**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, via Zoom teleconference. Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

Board Members Present Also Present

Michael Zabinski, Chairman C. Saley, PW Director

Andy Bevilacqua S. Johnson, Asst. PW Director

John Casey

Ray Manzouri

Excused: Thom Bach

**II. Public Participation**

David DeLuke -27 Point Beach Drive – urged the Board to do anything they could to move along the drainage issues in the Point Beach area. He stated when drainage issues/flooding on Elaine Road and Point Beach Drive impacts the day to day lives of every resident in the area. In addition, it is a life safety issue when EMS/fire responders cannot get to the area because of the flooding. Additionally, there have been times when the mail truck simply cannot get through to the homes in that area.

Guadalupe Garcia Tsao – 38 Hilldale (Morningside) – stated it has now been 2 ½ years they have been waiting for work on the Morningside revetment and seawall. She questioned how much longer they would have to wait.

Christina McCaughey – 161 Morningside Drive – stated her comments were concerning the Morningside revetment work and seawall, or the lack thereof. She encouraged the city to please deal with the issue as soon as possible.

**III. Correspondence**

None.

**IV. Consideration of Minutes of the October 9, 2021, meeting.**

Mr. Manzouri and Mr. Bevilacqua made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2021, meeting with the following corrections:

p. 3 – Sect. V – Bayview Beach in the second sentence of the paragraph it should be corrected to read the *pump connections are not active and that the flooding backflow valve did perform.*

Chairman Zabinski noted those present at the October 9, 2021, meeting should reflect *Joseph Griffith, DPLU Director was also present.*

Motion carried unanimously as corrected.

**V**. **Unfinished Business.**

A) Update: Drainage Projects and CDBG Projects:

Assistant Public Works Director Steve Johnson provided summaries of the following projects:

1. Bayview Beach – Assistant Director Johnson stated he had no update at this time. He stated he continues to work with the Department of Housing on financial and matching funds. He explained he would be requesting to allocate funds over to the Morningside project. A brief discussion ensued.

2. Point Beach – Assistant Director Johnson stated there are no updates.

Director Saley thanked those who spoke during public comment and that he sympathizes with their frustrations. He stated the pipework in that area is very challenging.

3. Calf Pen/Beachland – Assistant Director Johnson reported he is waiting for final confirmation with the City and Urban Housing, anticipating several hundred dollars to be reallocated to the Morningside project as well. He also reported they continue work with the invasive species control as required. He stated there would be plantings and salt marsh vegetation in the spring.

4. Milford Point Road – Assistant Director Johnson reported once the Morningside project is finalized this project would begin to move forward.

5. Morningside Revetment – Assistant Director Johnson reported the city issued a notice of award to B & W Landscaping. He stated Race Coastal is the design engineer. Assistant Director Johnson stated they had a successful meeting and that he anticipates B & W will begin mobilizing this winter. He also stated he anticipates a request to reallocate financing of approximately $700,000 to supplement the Morningside project. He continued with an explanation of the numbers.

Director Saley addressed the undeveloped portion of the Seawall. He stated the wall would be extended to tie into the two properties.

6. Gulf Street/Welches Point Road/Bluff Area – Assistant Director Johnson reported no change as they are awaiting potential funding on this project.

7. Wildemere/Walnut Beach – Assistant Director Johnson reported is waiting for updates from DEEP and Army Corp regarding the dune.

Chairman Zabinski asked if they are waiting for an opinion on the core fiber to reinforce the dune.

Assistant Director Johnson replied yes, but he had not had a response from either agency before tonight’s meeting.

Chairman Zabinski pointed out it has been 3 years.

8. Crescent Beach – Assistant Director Johnson stated he had no updates at this time. He stated they are waiting for documentation from Army Corp regarding the general permit.

B) Update: Program for Public Information (PPI) – Assistant Director Johnson reported he is anticipating an updated hazardous mitigation plan to be reviewed by this Board. He reported the plan has been drafted and is undergoing the City’s review. He stated it should be available for the December meeting.

C) Update: Resiliency Plan – no report.

D) Update: FECB Meetings – Chairman Zabinski stated the Board would continue with Zoom meeting at least through the end of the year.

E) Update: Construction on Wildemere Beach by a private citizen – Assistant Director Johnson stated he had no update on the wall construction on Wildemere Beach.

Chairman Zabinski asked if the project is permitted.

Director Saley stated the matter was referred to DEEP, adding it is not a Public Works matter since it is out of the right of way.

**VI. New Business**

None.

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

The meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy Recording Secretary