
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LONG BEACH WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
JANUARY 19, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was convened on Thursday, January 19, 2023, 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 (via telephone) and Sarah McLellan with Covington Civil and Environmental, Robert Paul, Cherie Griffith, and Barb Reed with the City of Long Beach, and general counsel, 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.

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 December 15, 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 January 19, 2023, 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 December 14, 2022 through January 17, 2023, in the amount of \$6,745.80 was approved, see Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "5"**.

A discussion was held regarding a "Walking Bridge Projects," which would allow pedestrians to cross over Canal 2/3 to a proposed pedestrian walking path to be constructed by the City of Long Beach, which is property owned by the City of Long Beach. Representatives from the City of Long Beach Parks and Recreations Department were in attendance to present their ideas and request approval from the Commissioners of the Long Beach Water Management District to construct a pedestrian walking bridge to cross over Canal 2/3 in order for the public to have access to the pedestrian walking path. After a lengthy discussion, the Commissioners requested that the City of Long Beach provide its drawings and/or plans for the proposed walking bridge for review by Covington

Engineers on behalf of the LBWMD for comments. No further action was taken. See map of proposed bridge and walking path attached hereto as **Exhibit "6"**.

A discussion was held regarding Canal No. 1 Improvement project. Ben Benvenuti with Covington provided a status update stating that the Project Partnership Agreement is under development. See Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "7"**.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, a Resolution Authorizing Chairman to Execute Agreement Documents for Canal Improvement Grant was authorized and approved. Said Resolution is attached hereto as **Exhibit "8"**.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Storm Debris Removal Project. Ben Benvenuti with Covington provided an update stating that the Contractor had submitted its application for final payment along with the close out documents, and Covington recommended payment. Further, NRCS Final Reimbursement Request documents had been prepared. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, a Resolution authorizing Chairman to execute Request for Advance or Reimbursement and authorizing Chairman to execute Federal Financial Report. See Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "9"**.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ladner, and unanimously carried, a Resolution Closing Contract with JE Talley Construction and approving Final Payment No. 4. See Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "10"**.


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 plan for the equipment to be mobilized was to begin in February with construction to begin in early March. See Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "7"**.

A discussion was held regarding the need for a Maintenance Plan for Canal No. 1 and Canal 2/3 as required by the USACE. See Draft of Maintenance Plan attached hereto as **Exhibit "11"**.

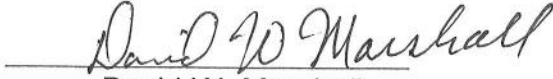
A discussion was held regarding an extension of time for the Prime Agreement with Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, a Resolution authorizing and approving Contract Modification No. 2 with Covington was approved. See Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "12"**.

The next meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 16, 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