MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE LONG BEACH WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT JUNE 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was convened on Thursday, June 15, 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 (Absent) Brett Mallette Mary Ladner

Also present was Sarah McLellan with Covington Civil and Environmental, James Wedworth (resident 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"**.

A discussion was held with James Wedworth, a resident of the City of Long Beach whose property is located along a section of Canal No. 2/3. Mr. Wedworth explained some concerns he had regarding possible erosion along the South bank of Canal 2/3 behind Candi Holloway's property and within the Permanent Drainage Easement conveyed to the LBWMD. Mr. Wedworth provided some photographs of the bank of the canal and indicated that the canal bank is hidden by the vegetative growth. See photos attached hereto as **Exhibit "3"**. The Commissioners made a Motion for Covington to prepare a Work Authorization to perform some surveying to compare to old surveys in order to be able to determine if, and or the extent of any erosion along the bank.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Mallette, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2023 were approved. A copy of the Minutes for May 23, 2023 is attached hereto as **Exhibit "4"**; and

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Mallette, and unanimously carried, the Docket of Claims for June 15, 2023, 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 Mallette, and unanimously carried, the Resolution for Attorneys Fees for the period of May 23, 2023 through June 13, 2023 was approved, see Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit** "6".

A discussion was held regarding the status of the Canal No. 1 Improvement project. Sarah McLellan with Covington provided a status update stating that NRCS had submitted the Notice of Grant and Agreement Award for Grant Funds to make the Canal No. 1 Improvements. See Project Status Report dated May 23, 2023 attached hereto as **Exhibit** "7".

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Mallette, and unanimously carried, the Resolution Authorizing and Directing Chairman to Execute the Notice of Grant and Agreement Award for Grant Funds Through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) For the Canal No. 1 Improvement Project, was authorized and approved. Said Resolution is attached hereto as **Exhibit "8"**.

A discussion was held regarding the USACE Project for Canal 2/3. Sarah stated that the project was scheduled to be completed by the end of July. See Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "7"**.

A discussion was held regarding the status of the Maintenance Plan for Canal No. 1 and Canal 2/3 as required by the USACE. Sarah with Covington stated that the OMRRR would be updated formally by USACE to reflect the clarifications and changes. The Maintenance Plan will be updated per this amendment to the OMRRR per Sarah. See report attached hereto as **Exhibit "7"**.

A discussion was held regarding the General Liability Insurance Policy due to expire and that Scottsdale Insurance had offered another Endorsement to the Policy to extend the expiration date for an additional 30 days to provide additional time to search for a new underwriter to provide the coverage. Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Mallette, and unanimously carried, the Resolution Accepting and Approving Endorsement to General Liability Insurance Coverage with Scottsdale Insurance Company was approved. A copy of said Resolution is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit "9"**.

A discussion was held regarding some proposed updates to the LBWMD website to provide current information regarding the status of the Canal Improvement Project and the easement acquisition along Canal No. 1 being complete. The Commissioners made a motion to approved the update to the website.

The next meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was scheduled to be held on Thursday, July 13, 2023.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, and upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Mallette, and unanimously carried, the meeting of the LBWMD was adjourned.

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Absent

David W. Marshall

Mary Ladner

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