MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE LONG BEACH WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AUGUST 26, 2021

The regular meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was convened on Thursday, August 26, 2021, at the law firm of Dukes, Dukes, Keating & Faneca, P.A., 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 Long Beach City Alderman Bernie Parker, Ben Benvenutti with Covington Engineering and general counsel, Bobby R. Long and Je'Nell Blum 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 Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ladner, and unanimously carried, the Minutes for July 15, 2021 Regular meeting were approved. A copy of the Minutes is attached hereto as **Exhibit "3"**.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ladner and unanimously carried, the Docket of Claims for August 26, 2021, 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 July 8, 2021 through August 25, 2021, in the amount of \$14,573.93 was approved, see Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "5"**.

A discussion was held regarding Canal No. 1 design project and Ben Benvenutti with Covington provided a status update stating that the Mayor of Long Beach and engineering staff are in support of Kux Road relocation. Further, he stated that comments have been received from the NRCS and Covington is in the process of editing documents and plans per NRCS request. See Project Status Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "6"**.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Storm Debris Removal Project. Ben Benvenutti with Covington Engineering stated that Norman Patterson with the NRCS

informed him that they should have an agreement ready for signature by September 1, 2021. See Project Status Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "6"**.

A discussion was held regarding the USACE Project for Canal 2/3. Ben Benvenutti with Covington provided a brief update stating that the USACE is putting the utility relocation at Pompass Drive on hold until bids are received for the remainder of the Canal improvements. This is necessary to confirm that there is enough budget to complete the relocation of the utility. Ben further stated that the construction is expected to begin in October of 2021. See **Exhibit "6"** attached hereto.

A discussion was held regarding a proposed Budget for FY2022 for estimated Revenues and Expenditures. No further action was taken.

A discussion was held regarding the Canal No. 1 Easement Project. A motion was made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried to have discussions in Executive Session for the purposes of discussing potential settlement of pending litigation. Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, the Commissioner Session to discuss settlement negotiations. Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, the Commissions came out of the closed Executive Session.

The next meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was scheduled to be held on September 16, 2021.

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

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