## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE LONG BEACH WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was convened on Thursday, September 16, 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 Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, the Minutes for September 16, 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 September 16, 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 August 26, 2021 through September 15, 2021, in the amount of \$6,334.32 was approved, see Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "5"**.

A discussion was held regarding Canal No. 1 Improvement project and Ben Benvenutti with Covington provided a status update stating that responsive comments will be returned to the NRCS by September 20, 2021. 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 plans will be sent to NRCS for review the week of September 20, 2021. See Project Status Report attached hereto as **Exhibit** 

**"6"**. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ladner and unanimously carried, the Resolution Authorizing and Directing Chairman to Execute Grant Agreement Award for Grant Funds Through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for the Debris Removal Project for Canal No. 1 and 2/3 Caused by Hurricane Zeta. Said Resolution is attached hereto as **Exhibit "7"**.

A discussion was held regarding the USACE Project for Canal 2/3. Ben Benvenutti with Covington provided a brief update stating that the USACE 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. Upon Motion made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, the Resolution Adopting, Authorizing, and Approving Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021 and Ending September 30, 2022. Said Resolution is attached hereto as **Exhibit "8"**.

A discussion was held regarding the Canal No. 1 Easement Project. A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ladner, 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 Commissioners went into Executive 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 October 21, 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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