

**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 **10th day of September 2014** at the hour of **6:00 p.m.**, pursuant to written notice as prescribed by law.

**ITEM #1**            **QUORUM**

The **VICE 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***

Scott Friedman – Chairman    **ABSENT**  
Whitey William J. Thomas – Vice Chairman  
Robert Vela – Secretary  
Jeff Keplinger – Director  
Rudy H. Garcia – 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  
Juan Magallanes - Attorney

**ITEM #2**            **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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

The **VICE CHAIRMAN** asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the **BOARD**. **MR. GALVAN** informed the **BOARD** that on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, Laguna Vista Wastewater Plant- a Wastewater Operator found that the power was off. Theft was involved; a 500 mcm copper wiring totaling 450 feet and 150 feet of 1 odd copper wire was taken. The total amount was over \$6,000.00 dollars' worth of wire that was stolen. The Districts Insurance will be contacted and given a copy of the police report.

**MR. GALVAN** advised the **BOARD** a Coliform Violation Report will be posted on LMWD's Website, the August 2014 sample tests contained coliform bacteria and it's a TCEQ requirement to notify customers of coliform found in samples. The Notice will also have a contact number for customers to call the District regarding any questions or concerns on the Coliform Violation.

**MR. GARCIA** stated he would like to say under open quorum that John Thobe is a candidate for November Election for the Board, submittal of public record shows that Mr. Thobe owes over \$42,000.00 dollars in taxes that he hasn't paid in years. He's seeking to get elected to this Board; a responsibility of a Board Member is to levy taxes of the District.

**ITEM #4**            **CONSIDER AND APPROVE MINUTES FOR EMERGENCY MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2014**  
**AND REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2014.**

A motion was made by **MR. GARCIA** to approve Minutes for Emergency Meeting August 20, 2014 and Regular Meeting of August 27, 2014 as submitted, seconded by **MR. KEPLINGER** with **MR. VELA** abstaining on the Emergency Minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ITEM #5            CONSIDER AND DISCUSS WORK PROGRESS ON PORT ISABEL WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY PRESENTED BY CAROLLO ENGINEERS**

**NO ACTION ITEM.** A demonstration was presented by **CAROLLO ENGINEERS, INC.** giving an update on the Port Isabel Water Reclamation Facility, followed by an open discussion for questions and answers on the work progress on the Facility Master Planning.

**ITEM #6            CONSIDER AND REMOVE FROM THE TABLE THE FOLLOWING ITEM TABLED ON THE BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2014**

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 105-08-14 LEVYING AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2014**

The **VICE CHAIRMAN** called a short recess and everyone returned to their seats @ 7:15 p.m.

A motion was made by **MR. KEPLINGER** to remove item from the table for discussion, seconded by **MR. VELA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ITEM #7            CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 105-08-14 LEVYING AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2014**

A motion was made by **MR. GARCIA** to approve Resolution No. 105-08-14 Levying Ad Valorem Tax Rate .0808020 for the Year 2014 seconded by **MR. KEPLINGER** and he requested to add to upcoming Workshop-September 20<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the schedule of the accelerated payments. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ITEM #8            CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND FOR LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT TO PERFORM CLEANING OF ITS STORM DRAINS**

A motion was made by **MR. KEPLINGER** to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of South Padre Island for Laguna Madre Water District to perform cleaning of its storm drains, seconded by **MR. GARCIA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ITEM #9            CONSIDER AND APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS**

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

**ITEM #10          GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- ELECTIONS
- TANK PRO

**MR. GALVAN** reported on the **ELECTIONS** stating the County was paid and the **BOARD** was given printed copies of the Election Ballots to review and discuss. **MR. GALVAN** also handed out printed copies of a letter from Tank Pro to the **BOARD** and advised he will be replying to Tank Pro in a letter.

**ITEM #11          DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- CUATES PUMP STATION CONSTRUCTION
- LIFT STATION NO. 19 CONSTRUCTION
- WATER PLANT 2 EMERGENCY ADDITION
- WASTEWATER TREATMENT REHABILITATION

**MR. ORTIZ** gave a brief update on the **CUATES PUMP STATION CONSTRUCTION**, LNV to do a walk through; **LIFT STATION 19 CONSTRUCTION**, finally completed, it is turned on and running; **WATER PLANT 2 EMERGENCY POWER ADDITION**; and **WASTEWATER TREATMENT REHABILITATION**, was discussed during Carollo Engineers presentation.

**ITEM #12      ADJOURNMENT**

The **VICE CHAIRMAN** adjourned the meeting at **7:31 p.m.**

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**WHITEY THOMAS, VICE CHAIRMAN**

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**ROBERT VELA, SECRETARY**

**MINUTES APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2014.**