




MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, March 24, 2021
 5:30 PM – 6:17 PM
 Board Room

1	<p><u>QUORUM</u></p> <p>PRESENT: Chairman, Scott Friedman Director, Dave Boughter Director, William "Bill" Donahue</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 Information Tech Specialist, Orlando Huerta Purchasing Agent, Enrique Samaniego Attorney, Brian Hansen</p> <p><u>ABSENT:</u> Vice-Chairman, Adam Lalonde Secretary, Jason Starkey</p>	
2	<p><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION</u></p> <p>The pledge of allegiance and R. Gomez said the Invocation.</p>	
3	<p><u>INVITATION TO THE AUDIENCE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Salazar reported the water use restrictions for conservation stage 2 were sent out today through email, social media, and local municipalities. 	<p>PUBLIC COMMENTS</p>
4	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE MINUTES FOR THE WORKSHOP MEETING FROM MARCH 3, 2021. (C. GALVAN) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board approved the Minutes as presented <p>Moved by W. DONAHUE, seconded by D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	<p>MOTION CARRIED</p>

5	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING FROM MARCH 10, 2021. (C. GALVAN) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board approved the Minutes as presented <p>Moved by D. BOUGHTER, seconded by W. DONAHUE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
6	<p><u>PRESENTATION BY LIANA CANDO, FIRSTNET</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representatives from FirstNet attended the meeting virtual meeting with ZOOM Questions and answers followed the Powerpoint presentation and a copy of the exhibit attached to the minutes FirstNet is a government program with a nationwide wireless broadband communications platform dedicated to first responders and the public safety community. No network throttling, FirstNet can be held accountable if it occurs FirstNet Quote: One-time Pricing total \$908.20 and Monthly \$1,534.70 for 30 phones Staff recommends FirstNet to be the District's carrier in place of the current contract with cell phone provider T-mobile Discussion ensued on the current monthly amount of \$742.04 with T-mobile compared to FirstNet price of \$1,534.70 E. Salazar noted FirstNet is providing backup that did not have previously and its an addition to, it also includes internet backup for internet outages at the Administration building and Water Plant Question: What other entities are using FirstNet in our area? Response: All major county and city law enforcement, State DPS, and Delta Lake Irrigation District ✓ Request: FirstNet to provide a client list using FirstNet. Contact the clients and check references FirstNet will replace the current cellular provider 	PRESENTATION DISCUSSION ONLY
7	<p><u>CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FIRSTNET CONTRACT. (E. SALAZAR) 💧</u></p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff is recommending a wireless provider that provides and guarantees reliable connectivity during catastrophic events like the power outage during the statewide freeze 	TABLED

	<p>on February 15. Staff proposed for Board approval and award the contract (24 months) of wireless service to FirstNet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was determined to table the item for further review and the entire Board present • The item got deferred to the next regular meeting on April 14, 2021 • See above (item 7) for more detailed information <p>Moved by D. BOUGHTER, seconded by W. DONAHUE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to table.</p>	
8	<p><u>GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT</u> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>COVID-19 REPORT</u> • <u>BUREAU OF RECLAMATION</u> <p>REPORT:</p> <p><u>COVID-19 PROTOCOL</u> - C. Galvan noted that the District had 3 COVID testings for February, with one positive, two negative. Some employees have gotten vaccinated with the first responder's group with the City of Port Isabel. Employees will continue to follow protocol, wear masks, be temperature-checked, washing of hands every morning and afternoon when entering the building, avoid close contact, and work areas wiped down daily</p> <p><u>BUREAU OF RECLAMATION</u> – Printed copies were handed out during the meeting and attached to the minutes of the WaterSMART XVI WIIN Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects. Grant is for the Port Isabel Plant's remaining work to get the advanced water treatment facility and be discharged back into the reservoir. The application is due April 23, 2021. Award Ceiling \$20 million, the award floor \$0. Up to 25 percent of the total cost of planning, design, and construction that either already been completed or will be conducted before September 30, 2023, up to a maximum of \$20 million per project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Board acknowledged having a Workshop Meeting on April 14, 2021, at 4:30 PM ✓ Contact Mr. Lalonde and Mr. Starkey to verify and attend the meeting 	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
9	<p><u>DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT</u> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>STATUS OF LIFT STATION REHABILITATION</u> • <u>LONG ISLAND VILLAGE</u> • <u>REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS - WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ENGINEERING SERVICES</u> <p>REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>STATUS OF LIFT STATION REHABILITATION</u> - Mr. Ortiz noted the Lift Station Rehabilitation is in the process of getting easements. Lift Station 15 at the Community Center in Port Isabel got approved by the City Commissioners to decommission. Possibly bid within 60 days. Lift Station 10 removed from the contract and done in house 	DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>LONG ISLAND VILLAGE</u> – Mr. Ortiz reported on the Long Island Village Water Distribution System Improvements submitted project information forms, and the Texas Water Development Board accepted the forms ○ <u>REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS – WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ENGINEERING SERVICES</u> – Mr. Ortiz presented the Water System Improvements – Engineering Design draft, Bid, and Construction Phase Services. Advertisement scheduled for April 11 and awarded recommendation scheduled sometime in May. 	
10	<p><u>DISCUSS AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT'S STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUING WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS TO FINANCE DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS (RESOLUTION 183-03-2021). (C. ORTIZ)</u> 💧</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board approved the Resolution <p>Moved by W. DONAHUE, seconded by D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
11	<p><u>DISCUSS AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT'S STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUING UNLIMITED TAX BONDS TO FINANCE DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS (RESOLUTION 184-03-2021). (C. ORTIZ)</u> 💧</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board approved the Resolution <p>Moved by D. BOUGHTER, seconded by W. DONAHUE.</p> <p>Motion: Move to approve.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
12	<p><u>CONSIDER AND REVIEW EXPENDITURES FROM MARCH 1, 2021 – MARCH 15, 2021. (C. GALVAN)</u> 💧</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board accepted the expenditures as presented <p>Expenditures acknowledged by W. DONAHUE, D. BOUGHTER, and S. FRIEDMAN.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXPENDITURES
13	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>There being no further business, the CHAIRMAN adjourned the meeting at 6:17 PM.</p>	MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:17 PM



JASON STARKEY, SECRETARY



ADAM LALONDE, VICE-CHAIRMAN



MINUTES APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021.