**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 10, 2019**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, in Conference Room C of the Parsons Government Complex. Vice Chairman Bach called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

Board Members Present Also Present

Michael Zabinski, Chairman Chris Saley, PW Director

Thom Bach Joe Griffith, DPLU Director

John Casey Ald. Connie Gaynor

Andrew Bevilacqua Ald. Michelle Parente

Excused: Megan Sloan

**II. Public Participation**

David DeLuke - 27 Point Beach Drive – stated he was here tonight to continue to ask the Board to give any preference to the Point Beach project. Month after month it continues to get worse and impacts our daily lives, but now I am concerned it will impact our property values. Ask for your support moving forward.

Carole Klingele - 160 Broadway – she stated she has been in touch with her local state representatives and DEEP and expressed her hope they would have more conversation going forward.

**III. Correspondence**

None.

**IV. Consideration of Minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting.**

Mr. Casey and Mr. Bach made and seconded a motion to approve of the minutes of the October 12, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Zabinski stated they would consider the November and December minutes at the January meeting.

**V. Unfinished Business**

A) Update: Drainage Projects and CDBG Projects:

Bayview Beach – Mr. Johnson reported after a review of the project some minor changes were made. He stated the hope is to get the project out to bid by the end of the month. He explained there are still two issues that need to be resolved with the Bayview Association and also with Deerfield Beach Association regarding easements. He continued with a detailed explanation.

Mr. Bach asked if there are engineered plans for this project.

Mr. Johnson replied yes followed by a brief discussion ensued.

Point Beach – Mr. Johnson reported there have been some contractors out in the area. He stated there are some questions as to what the best backflow preventer would be. He stated he would have more information at the next meeting. He also reported they are working with tide flow people and looking at the outfalls on Platt Street and Virginia. Mr. Johnson stated they hoped to have plans in place shortly.

Calf Pen/Beachland Avenue – Mr. Johnson reported the project is substantially done. He stated some of the remaining work had to do with the fragmities. He stated they are looking into contractors for that work which would be done in the spring.

Milford Point Road – Mr. Johnson reported this project would go up to bid this winter. He explained the focus was on Bayview Beach and Morningside initially, and then some mitigation work before construction can begin. There are some bills that need to be paid before they begin work.

Morningside Revetment – Mr. Johnson reported he was in touch with RACE. He stated they would be providing an estimate of the work sometime this week.

Mr. Casey asked if the right away issue had been resolved.

Mr. Johnson stated the easements are resolved and then the project will go out to bid.

Mr. Bach asked if monies are available for the projects.

Mr. Johnson replied yes. He stated they will need to prioritize the work that includes the sea wall repair work. He also pointed out some of the Morningside neighbors expressed some concern with the priorities and that they would like to see the sea wall done first. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Bach asked if the Point Beach project is the only project not funded at this point.

Mr. Johnson explained the CDBG application. Discussion resumed.

Chairman Zabinski asked about the priorities for Morningside and how they are determined.

Mr. Johnson explained it is based on the engineering findings. Discussion ensued.

Gulf Beach – Mr. Johnson stated this is another RACE project that has received the structure permit. He stated there is a payment due, however Army Corp and DEEP have been secured. Mr. Johnson stated RACE will complete the construction design and bid specifications. He explained the two funding scenarios that are possible for this project.

Welches Point Road - Mr. Johnson stated this is another RACE project that has received the structure permit. There is a payment due, however Army Corp and DEEP have been secured. RACE will complete the construction design and bid specifications. He explained the two funding scenarios that are possible for this project.

Wildemere/Walnut Beach – Mr. Johnson reported there are a variety of local officials including DEEP looking to schedule something in January. This project has not been permitted due Army Corp and DEEP’s concerns of ownership regarding public access along the project. He provided a lengthy background with discussion.

Mr. Casey commented the point is to reduce wave heights and reduce flood impacts. He stated you don't just do a dune just to do a dune. Mr. Casey stated they need to have a firm answer on this issue before moving forward, adding it is important it is done right. Discussion resumed.

Chairman Zabinski - suggested an opinion from the consulting firm might be in order regarding the modeling of a 9’ versus a 12’. He stated it is an important calculation. Discussion resumed.

Crescent Beach – Mr. Johnson reported Army Corp has responded regarding the scope of the Crescent Beach project based on the progress report submit to DEEP and Army Corp. He also pointed out this project has been substantially reduced.

Mr. Bevalaqua asked the point of doing such a reduced project and stated he would like to see it quantified. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Johnson reported DEEP is drafting their approval based on the reduced scope of the project, but they are waiting for Army Corp and National Marine Fisheries to weigh in. He stated he expected something by early February. Mr. Johnson also pointed out they are still ownership clarification of the wall and beach before proceeding.

Pelham Street – Mr. Johnson reported the plan is at about 60% at this point.

Gulf Beach Breakwater – Mr. Johnson reported they were able to get an extension until June 2020. He also reported he reached out to COWIE based on the extension approval. Mr. Johnson stated they are interested in Army Corp’s recommendations, also the length of the groin and its benefits.

Mr. Bach asked how much of the grant money had been spent.

Mr. Johnson stated he did not have the numbers with him but would estimate they have spent approximately $70,000. Discussion ensued regarding consultants for each of the projects.

Mr. Johnson stated he would provide the Board with a report as to what projects are ready at point beach, the dune height and what it was based on. He stated he would also check how much was spent on the Gulf Beach Breakwater project to date.

Chairman Zabinski asked if they could get calculations for the dune, life of the dune, footprint, cost, and effectiveness.

B) Update: Resiliency Plan – no report.

C) Update: Program for Public Information (PPI) – no report.

**VII. New Business**

None.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy

Recording Secretary