing the matter until the next meeting.

Moved By D. Boughter, **Seconded** By W. Donahue.
Motion: Motion to approve table
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TABLED

10. **Consider and discuss for possible approval of Agreement for Municipal Advisory Services with TRB Capital Markets, LLC (d/b/a Estrada Hinojosa). (E. Salazar)**

E. Salazar presented a renewal of services with TRB Capital Markets, LLC (d/b/a Estrada Hinojosa) with no change in rate. Name change being the only minor change. The Board approved the renewal of services.

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

11. **Consider and discuss for possible renewal Contract for Lease for Mailing Equipment and Software. (E. Samaniego)**

E. Samaniego presented the renewal of the contract to Quadient for the lease of mailing equipment and software for $19,981.80 per year on a four (4) year contract. There is a decrease in the monthly payment of $471.05, totaling $5,652.60 a year. The Board approved.

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

12. **Consider and discuss for possible approval of Change Order No. 2 for Water Plant 1 Elevated Storage Tank No 6. With Landmark Structures I, LP. (N. Cantu)**

N. Cantu requested approval of Change Order No. 2 which shows a Site Restoration Credit of $13,700.00; since we asked they do not pave over the area where the EST will be will placed. Additional charges for demolition of additional steel floor on GST and add hoist for mixer at the total increase of $10,409.00 for both items. The Board approved.

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

13. **Consider and discuss for possible approval of Change Order No. 7 for Water System Improvements – Water Plant 1 with Ferguson Service System, Inc. (N. Cantu)**

N. Cantu requested the approval of Change Order No. 7 for miscellaneous chemical feed, new electrical service to workshop, power to overhead door motors and compressor wire upgrade for a total increase of $76,417.59. The Board approved.

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

14. **Consider and discuss for possible approval of the Proposed Tax Rate to be published in the Notice of a Public Hearing to be held on August 26, 2026, at 5:30pm, and subsequently adopt the Tax Rate at the Regular Meeting following the Public Hearing. (E. Salazar)**

E. Salazar mentioned that a Notice of Public Hearing is proposed to adopt the following rates: $0.12090 for Laguna Madre Water District, and $0.602313 For the Long Island Village Defined Area.

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

Those **FOR** the Proposal of the Tax Rates Public Hearing Notice:

- David Boughter
- William Donahue
- Adam Lalonde

ABSENT:

- Scott Friedman
- Jason Starkey

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

15. **Consider and discuss for possible approval of Group Health, Life, Dental and Vision Insurance Renewal. (M. Gamboa)**

M. Gamboa presented the renewal noting the increase of 2% for Group Health Insurance, with renewal rates for Dental, Vision and Life Insurance included. The Board approved.

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

16. **Consider and discuss for possible approval to dispose of Surplus Materials. (E. Samaniego)**

E. Samaniego requested approval to dispose of the listed items and auction them for any salvage value they might have. The Board approved.

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

17. Consider and review Expenditures from July 01, 2026, to July 31, 2026. (N. Cantu)

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

18. 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 551.072, Deliberation about Real Property, under Section 551.074, Personnel Matters:

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

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

C. Discussion and update on CBRE Appraisal status.

D. Discussion and possible action concerning RGV-Desalination on South Padre Island.

E. Deliberation regarding the Evaluation of a District Employee to wit: Water Superintendent/Interim General Manager.

F. 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. D. Boughter moved, with W. Donahue seconding, to initiate the **Executive Session** at **6:01 PM**. D. Boughter put forth a motion, seconded by W. Donahue, to adjourn the **Executive Session** at **6:38 PM.** The only matters discussed during the Executive Session were addressed by the Board of Directors, who then proceeded to the next agenda item.

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

A. **Moved By** D. Boughter, **Seconded by** W. Donahue
Motion: Direct counsel to proceed with litigation as directed.

B. **Motion: No Action**

C. **Motion: No Action**

D. **Moved By** D. Boughter, **Seconded by** W. Donahue
Motion: Staff should proceed as directed.

E. **Moved By** D. Boughter, **Seconded by** W. Donahue
Motion: Staff should proceed as directed.

F. **Moved By** D. Boughter, **Seconded by** W. Donahue
Motion: Staff should proceed as directed.

20. Adjournment

No additional business remained; the meeting was adjourned at **6:40 PM**.

ADAM LALONDE, VICE-CHAIRMAN

DAVID BOUGHTER, DIRECTOR

SIGN HERE

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026.