
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LONG BEACH WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was convened on Thursday, September 15, 2022, 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 were Ben Benvenuti and Sarah McLellan with Covington Civil and Environmental, along with general counsel, Bobby R. Long, Je'Nell Blum and Haley Schultz 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.

The Notice of Meeting was entered, 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 August 18, 2022, 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 15, 2022, was approved. A copy of the Docket of Claims is attached hereto as **Exhibit "4"**.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, the Resolution for Attorneys Fees for the period of August 18, 2022 through September 13, 2022, in the amount of \$5,004.97 was approved, see Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "5"**.

A discussion was held regarding the Long Beach Water Management District FY 2023 Annual Budget. Upon Motion duly 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, 2022 and Ending September 30, 2023 (FY 2023 Budget) was approved, see Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "6"**.

A discussion was held regarding Canal No. 1 Improvement project. Ben Benvenuti

with Covington stated that the Construction Engineering and Inspection costs had been submitted to the NRCS for approval with the request that the NRCS fund the inspection costs. Ben further stated that they were in the process of working with the NRCS to re-schedule a pre-construction meeting. See Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "7"**.

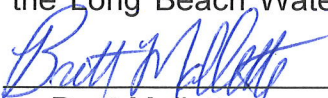
A brief discussion was held regarding the Storm Debris Removal Project. Ben Benvenuti with Covington provided an update stating that the Contractor had completed 95% of the project. He further stated that completion was expected by September 21. Ben indicated that the grant expires on November 15 for this project, and that the NRCS Construction must be completed by November 15. Ben stated that the closeout invoices and final reporting could be completed after November 15. The remaining area to be completed was between Espy Avenue and the Rail Spur to the industrial park. See Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "7"**.

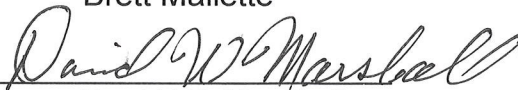
A discussion was held regarding the USACE Project for Canal 2/3. Ben Benvenuti provided a status update stating that One (1) bid was received in the amount of approximately Six Million (\$6,000,000.00) and that this bid was rejected by the USACE. He further stated that the USACE would be working with the USACE Vicksburg Construction Division to implement the project as a result of the bids received. Ben further stated that the USACE has asked that the LBWMD prioritize the low water crossing in case they do not have enough funding to complete all of them. See Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "7"**.

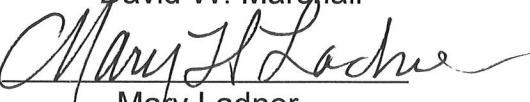
A brief discussion was held regarding the Castine Point Development. Ben Benvenuti with Covington indicated that he would follow up with Joe Culpepper to obtain a status update. No further action taken.

The next meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 18, 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