MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE LONG BEACH WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT APRIL 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was convened on Thursday, April 20, 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 (Absent)

Also present was Sarah McLellan and Ben Benvenutti with Covington Civil and Environmental, Joe Culpepper with the City of Long Beach and H20, and general counsel, 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 Mallette, and unanimously carried, the Minutes for March 16, 2023, 2023, 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 Mallette, and unanimously carried, the Docket of Claims for April 20, 2023, 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 Mallette, and unanimously carried, the Resolution for Attorneys Fees for the period of March 15, 2023 through April 18, 2023, in the amount of \$5,280.90 was approved, see Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "5"**.

A discussion was held regarding the status of the Canal No. 1 Improvement project. Sarah McLellan with Covington provided a status update stating that the LCNOI had been submitted to MDEQ and that all additional information requested had been provided. Sarah further stated that the Land Rights Map was approved by the NRCS and the contract was near completion and that once the agreement is executed, a kick-off meeting will be scheduled. See Project Status Report dated April 20, 2023 attached hereto as **Exhibit** "6".

A discussion was held regarding the USACE Project for Canal 2/3. Sarah stated that she and Ben Benvenutti had attended the construction kick-off meeting on March 22,

2023 and that construction began at the beginning of April. Sarah further stated that two (2) of the sites had been completed. See Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "6"**.

A discussion was held regarding the status of the Maintenance Plan for Canal No. 1 and Canal 2/3 as required by the USACE. Ben Benvenutti stated that they expected to receive a response from the USACE regarding its decision on amending the OMRR&R manual. Ben anticipated on receive said response with in the next week. Ben further stated that the Maintenance Plan would be updated per the decision made by the USACE. See report attached hereto as **Exhibit "6"**.

The next meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, and upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Mallette, and unanimously carried, the meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was adjourned.

Brett Mallette

David W. Marshall

Absent

Mary Ladner

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