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

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The regular meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was convened on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at The Chimneys Restaurant, 1640 E. Beach Boulevard, 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, and general counsel, Bobby 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 November 22, 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 December 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 November 16, 2022 through December 13, 2022, in the amount of \$5,910.30 was approved, see Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "5"**.

A discussion was held regarding Canal No. 1 Improvement project. Ben Benvenuti with Covington provided a status update stating that the surveyor is finalizing the land rights map to submit to NRCS. Further, Ben stated that the review period with the NRCS is expected to be about 2 to 3 weeks. After approval of the land rights map, NRCS will send a revised Project Partnership Agreement to include the construction phase of the project and at that point we would be in a position to advertise for bids. See Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "6"**.

A discussion was held regarding the need for a chemical spray project. The Commissioners all agreed that chemical spray projects should be included in the overall

maintenance plan being established by Covington for the Annual Maintenance Plan for Canal No. 1 (to begin after improvements) and Canal 2/3, to be in compliance with the requirements set forth by the USACE. No further action was taken.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Storm Debris Removal Project. Ben Benvenuti with Covington provided an update stating that the final walkthrough with the NRCS and the Contractor was completed on December 1, 2022 and that the Contractor would be submitting its final pay application in the near future. See Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "6"**. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, a Resolution approving the Certificate of Substantial Completion submitted by JE Talley Construction, Inc. and Directing the Chairman to execute on behalf of the LBWMD was approved. See Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "7"**.

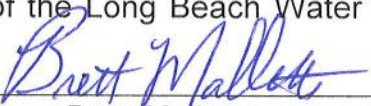
A discussion was held regarding the USACE Project for Canal 2/3. Ben Benvenuti provided a status update stating that the funding for the project has been approved and the materials were being procured for the project. Ben further stated that the USACE was planning to begin the construction for the project in late February or early March. See Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "6"**. The Commissioners requested that Ben Benvenuti with Covington reach out to the City of Long Beach to try and obtain some type of police presence in the area where the materials for the project were to be stored. No further action was taken.

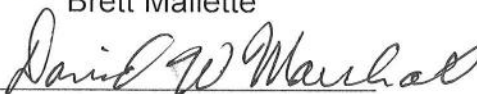
A discussion was held regarding the need for a Maintenance Plan for Canal No. 1 and Canal 2/3 as required by the USACE. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, the Resolution authorizing and approving Work Authorization No. 30 with Covington to prepare the Maintenance Plan was approved. See Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "8"**.

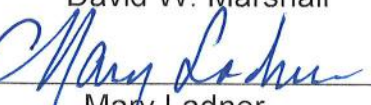
A brief discussion was held regarding a Long Beach resident who had contacted the law offices of Dukes, Dukes, Keating & Faneca, P.A. to complain about standing water in the ditch that runs parallel to 28<sup>th</sup> Street, in the front of her property. No further action was taken.

The next meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was scheduled to be held on Thursday, January 19, 2023.

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