

MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
Laguna Madre Water District  
Board of Directors  
Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
5:33 PM – 6:48 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, A. Lalonde initiated the meeting by confirming the presence of a quorum. With all members in attendance, the official status of the meeting was established.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Scott Friedman, Chairman  
William "Bill" Donahue, Director

LMWD STAFF

Noe Cantu, Interim General Manager  
Brian Hansen, Attorney  
Charles Ortiz, District Engineer via Zoom  
Eduardo Salazar, Director of Finance  
Enrique Samaniego, Purchasing Agent  
Mary Gamboa, Human Resources  
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. Superintendent Joel Lopez led the invocation.

3. Invitation to the Audience for Public Comments

- Joel Lopez wanted to acknowledge that Christopher Mozqueda received his Collections Class I Certification.

4. Consider and discuss for possible approval the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 25, 2026. (N. Cantu)

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

Moved By J. Starkey, Seconded By D. Boughter

Motion: Move to Approve

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Board decided to move to Item #14 and Item #15.

14. Presentation by Adrian Webb, CPA, on the Financial Audit for Laguna Madre Water District's Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. (E. Salazar) ♡

Mr. Adrian Webb, CPA presented on the audit and noted that the Laguna Madre Water District's financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, fairly represent the financial position in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The audit followed the generally accepted accounting standards of the United States and Government Auditing Standards.

15. Consider and discuss the possible approval of the Financial Audit report for Laguna Madre Water District's Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. (E. Salazar) ♡

The Board unanimously agreed to approve the Financial Audit Report.

Moved By J. Starkey, 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 26.3 combined.
- Letter of Support from Texas State Representative Janie Lopez
  - Mr. Cantu wanted to acknowledge and give thanks for submitting a Letter of Support on our behalf.
- Update on Seawater Construction
  - Proposing a possible workshop for a blended scenario
- Next Board Meeting April 08, 2026

6. Superintendent's Report

- Operation's Monthly Report ♡ - The report was presented by Mr. Joel. Lopez.
- Project Updates
  - Palo Blanco & Palm is mostly complete asphalt restoration being the only pending item.
  - Contractor is working on fixing damage that was caused on the walking trail bench, they are working with the City of Laguna Vista.
  - Laguna Vista Resident and Contractor are in negotiations in regard to property encroachment.
  - Issue of cloth towels being found in manhole on South Padre Island. A notice will be sent out to the community to advise of situation and prevent it from happening again.

7. District Engineer's Report ♡

- Bureau of Reclamation Award of Financial Assistance Agreement R26AP0087 for Port Isabel Seawater Desalination Treatment Facility
  - With the Letter of Support from Janie Lopez, March 10, 2026, LMWD received Reclamation Award of Financial Assistance Agreement for \$17.5 million in grants to match.
- Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Project No. 51089 Budget Amendment Request #2 for Seawater Desalination Plant
  - 25% of cost incurred is being processed to be reimbursed to Laguna Madre Water District.
- Adjusted Budget for TWDB Project No. 62963 for Water System Improvements
  - February 23, 2026, adjusted budget has been formally up to date.
- Water Treatment Plant No. 1 Microfiltration System Improvements Construction Progress Update
- State Fiscal Year 2027 Project Information Forms submitted by LMWD
  - Wastewater System Improvements – PIFS have been accepted with the possibility of 30% loan forgiveness to be determined by TWDB.
  - Water System Improvements- PIFS have been accepted with the possibility of 30% loan forgiveness; to be determined by TWDB.

8. Consider and discuss the possible approval of Seawater Plant Pilot Plant Operation to extend through August 2026. (See Work Order No. 6). (C. Ortiz) ♣

Mr. Ortiz wanted to make a formal request for Addendum I to extend the current pilot operations through the end of August 2026.

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

9. Consider and discuss for possible approval of Utility Easement for Water U.S. Coast Guard for Isla Blanca Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Improvements. (C. Ortiz) ♣

Mr. Ortiz stated the Isla Blanca Wastewater Treatment Plant current pipeline is within this Easement and insert a storm drain to aid in the sight flooding that has been happening.

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

10. Consider and discuss for possible approval of Contract, the 10-year land-use fee, and required application fee for Miscellaneous Easement No. ME20160138 with Texas General Land Office for one 24-inch Potable Water Pipeline crossing State Tract Numbers 748 & 749, Laguna Madre. (C. Ortiz) ♣

Mr. Ortiz provided this is a lease renewal with Texas General Land Office that grants permission for 24-inch potable water pipeline across the bay. TGLO is offering a 10-year land-use option.

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

11. Consider and discuss for possible approval the purchase of 5/8" water meters. (E. Samaniego) ♣

E. Samaniego requested the approval of purchasing 40 – 5/8" water meters needed for inventory purposes for \$14,760.00 from Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co. Inc.

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

12. Consider and discuss for possible approval the purchase of Blower with 100Hp motor for LVSTP. (E. Samaniego) 📌

Mr. Samaniego stated this purchase was approved within 2025-2026 fiscal year budget, wanting to standardize and have the same blowers at all plants. He is requesting the purchase of one blower from Garnder Denver Nash for \$73,602.05.

Moved By J. Starkey, **Seconded** By D. Boughter  
Motion: Move to Approve  
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13. Consider and discuss for possible approval the purchase of clarifier service parts for LVSTP and ABSTP. (E. Samaniego) 📌

E. Samaniego is requesting possible purchasing for service parts required to maintain and repair two existing clarifiers currently in operation. Recommending service parts from Ovivo USA, LLC for \$15,886.05; this is a single source.

Moved By D. Boughter, **Seconded** By J. Starkey  
Motion: Move to Approve  
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16. Consider and discuss for possible approval the renewal of Windstorm, Hurricane and Hail Insurance Coverage. (E. Salazar) 📌

Director of Finance E. Salazar stated that Victor Insurance Managers, the district's windstorm insurance broker, conducted extensive marketing to provide various coverage options for the renewing period. This year's Windstorm is significantly less than the previous year. E. Salazar is recommending Option #1 with a TWIA 1% deductible, the total cost for the windstorm policy would be \$237,191.30.

After a quick discussion and comparison between the options. Mr. Starkey motioned to go forward with E. Salazar recommendation of Option #1.

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

17. Consider and review Expenditures from February 01, 2026, to February 28, 2026. (N. Cantu) 📌

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

18. 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-Will, LLC.

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 Chairman entertained the motion to enter into Executive Session. J. Starkey moved, with D. Boughter seconding, to initiate the Executive Session at 6:23 PM. J. Starkey put forth a motion, seconded by D. Boughter, to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:47 PM. The only matters discussed during the Executive Session were addressed by the Board of Directors, who then proceeded to the next agenda item.

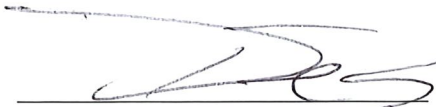
19. Consider and action on EXECUTIVE SESSION item(s), if necessary.
- A. **Moved** By J. Starkey, **Seconded** By D. Boughter.  
**Motion:** Direct counsel to continue negotiations with Port Isabel- San Benticio Navigation District
  - B. **Moved** By J. Starkey, **Seconded** By D. Boughter.  
**Motion:** Direct counsel to continue negotiations with Mor-Will, LLC.

20. Adjournment

No additional business remained; the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM.



ADAM LALONDE, VICE-CHAIRMAN



DAVID BOUGHTER, DIRECTOR



MINUTES APPROVED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026.