


MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Tuesday, June 21, 2022
 5:30 PM – 6:19 PM
 Board Room

1	<p><u>QUORUM</u></p> <p>PRESENT: Chairman, Scott Friedman Vice-Chairman, Adam Lalonde Director William “Bill” Donahue Director Dave Boughter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Virtual Meeting through ZOOM</p> <p>ABSENT Secretary, Jason Starkey</p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:</u> General Manager, Carlos J. Galvan, Jr. Director of Operations, Robert Gomez District Engineer, Charles Ortiz Director of Finance, Eduardo Salazar Purchasing Agent, Enrique Samaniego Attorney, Brian Hansen Information Tech Specialist, Brandon Edge</p>	
2	<p><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION</u></p> <p>The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and E. Salazar said the Opening Prayer</p>	
3	<p><u>INVITATION TO THE AUDIENCE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments from Staff or the audience 	PUBLIC COMMENTS
4	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING FROM JUNE 8, 2022. (C. GALVAN) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The motion carried unanimously to approve the Minutes as presented <p>Moved by D. BOUGHTER, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
5	<p><u>GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT 💧</u></p> <p>C. Galvan reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>PROJECT STATUS</u> – Updates on Lift Station Rehab, Water Distribution System Improvements, Andy Bowie Elevated Storage Tank #2, and the Water Treatment Plant 1 Improvements. C. Galvan noted 	GENERAL MANAGERS’ REPORT

	<p>the project status was posted on the District’s Website and Social Media. Also, newspaper publishing. The District plans to post updates weekly and report to the Board every meeting.</p>	
6	<p><u>DISTRICT ENGINEER’S REPORT</u> 💧</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>SEWER SERVICES COMPLETED ON SH100</u>– C. Ortiz gave a detailed update on the sewer services completion for State Highway 100 project, followed by questions and answers • <u>CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATES FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS</u> – Received estimates on 60% of the Water Plant elevator storage tank and raw water pump transfer station design. The remaining balance is \$5.2 million, that’s over budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WP1 High Service Pump Station is \$2 Million over budget ○ Elevated Storage Tank #6 estimate is \$1.5 Million over budget ○ Raw Water Transfer Pump Station WP2 is \$2 Million over budget • C. Galvan noted looking into possible options and planning to meet with the Budget Committee and will come back to the Board with an update. Discussion ensued about a potential increase in the water rates, and the Board suggested a possible workshop for Public information 	DISTRICT ENGINEER’S REPORT
7	<p><u>PRESENTATION BY KEISUKE IKEHATA, TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY, FOR THE WATER RESEARCH FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FOR INNOVATION IN APPLIED WATER QUALITY RESEARCH</u> 💧</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keisuke Ikehata gave a Powerpoint Presentation, and printed copies were handed out at the meeting and attached to the minutes, followed by questions and answers • K. Ikehata proposed an endorsement for Water Research Foundation 	PRESENTATION
8	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FOR THE WATER RESEARCH FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FOR INNOVATION IN APPLIED WATER QUALITY RESEARCH. (C. ORTIZ)</u> 💧</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The motion carried unanimously to approve a letter of endorsement <p>Moved by A. LALONDE, seconded by D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
9	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF OVIVO PRICE ESCALATION AND FINAL PAYMENT TO R.P. CONSTRUCTORS, INC. FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT NO. 1, REHAB OF CLARIFICATION AND FLOCCULATION BASINS. (C. ORTIZ)</u> 💧</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ovivo Price Escalation cost is \$19,934.00; the cost exceeds \$11,334 on the contract amount. The final amount due is \$167,530.90 • The request is for the approval of the additional amount of \$11,334 to cover the variance due to the price escalation on their equipment 	MOTION CARRIED

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board agreed to pay \$147,596 instead of \$167,530.90 and suggested that District Engineer go back and talk to R. P. Constructors on the final amount The motion carried to authorize a payment amount of \$147,596 <p>Moved by A. LALONDE, seconded by D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>Motion: Move to authorize \$147,596.</p>	
10	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PAYMENT RATIFICATION FOR REPAIRS OF RAW WATER PUMP #1 AT WATER PLANT 1. (E. SAMANIEGO)</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Samaniego noted the raw water pump was needed to get Water Plant 1 back up and running. The ratification amount is \$10,658.90 for one 3-stage vertical 10" raw water pump for Water Plant 1. The motion carried unanimously to approve ratification of payment <p>Moved by D. BOUGHTER, seconded by A. LALONDE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
12	<p><u>CONSIDER AND REVIEW EXPENDITURES FROM JUNE 1, 2022, TO JUNE 14, 2022. (C. GALVAN)</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board accepted the expenditures as presented <p>Expenditures were acknowledged unanimously by D. BOUGHTER, A. LALONDE, S. FRIEDMAN, and W. DONAHUE.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXPENDITURES
13	<p><u>EXECUTIVE SESSION PERMITTED BY THE OPEN MEETING ACT, V. T. C. A., GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.001 ET. SEQ., UNDER SECTION 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; UNDER SECTION 551.072, DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY; UNDER SECTION 551.074, PERSONNEL MATTERS; UNDER SECTION 551.087, DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS:</u></p> <p><u>A. DELIBERATION REGARDING THE EVALUATION OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEE TO WIT: GENERAL MANAGER</u></p> <p>This item was not discussed and deferred to July's next regularly scheduled meeting.</p> <p>THE CHAIRMAN ENTERTAINED A MOTION: TO TABLE UNTIL THE ENTIRE BOARD WAS PRESENT</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously to table. A. LALONDE motioned to table the executive session item, seconded by D. BOUGHTER.</p>	TABLED
14	<p><u>CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF NECESSARY.</u></p> <p>This item was not discussed and deferred to July's next regularly scheduled meeting. See item 14 for more detailed information.</p>	NO ACTION

15	ADJOURNMENT There was no further business, so the CHAIRMAN adjourned the meeting at 6:19 PM.	MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:19 PM
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ADAM LALONDE, VICE-CHAIRMAN




JASON STARKEY, SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF JULY 2022.