

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 **28th day of January 2009** at the hour of **6:00 p.m.**, pursuant to written notice as prescribed by law.

ITEM #1 **QUORUM**

The **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:

Present: Scott D. Friedman-Chairman
Clifford Rowell-Vice Chairman
Jeff Keplinger-Director
R. Kevin Tenison-Director
Absent: Rudy H. Garcia-Secretary

LMWD: Gavino Sotelo, General Manager; Arturo Martinez, Director of Operations; Pete Capistran, Finance Director; Carlos J. Galvan, Jr., Asst. Director of Operations; J.A. Magallanes, Attorney.

ITEM #2 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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

The **CHAIRMAN** asked if there was anyone in the audience, not already on the agenda, who would like to address the board. No one responded.

ITEM#4 **CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ADDENDUM TO AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH ESPEY CONSULTANTS TO DEVELOP PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND BID DOCUMENTS FOR REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS TO FACILITIES DAMAGED BY HURRICANE DOLLY**

The **CHAIRMAN** stated to consider and approve an addendum to an existing contract with Espey Consultants to develop plans and specifications and bid documents for replacement and repairs to facilities damaged by Hurricane Dolly. **MR. SOTELO** stated that this item was a continuation that was started with **ESPEY CONSULTANTS** some time ago and said that they would develop plans and specifications and bid documents for all repairs needed. He said that the cost for this project was about \$48,000.00 and would not be reimbursed 75% but this needed to be to receive the **FEMA** money. A motion was made by **MR. TENISON** to approve addendum to existing contract with **ESPEY CONSULTANTS** and the motion was seconded by **MR. KEPLINGER**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM#5 **CONSIDER AND APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH FERRIS & FLINN, LLC, CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO INSPECT AND DEVELOP PLANS FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION OF MANHOLES**

The **CHAIRMAN** stated to consider and approve a contract with Ferris & Flinn, LLC, Consulting Engineers to inspect and develop plans for the replacement and rehabilitation of manholes. **MR. SOTELO** stated that this item was part of the program budgeted this year to replace manholes. He said that there were several that need engineering work and the cost would be about \$10,000.00. A motion was made by **MR. ROWELL** to approve contract with **FERRIS & FLINN, LLC CONSULTING ENGINEERS** and the motion was seconded by **MR. TENISON**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM#6 **CONSIDER AND APPROVE BIDS FOR REPAIRS OF 4 LEAKS ON THE 36 INCH RAW WATER LINE IN THE LOS FRESNOS AREA**

The **CHAIRMAN** stated to consider and approve bids for repairs of 4 leaks on the 36 inch raw water line in the Los Fresnos area. **MR. SOTELO** stated that there were only 3 leaks that the **DISTRICT** would repair since 1 belonged to the contractor. **MR. MARTINEZ** said that they had solicited bids from 4 contractors and 2 responded. He said that **CARLOS TORRES** was the low bidder for \$19,500.00. He said that staff recommended awarding contract to **CARLOS TORRES** for the repairs of 3 leaks on the 36 inch raw water line in **LOS FRESNOS**.

A motion was made by **MR. TENISON** to approve bid and the motion was seconded by **MR. KEPLINGER**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

ITEM#7 **CONSIDER AND APPROVE BIDS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF OFFICE BUILDING DAMAGED BY HURRICANE DOLLY AT WATER PLANT NO. 2**

The **CHAIRMAN** stated to consider and approve bids for the demolition of office building damages by Hurricane Dolly at Water Plant No. 2. **MR. MARTINEZ** stated that they had solicited bids for demolition of office building at Water Plant No. 2 including excavation of foundation. He said that 5 bidders responded and the lowest bidder was **GODEL CONSTRUCTION** with a bid of \$9,000.00; second lowest bid was **GARZA BROTHERS PAVING** with a bid of \$9,775.00; third lowest bid was **LARRY RINCONES** with a bid of \$9,850.00; fourth lowest was **WATERBUILD CONSTRUCTION** at \$17,000.00; and **LOERA SERVICES** for \$28,654.57. He said that staff recommended awarding bid to **GODEL CONSTRUCTION** for \$9,000.00. A motion was made by **MR. ROWELL** to approve bid and the motion was seconded by **MR. TENISON**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

