

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Laguna Madre Water District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 11, 2026
5:30 PM – 6:05 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.**

Chairman, S. Friedman initiated the meeting by confirming the presence of a quorum. With all members in attendance, the official status of the meeting was established.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

William "Bill" Donahue, Director

LMWD STAFF

Noe Cantu, Interim General Manager
Brian Hansen, Attorney
Charles Ortiz, District Engineer
Eduardo Salazar, Director of Finance
Enrique Samaniego, Purchasing Agent
Mary Gamboa, Human Resources
Joel Lopez, Interim Superintendent
Brandon Edge, Information Tech Specialist
Ana Lopez, Executive Secretary

2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Member District Engineer C. Ortiz led the invocation.

3. **Invitation to the Audience for Public Comments**

- Chairman S. Friedman noted that there were no public comments.

4. **Consider and discuss for possible approval the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 28, 2026. (N. Cantu)**

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

Moved By A. Lalonde, **Seconded** By D. Boughter.

Motion: Move to Approve

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. General Managers Report

- N. Cantu provided an updated report on Laguna Blvd project status; commenting on all the LMWD workers that aided in the project did a great job. Joel Lopez added they are backfilling and compacting with caliche going down soon. J. Lopez added pipe bursting project on Palo Blanco has started.

6. District Engineer's Report

- Seawater Desalination Plant & Pilot Study - Seawater RO system is running smoothly. Hicks and Company is wrapping up the permit application with USACE.
- TWDB Project No. 62963 – Water System Improvements – Notice to Proceed for CID 02 was issued February 3, 2026. TWDB needed confirmation that LMWD is okay with moving funds from contingency to cover costs.
- Water Treatment Plant No. 1 Microfiltration Improvements – Reservoir No.1 is being filled to allow contractor to start getting water into the plant. Water Distribution is about 50ft away from completing the 8-inch waterline loop to abandon 6-inch asbestos cement pipeline.

7. Consider and approve the purchase of 5/8" water meters. (E. Samaniego) 🗣️

E. Samaniego requested the approval of purchasing 40 - 5/8" water meters to restock inventory at the price of \$13,873.60.

Moved By D. Boughter, **Seconded** By J. Starkey.

Motion: Move to Approve.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Consider and review Financial Reports for November 2025. (E. Salazar) 🗣️

Director of Finance E. Salazar presented the November 2025 financials.

Moved By D. Boughter, **Seconded** By A. Lalonde.

Motion: Move to Approve.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Consider and review Expenditures from January 16, 2026, to January 31, 2026. (N. Cantu) 🗣️

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

Moved By D. Boughter, **Seconded** By A. Lalonde.

Motion: Move to Approve.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

10. 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:

- Discussion and possible action concerning the negotiations with the Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District for the Seawater Intake Facilities.
- Discussion concerning General Manager responsibilities.

S. Friedman, 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 Mr. Boughter seconding, to initiate the **Executive Session at 5:41 PM**. A. Lalonde put forth a motion, seconded by D. Boughter, to adjourn the **Executive Session at 6:05 PM**. The only matters discussed during the Executive Session were addressed by the Board of Directors, who then proceeded to the next agenda item.

11. Consider and action on EXECUTIVE SESSION item(s), if necessary.

Moved By A. Lalonde, Seconded D. Boughter.

Motion: Move to Proceed as Directed

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Adjournment

No additional business remained; the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.


SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN




DAVID BOUGHTER, DIRECTOR

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.