


MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Laguna Madre Water District
 Board of Directors
 Wednesday, June 12, 2024
 5:30 PM – 5:58 PM
 Board Room
 105 Port Rd. Port Isabel, TX 78578

1	<p>Chairman S. Friedman, with his facilitation, commenced the meeting by establishing a quorum. Four members were present, affirming the meeting’s official status.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><u>PRESENT</u></p> <p>Scott Friedman, Chairman Adam Lalonde, Vice-Chairman William “Bill” Donahue, Director Dave Boughter, Director</p> <p><u>ABSENT</u></p> <p>Jason Starkey, Secretary</p> <p><u>LMWD STAFF</u></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 Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer occurred earlier during the 4:30 PM Workshop Meeting.</p>	
3	<p><u>Invitation to the Audience for Public Comments</u></p> <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Glenn Young, General Manager for Long Island Village, addressed the Board and gave a prepared statement (copy attached) for comment and appeal on behalf of Long Island Village about Agenda item 11, requesting not to award the contract proposed for the Sanitary Sewer Water and Paving Improvements for Long Island Village. 	PUBLIC COMMENTS

4	<p><u>Consider and discuss the possible approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 22, 2024. (C. Galvan) 💧</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved the Minutes as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The motion carried unanimously:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOVED BY W. DONAHUE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
5	<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 dropped from yesterday to today from 18.5% to 18.4%. It keeps declining.</p> <p><u>Drought Management Plan</u> - C. Galvan noted possible Stage 4 if water levels drop under 15%, which involves more water restrictions, and recommended that it be kept at and continue with Stage 3 if it goes lower than 15%, seeing that there's plenty of water at Falcon Lake. C. Galvan suggested changing the levels in Stage 4 in the Drought Management Plan from 15% to 13% or 12%. The changes to the levels in the Plan will be brought before the Board for formal approval at the next Regular Meeting.</p> <p>Response: The Board agreed and recommended continuing to encourage conservation and save water.</p>	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
6	<p><u>Director of Operation's Report</u></p> <p>Mr. Gomez reported on:</p> <p><u>Monthly Report</u> – April's comparison to May concerning Service Orders and Call Outs illustrated a decrease in May for the Distribution Department. The Collection and Maintenance Department significantly increased. The Pre-Treatment and Lift Stations Department showed a slight increase. Mr. Gomez gave each department's breakdown and described the services performed.</p>	DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT
7	<p><u>District Engineer's Report</u> 💧</p> <p>Mr. Ortiz reported on:</p> <p><u>2023 Consumer Confidence Report</u> – C. Ortiz reported that the District is revising the report because of new testing ground regulations issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).</p> <p><u>Final PFAS Rule Overview</u>— C. Ortiz reported on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality presentation on PFAS Rule Overview. On April 10, 2024, EPA announced the final National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for six Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS. Important dates include monitoring compliance by 2027. At 5 Years, starting in 2029, water systems must comply with all regulated PFAS Maximum Contaminant Levels. LMWD issued a revised 2023 Consumer Confidence Report to show Lithium and other PFAS were found in our initial monitoring. Note that none of the substances found in our sampling indicate a health hazard at this time. More data collection is needed to determine if any additional action will be necessary. Reverse Osmosis is an effective treatment method</p>	DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT

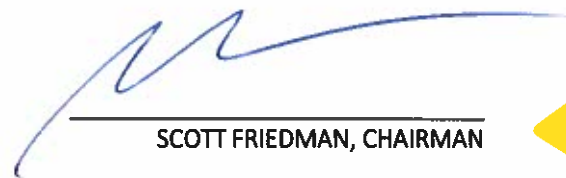
	for removing PFAS, and our seawater project approach in Port Isabel to treat all Rio Grande and Seawater diversions through RO is being very proactive to prepare for future regulated PFAS Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs).	
8	<p><u>Consider and remove from the table the following item tabled at the Regular Meeting on May 22, 2024:</u></p> <p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Amendment No. 5 with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Water System Improvements.</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board agreed to remove the item from the table for discussion.</p> <p><u>The motion carried unanimously:</u></p> <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 Amendment No. 5 with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Water System Improvements. (C. Ortiz) 🇺🇸</u></p> <p>Discussion: C. Ortiz recommended no action as per the discussion earlier at the 4:30 PM Workshop</p>	NO ACTION
10	<p><u>Consider and discuss the possible approval of Members for the Capital Bond Planning Committee. (C. Ortiz) 🇺🇸</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board discussed and agreed to take no action for now since there is no definite schedule and to bring it back at a later date</p>	NO ACTION
11	<p><u>Consider and discuss the possible Award of Proposed Sanitary Sewer Water and Paving Improvements for Long Island Village Seaside Living Community to Southern Trenchless subject to negotiated schedule of Values (Bid No LIV-24-05-01). (C. Ortiz) 🇺🇸</u></p> <p>Discussion: C. Ortiz recommended rejecting all bids and rebidding for multiple contracts. The Board agreed and denied the bids (a copy of the rebid recommendation letter is attached).</p> <p><u>The motion carried unanimously:</u></p> <p>MOVED BY W. DONAHUE, SECONDED BY A. LALONDE.</p> <p>MOTION: MOVE TO REJECT ALL BIDS</p>	REJECTED

12	<p><u>Consider and discuss for possible approval of Change Proposal No. 7 – SCADA Service Laptop Computer for Water Treatment Plant No. 1 Improvements. (C. Ortiz) 💧</u></p> <p>Discussion: C. Ortiz noted that most of the cost, \$21,566.06, is for the SCADA software on the laptop computer and recommended approval. The Board approved.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The motion carried unanimously:</u> MOVED BY A. LALONDE, SECONDED BY D. BOUGHTER. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE</p>	MOTION CARRIED
13	<p><u>Consider and discuss the possible approval of Financial Reports for March 2024. (E. Salazar) 💧</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board approved the acceptance of the financial report.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The motion carried unanimously:</u> MOVED BY A. LALONDE, SECONDED BY W. DONHUE. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE</p>	MOTION CARRIED
14	<p><u>Consider and discuss the possible approval of Truck Barn Parking Lot Reconstruction. (E. Samaniego) 💧</u></p> <p>Discussion: E. Samaniego recommended awarding D&J Site Construction LLC with a bid amount of \$142,593.96</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The motion carried unanimously:</u> MOVED BY W. DONAHUE, SECONDED BY A. LALONDE. MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE</p>	MOTION CARRIED
15	<p><u>Consider and review Expenditures from May 1, 2024, to May 31, 2024. (C. Galvan) 💧</u></p> <p>Discussion: The Board accepted the expenditures as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The expenditures acknowledged by:</u> W. DONAHUE, D. BOUGHTER, S. FRIEDMAN, and A. LALONDE.</p>	ACKNOWLEDGED



16	<p><u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u> 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 551.074, Personnel Matters, which authorizes the holding of such closed or executive session(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Deliberation regarding the Evaluation of District Employees to wit: General Manager</u> <p>S. Friedman, Chairman of the Board of Directors, announced that the entire Board was not present, and the Board agreed to take no action. There was no closed session.</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION</p> <p>NO ACTION</p>
17	<p><u>Consideration and action on EXECUTIVE SESSION item, if necessary.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Deliberation regarding the Evaluation of District Employees to wit: General Manager</u> <p>There was no closed session, and no action was taken.</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION</p> <p>NO ACTION</p>
18	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned.</p>	<p>MEETING ADJOURNED @ 5:58 PM</p>



JASON STARKEY, SECRETARY



SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF JUNE 2024.