ITEM#8 **CONSIDER AND APPROVE 09-05-03 PIPING MATERIAL BID FOR THE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN LAGUNA VISTA**

The **CHAIRMAN** stated to consider and approve 09-05-03 Piping Material Bid for the Waterline Replacement Program in Laguna Vista. **MR. MARTINEZ** stated that they had solicited sealed bids for Pipe Material Bid and 4 bidders responded. He indicated that **ACT PIPE & SUPPLY** was the lowest bidder at \$24,826.24. He also said that the second lowest bidder was **FERGUSON WATERWORKS** at \$24,904.52; third lowest bidder was **HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS** at \$25,494.12; and fourth lowest bidder was **AGUAWORKS PIPE & SUPPLY** at \$25,612.50. He said that this material was for second phase of project in **LAGUNA VISTA** from HWY. 100 to FM 510. He stated that staff recommended awarding bid to **ACT PIPE & SUPPLY** for \$24,826.24. A motion was made by **MR. TENISON** to approve Piping Material Bid and the motion was seconded by **MR. ROWELL**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

ITEM#9 **CONSIDER AND APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS**

The **CHAIRMAN** stated to consider and approve Disbursements. A motion was made by **MR. KEPLINGER** to approve Disbursements and the motion was seconded by **MR. ROWELL**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

ITEM#10 **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- A.) SEAWATER PILOT
- B.) NORTH ISLAND UTILITIES
- C.) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION/UPGRADE
- D.) DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND

MR. JAKE WHITE of **NRS ENGINEERS** updated the board on the **SEAWATER PILOT PLANT** and said that they were continuing to do testing but were not able to get 24-7 operation from the units since relocation of discharge line was pending. He said that two options were available for relocation and one was further up north and the other was to bring it further down south. He indicated the option one was the best option for the relocation. He also reported on the **NORTH ISLAND UTILITIES** and said that the contractors were proceeding with the waterlines to the north and installing about 1,000 feet of line per day. He also mentioned the **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION/UPGRADE** and said that the clarifiers for **PORT ISABEL PLANT** would be delivered and installed in two weeks. He also said that the **DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND** involved two applications that had been prepared and one was for the **SEAWATER DESAL PLANT** and the other was for the **MICROFILTRATION IMPROVEMENTS** for **WATER PLANT NO. 2**. He stated that one component that was added to the **SEAWATER DESAL PLANT** was that they liked to see aspects of green. He said they included renewable energy which they would be testing and the use of wave energy to supplement or maybe even provide 100% of energy for the **SEAWATER DESAL PLANT**.

ITEM#11 **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- A.) UPDATE ON THE LINE REPLACEMENT
- B.) CHANGES TO OUR METER READING PROCESS
- C.) WATERLINE TO SUBSEA 7 LOCATION
- D.) APPLICATION FOR THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND

MR. SOTELO updated the board on the **LAGUNA VISTA LINE REPLACEMENT** and said the first phase should be completed within the next 7-10 days and were making good progress. He also said that he had received a call from the **TOWN OF LAGUNA VISTA** and they want to present the **DISTRICT** employees with a Certificate of Appreciation. He also mentioned some changes to the **METER READING PROCESS** and said they were looking into wireless meter reading from the office and different sites. He reported that the waterline to **SUBSEA 7** location may have some problems with pressure and the lines were being tested. He also mentioned the application for the **DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND** and said that **ESPEY CONSULTANTS** had submitted another one for the 36 inch line. He also said that the total amount for the application submitted to the state was \$74,910,000.00 and hoped to receive at least one-tenth of that amount. **MR. TENISON** mentioned that he was concerned for the **BIRDING CENTER** tower and would like to address that issue. **MR. SOTELO** responded that they had plans to paint it the same color as the water tower and plant some vegetation.

ITEM#26

ADJOURNMENT

The **CHAIRMAN** adjourned the meeting at **6:44p.m.**

SCOTT D. FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN

RUDY H. GARCIA, SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2009.