## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE LONG BEACH WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MAY 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was convened on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at the law offices of Dukes, Dukes, Keating & Faneca, P.A., 2909 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 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 of Covington Civil and Environmental, general counsel, Je'Nell B. Blum and Bobby Long 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 April 21, 2022, 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 Minutes of the Special Meeting on May 9, 2022, were approved. A copy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting is attached hereto as **Exhibit "4"**.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall and unanimously carried, the Docket of Claims for May 19, 2022, was approved. A copy of the Docket of Claims is attached hereto as **Exhibit "5"**.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, the Resolution for Attorneys Fees for the period of April 21, 2022 through May 18, 2022, in the amount of \$4,260.30 was approved, see Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "6"**.

A discussion was held regarding Canal No. 1 Improvement project and Ben Benvenutti with Covington provided a status update report prior to the meeting which indicated that he had received no updates from the NRCS at this time. See Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "7"**.

A discussion was held regarding the Canal No. 1 Easement Project, and Je'Nell Blum provided a status update. Mrs. Blum indicated that the owner of Parcel No. 27A, Ms. Sally Lackey, through her attorney, was in agreement to execute a Warranty Deed to be held in trust until such time as a hearing could be held to determine the value of the property. Once value is determined, Ms. Lackey would be paid and the Warranty Deed could be recorded. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ladner, and unanimously carried, the Commissioners approved moving forward with the Lackey matter as fully discussed.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Storm Debris Removal Project. Pursuant to the report provided by Ben Benvenutti with Covington Engineering the Contractor for the project had mobilized to the project site and debris removal was expected to begin on May 23, 2022. The Contractor reportedly planned to begin on the north end of Canal No. 1 at Klondyke Road. See Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "7"**.

A discussion was held regarding the USACE Project for Canal 2/3. Pursuant to a report provided by Ben Benvenutti with Covington, the USACE had received approval from the Small Business Administration (SBA) to competitively procure 8(a) contractors. Ben further stated that the project is currently in the re-bidding phase. See Report attached as **Exhibit "7"**.

A discussion was held regarding a request submitted to the LBWMD website regarding a property owner who indicated that the grass along the canal at Pampas Drive was in need of being cut. After a brief discussion, a Motion was duly made by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ladner, and unanimously carried to move forward with obtaining quotes from Utility Partners, LLC to cut the grass along Canal 2/3.

The next meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was scheduled to be held on June 21, 2022.

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