**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 14, 2020**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, in Conference Room C of the Parsons Government Complex. Vice Chairman Bach called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**I. Roll Call:**

Board Members Present Also Present

Michael Zabinski, Chairman Steve Johnson, Asst. PW Director

Thom Bach

John Casey

Andrew Bevilacqua

Megan Sloan

**II. Election of Officers:**

Mr. Bevilacqua and Ms. Sloan made and seconded a motion to nominate Mr. Zabinski to continue as Chairman.

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Casey and Ms. Sloan made and seconded a motion to nominate Mr. Bach to continue as Vice-Chairman.

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**III. Public Participation:**

David DeLuke - 27 Point Beach Drive – thanked the Board, Chris Saley, Steve Johnson and Mayor for work that has been started in the Point Beach area. Mr. DeLuke urged the Board to put as much into the project as possible stating it has a negative impact on personal life and property values.

Ed McGann – 25 Point Beach Drive – echoed the comments by Mr. DeLuke. Mr. McGann also stated that Point Beach is ground zero for flooding. He appreciates all the efforts that have been made to date.

Carole Klingele - 160 Broadway – stated she was present to keep tabs on progress concerning Wildemere Beach. She also stated there will be a meeting with DEEP and members of the state delegation on January 28th to discuss the project.

**III. Correspondence**

None.

**IV. Consideration of Minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting.**

Chairman Zabinski stated t November and December minutes were to be considered at this meeting, but only the December are available. He stated the November minutes will be considered at the February meeting.

Mr. Bevilacqua and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion to approve of the minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried 4 in favor (Bach, Bevilacqua, Casey and Zabinski), 1 abstention (Sloan).

**V. Unfinished Business.**

A) Update: Drainage Projects and CDBG Projects:

Bayview Beach – Mr. Johnson reported the bid was published as of Friday, January 10th. There will be a prebid meeting in 1 week at 10:00 a.m. and a representative of Fuss & O’Neil will be present. Bids are scheduled to close on February 6th. Mr. Johnson stated that he also sent copies of the invitation to bid to some of the Bayview residents that have been inquiring. Discussion ensured concerning scheduling after bids are received. Mr. Bach inquired about the most recent storm on December 30th. Mr. Johnson discussed the issues with that storm event and failure of DEMHS to provide a timely alert.

Point Beach – Mr. Johnson stated he had plans for the project with him tonight should anyone like to see them. Chairman Zabinski asked where the funds are coming from fort his project. Mr. Johnson stated CDBG grant funding. He discussed the outfall and how it was blocked with stone and cobble contributing to drainage issues. Mr. Johnson stated the backflow preventer had been washed away in a storm, but has since washed back up and was put back in place. With the backflow preventer in place it should help with future issues. Mr. Johnson discussed the various outfalls in the Point Beach area and stated that the plans are being finalized for submission to DEEP.

Calf Pen/Beachland Avenue – Mr. Johnson reported the work is functioning well. He stated he has placed a call concerning the phragmites control and is waiting to hear back.

Milford Point Road – Mr. Johnson reported this project will be going out to bid shortly. He further stated that he is work on the project manual with Milone and McBroom.

Morningside Revetment – Mr. Johnson reported this project needs to be finalized and that he is working with RACE to finalize the bid documents. He further reported that all permitting is place.

Gulf Beach/Welches Point Road/Bluff Area – Mr. Johnson stated this is a CDBG planning project and that all permits are in place. He further stated that RACE needs to complete the construction documents. Mr. Johnson also noted 2 possible grants for this project.

Wildemere/Walnut Beach – Mr. Johnson stated this is a planning project that was not able to be permitted when spending had to stop. He further report that GEI and Milone and McBroom have been accommodating and did their best to continue to work on the project to get it permitted. Mr. Johnson commented there is a meeting scheduled with DEEP and other state representative on January 28th at 10:00 am. He did not have the full details, but stated he would get those and inform the Board. Mr. Johnson reported on a conference call with GEI and Army Corps of Engineers requesting the permit not be closed as work continues. Mr. Johnson discussed the status of the dune and that GEI is working on phase 1 which should be available by February 1st. Chairman Zabinski stated he concern with the meeting scheduled for January 28th and that the Board was not aware.

Crescent Beach – Mr. Johnson reported DEEP is willing to sign off on the reduced scope, but Army Corp and Fisheries are still resisting. Mr. Bach asked if the project should be rejected based on the reduced scope. Mr. Bevilacqua stated he would be in favor of cancelling due to the minimal benefit. Mr. Johnson stated that beach replenishment would be a project that could be completed and he would get more information.

Pelham Street – Mr. Johnson stated there are no changes to the project. He further stated the stairs can be stabilized but not the bluffs as they were designed to erode.

Gulf Beach Breakwater – Mr. Johnson reported they were able to get an extension until June 2021. He also reported he reached out to COWIE but has not received a response to date. Mr. Johnson also discussed the change in staff at DOH and lose of key contact. Mr. Johnson stated he will ask COWIE to review the project plans.

B) Update: Resiliency Plan – no report.

C) Update: Program for Public Information (PPI) – Mr. Johnson provided a handout and stated there will be a hazard mitigation and CRS meeting on Friday to review 2020. Mr. Johnson discussed the flooding issue at Red Bush and Boston Post Road on December 13th and 14th. He reviewed the drainage structures under the Boston Post Road and how they had been plugged causing a backup. Mr. Johnson stated he proposed 5 year drainage and resiliency fund in the Capital Improvement Plan that required Board of Aldermen approval. Chairman Zabinski asked if the public information sessions had been completed. Mr. Johnson stated they had been completed and he continues to provide information through various types of communication.

**VII. New Business**

None.

Being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bach and Ms. Sloan made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Jo Weeks

Recording Secretary