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 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, March 8, 2023
 5:38 PM – 6:43 PM
 Board Room

1	<p><u>QUORUM</u></p> <p>Vice-Chairman, Adam Lalonde Secretary Jason Starkey Director William "Bill" Donahue Director Dave Boughter PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> arrived at 5:40</p> <p><u>ABSENT</u></p> <p>Chairman, Scott Friedman</p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF</u></p> <p>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 Superintendent Wastewater, Santiago Ochoa, IV</p> <p><u>ABSENT</u></p> <p>Superintendent Water, Noe Cantu</p>	
2	<p><u>Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.</u></p> <p>The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and C. Ortiz 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"> • E. Salazar handed out printed copies of the updated Financial Report for a correction that was required to the report. E. Salazar noted it did not involve any changes to the overall assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, or expenses of any fund of the District. • C. Galvan gave an update on the pressure at Harbor Island in Laguna Vista, reporting it was pretty average. The pound per square inch (P.S.I.) readings were 48 in the mornings, 49 in the afternoon, and 48 evenings. C. Galvan noted if there are restrooms on the second or third floor, the pressures might decline a little 	PUBLIC COMMENTS
4	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval the Minutes for the Workshop Meeting and the Regular Meeting from February 22, 2023. (C. Galvan)</u> </p>	MOTION CARRIED

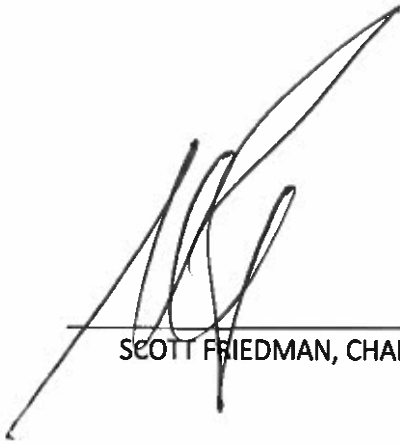
	<p>Discussion: The Board approved the Minutes as presented</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The motion carried unanimously:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOVED BY J. STARKEY, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	
5	<p><u>General Manager's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Reservoir Levels</u> – The Levels at Falcon Lake and Amistad combined continue to decrease to 29.8%, with no rain 	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
6	<p><u>Director of Operation's Report</u> </p> <p><u>Monthly Report</u> – Service Orders and Call Outs did not change much for February compared to January for all Departments.</p>	DIRECTOR OF
7	<p><u>Consider and discuss the response from Bond Counsel on the referendum of the \$27.6M. (R. Gomez)</u> </p> <p>Printed copies were handed out at the meeting and attached to the minutes.</p> <p>The Board and Staff discussed the 2021 Bond money options for possibly using it for a Desalination Water Plant. Staff identified the best pros and cons to determine the District's best interest to use the current bond funds for a Desalination Plant or continue its path in building the microfiltration plant.</p> <p>The Board agreed to a Workshop on Wednesday, March 29, 2022, at 4 PM.</p>	DISCUSSION ONLY
8	<p><u>District Engineer's Report</u> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Collaborative Project Delivery Methods</u> – c. Ortiz recommended a traditional design-bid-build project • <u>Status of Water System Improvements for Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2022</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Water Plant 1 Microfiltration Improvements</u> – The General contractor advertisements go out this Sunday. Submittals are due March 30 ○ <u>Raw Water Transfer Pump Station and Water Plant 2 High-Service Pump Station Upgrades</u> – The design is at 60% and is for review. The option to send effluent to Laguna Vista is no longer available because both pipelines are needed for our current plans ○ <u>Water Valve Replacement and Distribution Improvements</u> - Working on a change order request and will be presented for approval • <u>Drinking Water State Revolving Fund \$15,000,000 Financial Application Status (Project #62963)</u> – The application was declared administratively complete on February 3. Texas Rural Water will visit the District on March 14 to discuss the Rural Water money 	DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT
9	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Project Changes for Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2022. (C. Ortiz)</u> </p> <p>Discussion: This item was not discussed. C. Ortiz recommended no action.</p>	NO ACTION
10	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval a Resolution agreeing to certain requirements of a WaterSMART Application: Desalination Planning for Port Isabel Seawater Treatment Facility (Resolution No. 199-03-2023). (C. Ortiz)</u> </p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved as presented</p>	MOTION CARRIED

	<p>The motion carried unanimously:</p> <p>MOVED BY J. STARKEY, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	
11	<p><u>Director of Finance Report</u> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Investment Update</u> – The District had 3 C.D.s that came up for maturity. The solicitation was for Certificates of Deposit rates for 12 months term on the maturing C.D.s and a 3-month CD rate for a 1.7M investment of our tax deposits collected. East West Bank offered better rates on both terms • <u>Public Assistance Grant Award</u> – The District was not eligible to qualify for many of the Federal Governments Assistance Grants for COVID; it was primarily for Cities and Counties. However, the District was able to qualify through the FEMA Public Assistance Grant and was awarded \$28,989.36 	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT
12	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Monthly Financial Reports for November 2022 and December 2022. (E. Salazar)</u> </p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved the financial reports as presented</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously:</p> <p>MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY J. STARKEY.</p> <p>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
13	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of renewal of the Investment Advisor Agreement with Valley View Consulting, L.L.C. (E. Salazar)</u> </p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved renewing the Agreement with Valley View Consulting, L.L.C.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously:</p> <p>MOVED BY W. DONAHUE, SECONDED BY J. STARKEY.</p> <p>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
14	<p><u>Consider and discuss possible approval of the Multi-Tank Trailer for the Maintenance Department. (E. Samaniego)</u> </p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved the purchase</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously:</p> <p>MOVED BY W. DONAHUE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
15	<p><u>Consider and review Expenditures from February 15, 2023, to February 28, 2023. (C. Galvan)</u> </p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The Board accepted the expenditures as presented</p> <p>The expenditures acknowledged by:</p> <p>J. STARKEY, D. BOUGHTER, and W. DONAHUE</p>	ACKNOWLEDGED EXPENDITURES

16	<u>Adjournment</u> There was no further business; the meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM. MOVED BY W. DONAHUE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER.	MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:43 PM
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BILL DONAHUE, DIRECTOR



SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN



MINUTES APPROVED THIS 22ND DAY OF MARCH 2023.