


**MINUTES**  
 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
 Laguna Madre Water District  
 Board of Directors  
 Wednesday, June 26, 2024  
 5:32 PM – 5:53 PM  
 Board Room  
 105 Port Rd. Port Isabel, TX 78578

1	<p>Vice-Chairman A. Lalonde, with his facilitation, commenced the meeting by establishing a quorum. Four members were present, affirming the meeting's official status.</p> <p><b><u>PRESENT</u></b></p> <p>Adam Lalonde, Vice-Chairman          Jason Starkey, Secretary          William "Bill" Donahue, Director          Dave Boughter, Director</p> <p><b><u>ABSENT</u></b></p> <p>Scott Friedman, Chairman</p> <p><b><u>LMWD STAFF</u></b></p> <p>Carlos J. Galvan, Jr., General Manager          Robert Gomez, Director of Operations          Charles Ortiz, District Engineer          Eduardo Salazar, Director of Finance          Enrique Samaniego, Purchasing Agent          Brandon Edge, Information Tech Specialist          Noe Cantu, Superintendent of Water          Mary Gamboa, Human Resources          Santiago Ochoa, IV, Superintendent of Wastewater          Brian Hansen, Attorney</p>	
2	<p><u>Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.</u></p> <p>The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and S. Ochoa 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"> <li>• D. Boughter noted plans to attend the meet and greet meeting with Space X and asked staff if Space X knows about LMWD's Desalination Project. Discussion ensued, and staff commented on plans to meet with Space X later this week.</li> <li>• R. Gomez announced that Wastewater Operator Daniel Rodriguez had passed and acquired a "C" license.</li> <li>• C. Galvan gave an update about the leak in Laguna Vista. The work was completed, and the leak was fixed.</li> </ul>	<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>


4	<p><u>PUBLIC HEARING – Annexation of 32.4 Acres of Land to the Laguna Madre Water District from "Padre Island Castle" Development.</u></p> <p>The Vice-Chairman entertained to open the <b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>. With a motion by <u>W. Donahue</u> and seconded by <u>D. Boughter</u>, the Board convened the <b>PUBLIC HEARING</b> at <u>5:37 PM</u>.</p> <p>The Vice-Chairman opened the hearing for questions. No one in the audience responded. A motion was made by <u>D. Boughter</u> and seconded by <u>W. Donahue</u> to close the <b>PUBLIC HEARING</b> at <u>5:38 PM</u>. The Board took action below (item 5).</p>	PUBLIC HEARING
5	<p><u>Consider and discuss the possible approval of Order Adding Land for Annexation of 32.4 Acres of Land to the Laguna Madre Water District from "Padre Island Castle" Development. (C. Ortiz) 🟦</u></p> <p>Discussion: The District Engineer recommended approving the order to annex 32.4 acres of land to the Laguna Madre Water District from the "Padre Island Castle" Development.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The motion carried unanimously:</u>  <b>MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY W. DONAHUE.</b>  <b>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</b></p>	MOTION CARRIED
6	<p><u>Consider and discuss the possible approval of the Minutes from the Workshop Meeting and the Regular Meeting on June 12, 2024. (C. Galvan) 🟦</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved the Minutes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The motion carried unanimously:</u>  <b>MOVED BY W. DONAHUE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER.</b>  <b>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</b></p>	MOTION CARRIED
7	<p><u>General Manager's Report 🟦</u></p> <p>Mr. Galvan reported on:</p> <p><u>Reservoir Levels</u> - C. Galvan noted that the combined storage levels for Amistad and Flacon Lake were 18.0% a week ago and 18.9% today, hoping for more rain these coming days. The District's Drought Management remains in Stage 3 to conserve water.</p>	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
8	<p><u>District Engineer's Report 🟦</u></p> <p>Mr. Ortiz reported on:</p> <p><u>Status of Seawater Desalination Funding through SWIFT/Texas Water Development Board</u> – C. Ortiz reported that the funding request had been revised to include planning, acquisition, and design for a requested amount of \$10 million</p>	DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT

9	<p><u>Consider and discuss the possible approval of a new Interlocal Agreement with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool for Cyber Liability and Data Breach Response. (E. Salazar) 💧</u></p> <p>Discussion: Discussion ensued regarding the District's practice and training in protecting customer data and computers from malicious attacks.</p> <p>The Board approved the Interlocal Agreement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The motion carried unanimously:</u>  <b>MOVED BY D. BOUGHTER, SECONDED BY J. STARKEY.</b>  <b>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</b></p>	MOTION CARRIED
10	<p><u>Consider and discuss the possible approval of Financial Reports for April 2024. (E. Salazar) 💧</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved the financial report for April.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The motion carried unanimously:</u>  <b>MOVED BY J. STARKEY, SECONDED BY W. DONHUE.</b>  <b>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE</b></p>	MOTION CARRIED
11	<p><u>Consider and discuss the possible approval of Budget Amendments to the current 2023-2024 Budget. (E. Salazar) 💧</u></p> <p>Discussion: E. Salazar anticipated an additional 1.2 million in revenue this year, primarily for water and sewer services. The Board approved the proposed Budget Amendments to the current budget.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The motion carried unanimously:</u>  <b>MOVED BY J. STARKEY, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER.</b>  <b>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE</b></p>	MOTION CARRIED
12	<p><u>Consider and discuss the possible approval of Amendment No. 5 with Freese and Nichols, Inc., for Water Plant No. 1 Desalination Design Modifications. (C. Ortiz) 💧</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved Amendment No. 5 for the amount of \$97,284</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The motion carried unanimously:</u>  <b>MOVED BY J. STARKEY, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER.</b>  <b>MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE</b></p>	MOTION CARRIED

13	<p>Consider and review Expenditures from June 1, 2024, to June 15, 2024. (C. Galvan) </p> <p>Discussion: The Board accepted the expenditures as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The expenditures acknowledged by:</u> D. BOUGHTER, J. STARKEY, W. DONAHUE, and A. LALONDE.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGED
14	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned.</p>	MEETING ADJOURNED @ 5:53 PM



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**JASON STARKEY, SECRETARY**



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**SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN**

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2024.