
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LONG BEACH WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
JULY 13, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was convened on Thursday, July 13, 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:

David W. Marshall
Brett Mallette
Mary Ladner

Also present was Sarah McLellan and Ben Benvenuti with Covington Civil and Environmental, Joe Culpepper with H2O and 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"**.

A discussion was held with Joe Culpepper representing H2O and the City of Long Beach regarding beaver trapping and eradication services and the status of Department of Agriculture and Wild Life Services performing beaver control services. No further action was taken.

A discussion was held regarding the need for surveying services along the Holloway property - Canal 2/3. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, the Resolution authorizing and approving Work Authorization No. 32 for surveying services with Covington Civil and Environmental was authorized and approved. See Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "3"**.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2023 were approved. A copy of the Minutes for June 15, 2023 is attached hereto as **Exhibit "4"**; and

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner

Mallette, and carried, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2023 were approved. A copy of the Minutes for April 20, 2023 is attached hereto as **Exhibit "5"**.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Special Telephonic Meeting of May 30, 2023 were approved. A copy of the Minutes for May 30, 2023 is attached hereto as **Exhibit "6"**.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ladner, and unanimously carried, the Docket of Claims for July 13, 2023, was approved. A copy of the Docket of Claims is attached hereto as **Exhibit "7"**.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, the Resolution for Attorneys Fees for the period of June 14, 2023 through July 11, 2023 was approved, see Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "8"**.

A discussion was held regarding the status of the Canal No. 1 Improvement project. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ladner, and unanimously carried, the Resolution Authorizing and Approving Advertisement for Bids for Canal No. 1 Improvement Project was approved. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto as **Exhibit "9"**.

Upon further discussion regarding Canal No. 1 Improvement Project, Ben Benvenuti with Covington provided an update stating that the Contract documents had been executed and submitted to the NRCS and the proposed bid advertisement dates were scheduled for July 20, 2023 and July 27, 2023. The pre-bid meeting was scheduled for August 3, 2023 and the date for the formal bid opening was set for August 18, 2023. See Project Status Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "10"**.

A discussion was held regarding the USACE Project for Canal 2/3 and the potential need for a water truck to water the newly spread grass. Ben and Sarah stated that after making inquiry with the City of Long Beach, it was determined that the City did not have a water truck that was suitable and that other options available to water the grass would need to be investigated. Sarah further stated that a site inspection was completed with the USACE on June 28, 2023 and that the project is substantially complete. Sarah further stated that Covington recommends signing off on the project. See Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "10"**.

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 there was no change in the status of the Maintenance Plan and no action was taken.

A discussion was held regarding the General Liability Insurance Policy offered by Glatfelter Public Practice and Cadence Insurance. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, and unanimously carried, the Resolution Accepting Proposal and Approving General Liability Insurance Coverage with Glatfelter Public Practice and Cadence Insurance and Authorizing Chairman Brett Mallette to Sign Necessary Documents via Digital Format on Behalf of the Long Beach Water

Management District was approved. A copy of said Resolution is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit "11"**.


A discussion was held regarding requesting a proposal from the City of Long Beach/H2O for services associated with maintenance work on canals pursuant to the Maintenance Plan, with no action taken.

A discussion was held regarding the status of the Chemical Spray 2023 Project. Sarah with Covington was requested to obtain 2 quotes for this project. No further action was taken.

The next meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 17, 2023.

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


Brett Mallette


David W. Marshall


Mary Ladner