
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LONG BEACH WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MAY 23, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was convened on Tuesday, May 23, 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 and Ben Benvenuti 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 the work being performed by the US Army Corps of Engineers and whether or not they would be removing the miscellaneous remnants from the work being performed along the canal. Mr. Benvenuti with Covington explained that the Corps would be cleaning up any mess that resulted from the work being done and that he had confirmed that with one of the project engineers with the USACE prior to the meeting.

Additional discussion was held with Mr. Wedworth concerning a failing drain pipe on his property and the history of the drain pipe and its impact, if any, on the Canal. No further action was taken.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Mallette, and unanimously carried, the Docket of Claims for May 23, 2023, was approved. A copy of the Docket of Claims is attached hereto as **Exhibit "3"**.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Mallette, and unanimously carried, the Resolution for Attorneys Fees for the period of April 19, 2023 through May 22, 2023, in the amount of \$8,678.70 was approved, see Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "4"**.

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 Storm water

Certificate of Permit Coverage from MDEQ had been submitted to NRCS. Sarah further stated that the Land Rights map was finalized and submitted to the NRCS. Sarah stated that the NRCS was working on finalizing the partnership agreement and should have a fully executed agreement for signature in the very near future. See Project Status Report dated May 23, 2023 attached hereto as **Exhibit "5"**.

Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Mallette, and unanimously carried, the Resolution Authorizing and Approving Work Authorization No. 31 with Covington for construction oversight and inspection of the improvement work on Canal No. 1, was authorized and approved. Said Resolution is attached hereto as **Exhibit "6"**.

A discussion was held regarding the USACE Project for Canal 2/3. Sarah stated that Area 3 was complete; Area 13 and 14 required rock to finish; Areas 1, 2, 4, and 5 needed to be reworked; Areas 6 and 9 were not complete with Area 6 changed to RCP. Sarah further stated that the project should be complete in 30 to 45 days and that the USACE was currently waiting for materials. See Report attached hereto as **Exhibit "5"**.

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 they had received a letter from the USACE addressing the amendment to the OMRRR per our request. Additionally, the USACE clarified the meaning of "bi-annually" as every other year. USACE further stated that drone surveys and bathymetric surveys should be considered a satisfactory means of performing centerline and cross section surveys of the canal. Sarah indicated 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 "5"**.

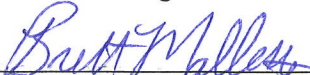
A discussion was held regarding the General Liability Insurance Policy due to expire and that Scottsdale Insurance had offered an Endorsement to the Policy to extend the expiration date for 30 days to provide additional time to search for a new underwriter to provide the coverage. Upon motion duly made 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 "7"**.

A discussion was held regarding a Cooperative Service Agreement received from the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services to provide beaver eradication in Canal No. 1 and Canal 2/3. Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Mallette, and unanimously carried, the Resolution Authorizing Proposed Cooperative Service Agreement between the Long Beach Water Management District and the Wildlife Services was approved. Said Resolution is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit "8"**.

The next meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was scheduled to be held on Thursday, June 15, 2023.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, and upon Motion

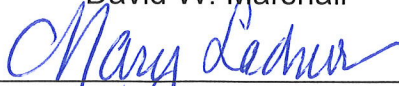
duly made by Commissioner Ladner, seconded by Commissioner Mallette, and unanimously carried, the meeting of the Long Beach Water Management District was adjourned.



Brett Mallette

Absent

David W. Marshall



Mary Ladner