

MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
Laguna Madre Water District  
Board of Directors  
Wednesday, April 08, 2026  
5:30 PM – 6:08 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, Scott 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  
Jason Starkey, Secretary  
David “Dave” Boughter, Director  
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, Superintendent  
Brandon Edge, Information Tech Specialist  
Ana Lopez, Executive Secretary

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance. Interim General Manager Noe Cantu led the invocation.

3. Invitation to the Audience for Public Comments

- J. Starkey stated his thank you for the workshop; it was very knowledgeable.

4. Consider and discuss for possible approval the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 25, 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 J. Starkey  
Motion: Move to Approve  
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. General Manager's Report

- Reservoir Levels
  - N. Cantu stated the Reservoir Levels are currently at 25.4 combined.

6. Superintendent's Report

- Operation's Monthly Report ♡ - The report was presented by Mr. Joel. Lopez.
- Project Updates
  - Asphalt bids were received 4/07/26, with the range of \$14,000 - \$65,000. LMWD staff will be reviewing the bids with a decision hopefully by following the board by next board meeting.
  - Laguna Vista - Orange and Taylor March 7<sup>th</sup> spill were reported to TCEQ; and after TCEQ investigated their result was "No Findings".
  - Interim General Manager N. Cantu stated last social media post "No Flushing Wipes" had a good response of "likes" and shares.

7. District Engineer's Report ♡

- Long Island Village Water and Sewer Improvements Progress Update
  - C. Ortiz stated the project is about 58% complete, with water mains all in the ground. There are about 10 residents on Oyster who have not set up accounts; and 35 out of 98 on West Clam. Long Island Village has a meeting set up with AEP on their issue of compaction for paving.
- Wastewater Treatment Plants Permit Renewal Applications
  - LMWD Treatment Plants permits are in 5-year cycles. Applications have been submitted with statuses in Administrative Complete and will be in Technical Review until fully processed. Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs has scheduled a hearing on May 11, 2026, that LMWD should attend.

8. Consider and discuss the possible ratification of 84 Month Electric Energy Contract with ENGIE Resources. (N. Cantu) ♡

N. Cantu presented Marco Arredondo, Inc. recommendation to execute contract as soon as possible for 84 Month ENGIE Contract – Fixed Price of \$0.7277 per kWh.

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

Motion: Move to Approve

**THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. Consider and review Expenditures from March 01, 2026, to March 31, 2026. (N. Cantu) ♡

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

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:

- A. Discussion and possible action concerning Cause No. 2025-DCL-05934; Cameron County, Texas vs. H.L. Brandt and Laguna Madre Water District, et al.
- B. Discussion and possible action concerning Cause No. 2025-DCL-06983; Cameron County, Texas vs. H.L. Brandt and Laguna Madre Water District, et al.

- C. Discussion concerning Lift Station Rehabilitation Project with Mor-Wil, LLC.
- D. Discussion and possible action concerning the appointment and employment of the General Manager.

Mr. Scott 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.

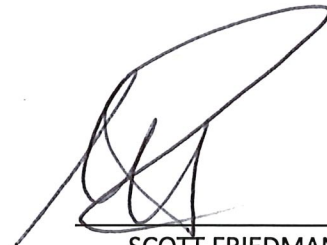
The Chairman entertained the motion to enter into Executive Session. A. Lalonde moved, with D. Boughter seconding, to initiate the **Executive Session** at 5:49 PM. A. Lalonde put forth a motion, seconded by D. Boughter, to adjourn the **Executive Session** at 6:06 PM. The only matters discussed during 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.

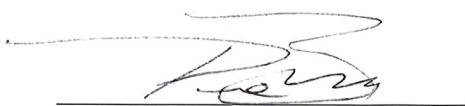
- A. **Moved** By A. Lalonde, **Seconded** By D. Boughter.  
**Motion:** Direct counsel to proceed with litigation.
- B. **Moved** By A. Lalonde, **Seconded** By D. Boughter.  
**Motion:** Direct counsel to proceed with litigation.
- C. **No Action**
- D. **Moved** By A. Lalonde, **Seconded** By D. Boughter.  
**Motion:** Publish General Manager position for applications for no longer than 2 month period.

12. Adjournment

No additional business remained; the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM.



SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN

  
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DAVID BOUGHTER, DIRECTOR

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026.