
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LONG BEACH WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was convened on Thursday, September 24, 2020, at the law offices of Dukes, Dukes, Keating & Faneca, P.A., 2909 13th Street, 6th Floor, Gulfport, Mississippi.

On roll call, the following Commissioners were found to be present as follows:

David W. Marshall
Brett Mallette
Mary Ladner

Also present was Ben Benvenutti with Covington Engineering and general counsel, Bobby R. Long and Haley N. Broom with the law firm of Dukes, Dukes, Keating & Faneca, P.A., see copy of the public sign-in sheet attached hereto as **Exhibit "1"**.

A quorum of Commissioners was found to be present.

Commissioner Mallette entered the Notice of Meeting which was posted prior to the meeting. A copy of this notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit "2"**.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, the Minutes for August 20, 2020 Regular meeting were approved. A copy of the Minutes is attached hereto as **Exhibit "3"**.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall and unanimously carried, the Docket of Claims for September 24, 2020, was approved. A copy of the Docket of Claims is attached hereto as **Exhibit "4"**.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ladner, and unanimously carried, the Resolution for Attorneys Fees for the period of August 18, 2020 through September 22, 2020, in the amount of \$8,163.15 was approved. See Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "5"**.

A discussion was held regarding Canal No. 1 Design Project. Ben Benvenutti with Covington provided a status update stating that the design phase for Canal No. 1 Improvement Project is approximately 90% completed, with drawings having been sent to the NRCS for review. See Project Status Report provided by Ben attached hereto as **Exhibit "6"**.

A brief discussion was held regarding the status update of the Canal No. 1

easement project. Bobby Long provided updates stating that Newland and Coulter were moving closer to an agreement as to the Drainage Easements and that the litigation matters would be removed from the docket until resolved and then would be dismissed upon receipt of the executed easements. No further action was taken.

A brief discussion was held regarding the improvement projects for Canal 2/3 on behalf of the City of Long Beach and the LBWMD. Ben Benvenuti with Covington provided an update as to the status stating that the improvements at Commission Bridge have been completed, sediment and debris has been removed from the bottom of Canal 2/3 and the final inspection will be scheduled once grading and seeding have been completed. See Project Status Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "6"**, also see report and photographs by Commissioner Marshall attached hereto as **Exhibit "7"**.

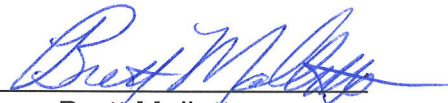
A discussion was held regarding the USACE Project for Canal 2/3. Ben Benvenuti with Covington provided an update as to the status, stating that the survey has been completed, the geotechnical investigations have been completed and that the design is ongoing and is expected to be completed in the Spring of 2021.

A discussion was held regarding the wildlife trapping with an update received from Alex Crain with the USDA Wildlife Services Office, stating that a total of 18 beavers had been removed from the canals under the most recent agreement and that the limit of hours under the agreement had been reached. He further stated that it appeared on their last inspection that most of the dams had been removed and no additional beaver dams had been sighted. No further action was taken.

A discussion was held regarding the Updated Assessment Roll. Bobby Long provided a status update indicating that a meeting with Judge Bise had been scheduled to discuss the matter on September 30, 2020. No further action was taken.

The next meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was scheduled to be held on October 15, 2020.


There being no further business to come before the meeting, and upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ladner, and unanimously carried, the meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was adjourned.



Brett Mallette



David W. Marshall



Mary Ladner