MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Laguna Madre Water District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, October 14, 2026
5:34 PM – 6:17 PM
Board Room
105 Port Rd. Port Isabel, TX 78578

1. The Vice-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
William "Bill" Donahue. Director **virtually through ZOOM**
David "Dave" Boughter, Director

LMWD STAFF
Noe Cantu, General Manager
Brian Hansen, Attorney
Mary Gamboa, Human Resources
Eduardo Salazar, Director of Finance
Enrique Samaniego, Purchasing Manager
Joel Lopez, Superintendent
Brandon Edge, Information Tech Manager
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

Mr. Cantu wanted to acknowledge Joshua Traya in receiving his Class D license.

Vice-Chairman, A. Lalonde moved to Agenda Item #9.

9. Consider and discuss for possible approval of Raw Water Contract with South Padre Island Golf Course. (N. Cantu)

Vice Chairman, A. Lalonde recused himself from any voting on the following matter, a quorum maintained. W. Donahue voted yes, after motions were made.

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

4. Consider and discuss for possible approval the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 23, 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

5. General Manager's Report

- Reservoir Levels
  - N. Cantu stated the Reservoir levels are currently at 33.3%.
  - Next meeting dates were briefly discussed. Next meeting date was decided for Tuesday, November 10th.

6. Superintendent's Report

- Operations Report
- Performance work updates throughout the year
  - J. Lopez provided pictures of work that has been done and completed throughout the year.

W. Donahue exited the meeting at 5:51PM.

7. Consider and discuss for possible approval of Second Amended and Restated Project Funding Agreement by and between Laguna Madre Water District and Long Island Village entered into in connection with the issuance of Laguna Madre Water District – Long Island Village Defined Area Unlimited Tax Bonds, Taxable Series 2023. (N. Cantu)

N. Cantu presented the agreement that is tied to previously approved Change Order #4 for Scallop Street. Bond Consuel updated the agreement.

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

8. Consider and discuss for possible approval of Change Order No. 1 with Ferguson Service Systems Inc. for Water Systems Improvements – Water Plant 2 HSPS for SCADA. (N. Cantu)

N. Cantu presented the software upgrade needed to replace obsolete materials for the amount of $80,138.97.

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

10. Consider and discuss for possible approval of Master Agreement for Professional Services with Freese and Nichols, Inc. (N. Cantu)

N. Cantu requested this item be tabled.

Moved By J. Starkey, **Seconded** By D. Boughter.
Motion: Motion to approve table
THE MOTION WAS TABELED

11. Consider and discuss for possible approval of a proposed water rights lease with VMUD #2. (N. Cantu)

N. Cantu presented a request from VMUD #2 for water rights lease. After looking at the current projections, N. Cantu proposed 400 acre-feet water rights lease for the amount of $28,000.

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

12. Consider and discuss for possible approval of Bad Debt Write-Offs for the Fiscal year ending September 30, 2026. (E. Salazar)

E. Salazar reported that the District must write off amounts determined to be uncollectible after multiple collection efforts have been made. The total amount to be written off is $6,480.83, consisting of $3,910.19 in utility bills and $2,570.64 in miscellaneous invoices.

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

13. Consider and discuss for possible approval of Monthly Financial Report for August 2026. (E. Salazar)

The Financial reports were submitted to the Board for review. The Board acknowledged the monthly financial report.

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

14. Consider and discuss for possible approval of Odor Control Chemicals. (E. Samaniego)

E. Samaniego stated staff is recommending Board approval and award the purchase of odor control chemicals to Enviro Biotechnology Solutions for $32,314.95.

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

15. Consider and discuss for possible approval of the Purchase of Employee Uniforms. (E. Samaniego)

E. Samaniego stated staff is recommending Board approval and award the purchase of employees uniforms to Rock Point Marketplace for $55,088.47.

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

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

E. Samaniego requested approval to dispose of the listed items previously provided.

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

17. Consider and review Expenditures from September 01, 2026, to September 15, 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 and under Section 551.072 Real Property:

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

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 **6:02 PM**. A. Lalonde put forth a motion, seconded by W. Donahue, to adjourn the **Executive Session** at **6:16 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** J. Starkey.
Motion: Proceed as directed.

20. Adjournment

No additional business remained; the meeting was adjourned at **6:17 PM**.

JASON STARKEY, SECRETARY

DAVID BOUGHTER, DIRECTOR

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.