

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the **LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT** was held at the Administration Office of the District at 105 Port Road, Port Isabel, Texas on the **25th day of FEBRUARY 2015** at the hour of **6:00 p.m.**, pursuant to written notice as prescribed by law.

ITEM #1 **QUORUM**

The **CHAIRMAN** called the meeting to order and he determined the Notice of the Meeting had been duly posted in accordance with the law and the following present constituted a quorum:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jeff Keplinger – Chairman
Whitey William J. Thomas – Vice Chairman
Martin Cantu, Jr. - Secretary
Scott Friedman – Director
Rick Wells – Director

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Carlos J. Galvan, Jr. – General Manager
Charles Ortiz – District Engineer
Victor Valdez – Director of Operations
Belen Peña – Interim Director of Finance - Staff Accountant
Rodolfo Cordova - Attorney

ITEM #2 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The **CHAIRMAN** invited everyone in the audience to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3 **INVITATION TO AUDIENCE FOR DISCUSSION**

The **CHAIRMAN** asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the **BOARD**. No one responded.

ITEM #4 **CONSIDER AND APPROVE MINUTES FOR WORKSHOP MEETING AND REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2015.**

A motion was made by **MR. THOMAS** to approve Minutes for Workshop Meeting and Regular Meeting of February 11, 2015 as submitted, seconded by **MR. WELLS**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM #5 **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- **PENDING LAW SUIT UPDATE**

MR. GALVAN reported the tax law suit, copies were circularized to the Board prior to the meeting; Mr. Eddie Lucio worked on the case and case was dismissed.

ITEM #6 **DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- **AWWA/WEF UTILITY MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**
- **USE OF CHLORINE DIOXIDE PILOT STUDY**

MR. ORTIZ reported on the AWWA/WEF Utility Management Conference he attended in Austin and gave an update on the use of Chlorine Dioxide Pilot Study.

ITEM # 7 **CONSIDER AND RATIFY ORBIT BROADBAND PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF 18 SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS**

A motion was made by **MR. WELLS** to approve Orbit Broadband purchase and installation of 18 surveillance cameras, seconded by **MR. FRIEDMAN**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM #8 **CONSIDER AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (FINAL) FOR CUATES PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS**

A motion was made by **MR. WELLS** to approve Change order No. 1 (Final) for Cuates Pump Station Improvements, seconded by **MR. THOMAS**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM #9 **CONSIDER AND APPROVE FINANCIALS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2015**

A motion was made by **MR. FRIEDMAN** to approve Financials for the month of January 2015, seconded by **MR. CANTU**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM #10 **CONSIDER AND APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS**

A motion was made by **MR. FRIEDMAN** to approve Disbursements as submitted, seconded by **MR. WELLS**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM #11 **EXECUTIVE SESSION PERMITTED BY THE OPEN MEETING ACT, V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.001 ET SEQ., UNDER SECTION 551.074 (A) (1), AUTHORIZING CERTAIN DELIBERATIONS ABOUT OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT TO BE HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEES TO WIT: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

A motion was made by **MR. FRIEDMAN** for the **BOARD** to go into executive session at 6:13 pm, seconded by **MR. WELLS**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A motion was made by **MR. THOMAS** for the **BOARD** to come out of executive session at 7:06 pm, seconded by **MR. WELLS**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM #12 **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM, IF NECESSARY**

The **CHAIRMAN** asked for a motion to hire a Director of Finance subject to salary negotiations with the General Manager and subject to clearing a background check. A motion was made **MR. WELLS** for Candidate No. 2, Mrs. Celina Gonzalez, seconded by **MR. FREIDMAN**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM #13 ADJOURNMENT

The *CHAIRMAN* adjourned the meeting at *7:06 PM*.

JEFF KEPLINGER, CHAIRMAN

MARTIN CANTU, JR., SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2015.