**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held a special meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 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 Mr. Johnson, Asst. PW Director

John Casey

Megan Sloan

Thom Bach

Absent: Andy Bevilacqua

**II. Public Participation:**

Carol Klingele - 160 Broadway – she stated she is here again this month following up on where they are with Wildemere Beach/Walnut Beach projects. She asked what the timeline is.

**III. Correspondence**

None.

**IV. Consideration of Minutes.**

Mr. Bach and Ms. Sloan made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**V. Unfinished Business.**

A) Update: Drainage Projects and CDBG Projects:

Bayview Beach – Mr. Johnson reported Millenium Builders was awarded the contract for this project and the work had officially begun. He explained the outfall had been removed and they started installing the pilings and backflow preventers. He continued with an explanation of the project. Mr. Johnson also reported work would be starting at Westland Avenue, installing draining projects and catch basins and forced main. The contractor will then move to Deerfield Avenue and repeat the same work. The work will continue onto Milesfield Avenue and finally Oakland Avenue. He stated the final paving will be October or November.

Vice Chairman Bach asked Mr. Johnson to forward those updates to the Board via email.

Mr. Johnson stated he would.

Vice Chairman Bach asked if there was going to be a pump station.

Mr. Johnson stated there would not be. He explained it was costly due to finding an appropriate location. He explained there would be two force main connections in lieu of the pump station that would allow the water to be pumped out of the street through the pipes into the water. A brief discussion ensued.

Vice Chairman Bach asked about discussing proper manpower and maintenance. He stated those items should be place on the agenda for down the road.

Mr. Johnson stated it would need to be trained manpower, so any corrections to any of the systems could be made.

Vice Chairman Bach added a program in place for maintenance is critical. Discussion ensued.

Point Beach – no updates or changes since the last meeting. The design is being refined for the end of Marie Street for the public access. Also looking at the backflow preventor concert that will be used in the Bayview project.

Calf Pen/Beachland Avenue – no updates. Some plantings that need to get down before the end of fall. Mr. Johnson commented the system is performing well.

Milford Point Road – no updates.

Morningside Revetment – Mr. Johnson reported they are waiting for the final bid specifications. He stated in the next week he would reach out to the city’s Purchasing Department to get the project out to bid

Gulf Beach/Welches Point Road/Bluff Area – no update.

Wildemere/Walnut Beach – Mr. Johnson reported he had contact with DEEP or Army Corp. He stated the last month has been tough and that they are still dealing with the aftermath of Storm Isiasis and downed trees, also the damaged outfall extension that was lose has been removed. There was some discussion with DEEP and Army Corp and working with the legislators.

Chairman Zabinski stated he added item on the agenda, item D so that further discussion could take place specific to Wildemere Beach.

Vice Chairman Bach stated noticed work on Wildwood last week.

Mr. Johnson stated at the end of Wildwood there was an issue with the opening of a huge pipe. He explained during excavation they found a problem with a sink hole. He stated they also found a corroded pipe that was repaired during the gas leak.

Crescent Beach – Army Corp has finally permitted this project. He stated he would confirm if they are still waiting on the DEEP permit as well. He stated he would get additional information to the Board.

Pelham Street (stairs) – no update.

Gulf Beach Breakwater – no update.

B) Update: Resiliency Plan – no update.

C) Update: Program for Public Information (PPI)

D) Public involvement in Wildemere Beach dune design - Chairman added this to the agenda based on a short conversation this Board had to try to move the Wildemere Beach project forward. It is anticipated there may be some pushback from neighbors about the dune and the design.

Vice Chairman Bach asked if it would be a meeting with the residents and doing it through the PPI.

Chairman Zabinski stated at the heart of this project is the presence of the dune and its design because of the location. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Casey stated the input of the public was important and suggested a survey be sent to the neighbors.

Ms. Sloan suggested working with the neighborhood associations.

Chairman Zabinski stated there is the likelihood the survey just would not be returned. Discussion resumed.

Mr. Johnson stated he would put together a list of the shoreline homeowners in the Wildemere/Walnut Beach area.

Vice Chairman Bach stated the list should also include those homeowners with absolutely no protection.

Chairman Zabinski asked Mr. Johnson to move this forward so this Board could have something for the next meeting.

Mr. Johnson stated he would confirm those locations that were proposed and get it to the Board so that it matches up and develop a list. Discussion resumed.

Vice Chairman Bach added they needed to define the area.

Mr. Johnson stated he can confirm the location that was being proposed. Discussion resumed. (Dune resilience as opposed to rock - criteria was never agreed upon).

Chairman Zabinski commented although PPI involves all the projects, the discussion about Wildemere Beach is part of PPI. He reiterated the need to identify the proposed location of the scaled down dune and identify if those are the most vulnerable areas. He also stated this Board is still waiting for responses from those who were a part of the meeting at the church some months ago. Discussion resumed.

**VI. New Business**

None.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy Recording Secretary