

**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2018**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, in Conference Room C of the Parsons Government Complex. Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Michael Zabinski, Chairman
Thom Bach, Vice Chairman
John Casey
Andrew Bevilacqua

Also Present

S. Johnson, Interim Asst. PW Director
Ald. C. Gaynor

Excused: Meghan Sloan

II. Public Participation

None.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Mr. Casey and Mr. Bach made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Zabinski stated he had no report.

V. Unfinished Business

A) Update: Drainage Projects and CDBG Projects - Mr. Johnson provided the Board with the project updates as follows:

Bayview Beach – Mr. Johnson reported they are finalizing the design. He stated they are still determining the best options for the pump chamber. Mr. Johnson stated under CAM, they are not recommending digging out the beach ends and they do not want

rocks, but would prefer Christmas trees. He added they trees would need to be anchored so they don't float. Mr. Johnson stated the Board saw this during their visit to Stratford Point.

Point Beach – no update.

Calf Pen/Beachland Avenue – Mr. Johnson stated they are wrapping up the key action items from the punch list, such as grading/top soil. He stated they requested a project extension until the spring to complete the grading work. He also pointed out there are still some drainage issues that need to be resolved. Mr. Johnson stated the construction manager would work with VAZ.

Milford Point Road – Mr. Johnson stated they received the review from the Engineering Department with corrections made to the plan. He stated the hope is to get this out to bid by January.

Morningside Revetment – Mr. Johnson reported RACE is working towards advancing the plans to the final design. He stated they are still waiting for final recommendations from DEEP. A brief discussion ensued regarding benches and a request regarding lighting.

Mr. Johnson stated they were looking toward some LED lighting for security and safety purposes.

Mr. Casey commented low level lighting would be the best as you don't want a lot of light pollution in the area.

Gulf Beach/Welches Point Road – Mr. Johnson reported they are working to advance the design proposals.

Wildemere/Walnut Beach –Mr. Johnson reported there has been a lot of activity. He stated the plans have been finalized and they are waiting on the request for feedback for other resiliency options. A brief discussion ensued.

Crescent Beach– Mr. Johnson stated there were a number of updates. He pointed out the area of the beach that has vegetation, so it had to be excluded from the plan. Mr. Johnson also stated they would be including a back flow preventer.

Pelham Street - no update.

Gulf Beach Breakwater – Mr. Johnson stated they would be adapting the template from Beachland Avenue and would keep the Board apprised.

Mr. Johnson also commented regarding the inland flooding issue which is something for this Board to consider going forward. A brief discussion ensued regarding clogged catch basins and concerns for enforcement that need to be addressed.

Mr. Casey stated in Stratford there is a mechanism in place for enforcement. He stated this is another reason where public outreach and education is vital.

B) Update: Resiliency Plan –no report.

VII. New Business

A) Consideration of Revision to Program for Public Information (PPI) – Mr. Johnson stated a part of tonight's meeting concerns updates to the PPI with updates to the calendar (distributed to the Board). He stated the changes the Board was asked to consider were requests from the technical reviewers who are part of the PPI. He referred to the handout and explained each of the proposed changes. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski asked Mr. Johnson about any outreach work that is happening.

Mr. Johnson stated they are looking into having meetings to review each of the CDBG project and provide updates for each of the projects. He also discussed the coordination with the fire department and public works department regarding the coordination of anticipated areas of flooding. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Bach stated he has requested in the past and would ask again that the beach associations, their presidents and other board members be contacted so that they can be updated with the various projects.

Mr. Johnson stated he would get a list of all the beach associations prior to this Board's January meeting.

Chairman Zabinski suggested inviting those associations along with their officers to a meeting to make sure all information is being properly disseminated. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Bevilacqua and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion to accept the recommended edits/corrections of the PPI as submitted December 11, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary