REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF

THE BETHEL ISLAND MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BETHEL ISLAND, CALIFORNIA

3085 STONE ROAD

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DATE: JANUARY 12, 2023

The Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District met in a regular session located at 3085 Stone Road, Bethel Island, CA at 6:30 p.m. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: Directors: Anthony Berzinas, Lisa Kirk and Tom Knorr, Jr.. Attorney Dave Larsen and District Manager Regina Espinoza were also in attendance. Directors Bruce Smith and Vignesh Rama were absent.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTORS

This item was moved to the next board meeting in February 2023.

BOARD DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL APPEARANCES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Director Berzinas stated he would recuse himself if there was a vote on the Taylor Road Drainage Project under Item 6A. Directors Kirk and Knorr, Jr. had no conflicts.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This item was moved to the next board meeting in February 2023.

President Berzinas introduced Mr. Christopher Lau from Contra Costa County Public Works Maintenance Division and Mr. Tim Jensen from Contra Costa County Public Works Flood Control Engineering. They were invited to the meeting to discuss the flooding of properties on Bethel Island.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Director Knorr, Jr and seconded by Director Kirk to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 8, 2022. The vote showed three directors in favor (Director Smith was absent; one board vacancy). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Director Knorr, Jr. and seconded by Director Kirk authorizing the signing of new signature cards for BAC Bank for existing District bank accounts (remove Steve Lucas as an authorized signer for all accounts and add Vignesh Rama as an authorized signer for all accounts). The vote showed three directors in favor (Director Smith was absent; one board vacancy). Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Berzinas stated it has been raining a lot and flooding residents’ property.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Patty Martin from Riverview Water Company, who lives on Willow Road, requested BIMID develop and implement a plan to reach and educate the Bethel Island property owners and community for all residents to know what BIMID does for the island. The newer residents tend to not have an awareness of the fact that this is an island that is protected by the levee. The outreach could be a newsletter, email, mass mailing, etc. This would be just to remind residents to prune their trees, turn off sprinklers in the winter, remove vegetation from the levee, etc.

Mr. Richard Peck asked what is being done to shore up the levees. Bethel Island residents passed an assessment tax in 2014 to fix up the levees.

President Berzinas stated since 2015 there have been several projects that have taken place, i.e. the Horseshoe Bend project, the Northwest Levee project and recently the Marina Levee project. These projects were completed on the west side of the island. These projects total costs were millions of dollars through the State; the District has paid approximately ten percent of the costs. The next project proposal/submittal will be for the low lying areas on the levee in the residential areas.

Mr. Phil Kammerer from the BIMAC Board asked if there could be a BIMID representative at the BIMAC meetings. The BIMAC Board will start having their meetings in person in March.

Director Kirk stated she would volunteer for going to the meetings and President Berzinas stated he would be the backup.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPDATE ON BETHEL ISLAND CULVERT/DRAINAGE/STANDING WATER ISSUES

Ms. Bethi Carver stated if the County can’t clean the County culverts they need to have an Memorandum of Understanding with BIMID to get the job done and in a timely manner and the County can pay for the work. There has been extreme drainage where people are pumping water across the road. There is a safety factor and it needs to be resolved.

Mr. Paul DiDonato at 4423 Willow Road asked if Willow Road could be added to the letter that may be sent to the County. The culverts on Willow Road and Riverview Road are not working correctly. He is looking for help from the County to expedite the removal of tules or blocked culverts on Willow Road.

Mr. Scott McKenzie at 3358 Stone Road said his house is on ground level. The floor of his house is lower than Stone Road and with any normal rain, he is pumping the water off his property. He has a sump pump that goes to a DI. What he has found is that Stone Road doesn’t have a ditch next to the road. Ditches run in between the two lots in which some have been filled in. He described the drainage in his area and that three pipes have collapsed on three properties. Recently, he has added additional pumps in order to pump out water that is coming from other properties and it was because the pumps were off at Delta Coves, so the water he was pumping was not going anywhere. He asked how the pumps are maintained and operated at Delta Coves.

District Manager Espinoza stated staff does routine inspections for the Delta Coves pump stations; during storm events they are inspected daily. The generators run on a telemetry system and provide a remote call out if there is anything wrong with the pumps. The generators are inspected and maintained annually and are on call if there is a failure. On December 30th there wasn’t one alarm but two at two of the pump stations and upon inspection there was so much debris and sand from the construction site that the pumps did shut off. There were communications with Delta Coves representatives to help with the problem. Staff was out cleaning the filters from the debris and sand that was getting into the system. After the second communication with Delta Coves, they had their vac truck out cleaning up the debris and sand.

President Berzinas stated Delta Coves should be charged for the accelerated conditions.

There were several more residents that discussed and submitted pictures of their drainage issues.

Mr. Chris Lau spoke about road conditions in the area that were affected by the storms.

Mr. Tim Jensen spoke about managing major flood control channels going through Marsh Creek, Brentwood, Oakley with 79 miles of major flood control channels that are maintained within the County. They are also responsible for drainage and planning with the County. There is very little information of the existing infrastructure on which culverts are private and which culverts are public and where they go. This has been an extreme amount of rainfall in a short period.

There were several questions and comments from the audience on what can be done to fix the drainage issue.

Ms. Alicia Nuchols from Supervisor Diane Burgis’ office recommended to call her, but she will ask for documentation and pictures of what the issue is and then she can pass the message on. The County is currently trying to assess the storm damage with personal property damage caused by the storms.

Mr. Chris Lau gave out his contact information so if there are complaints about drainage between two properties, then Public Works will send out a letter to both property owners to fix the issue. He also mentioned the County Drainage Ordinance 1010.

After comments and discussion, there will be a meeting set up with the District and the County to review the drainage issues.

UPDATE ON ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

No update.

SHEETPILE PROJECT – FIVE YEAR PLAN

No update.

EMERGENCY PLANNING REVIEW

No update.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF PARK SAFETY ISSUES

Director Kirk asked if/when the barbeque pits will be taken out at the park.

District Manager Espinoza stated as soon as possible.

DISCUSSION OF EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND ACCESS AT DELTA COVES

No update.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS – STAFF REPORTS

Reports were available to the public.

**A motion was made by Director Knorr, Jr. and seconded by Director Kirk to receive and file the Staff Reports. The vote showed three directors in favor (Director Smith was absent; one board vacancy). Motion carried.**

TREASURER REPORT

**Balances as of 12/31/22:**

Checking Account: $422,097.58

Park Account: $2,318.33

House Number Account: $336.02

Delta Coves First Deposit: $68,573.19

Delta Coves Contingency Funds: $2,220,260.15

Delta Coves O & M Funds: $1,049,982.32

LFCF Repairs and Improvements: $92,540.78

LFCF Maintenance: $64,663.18

**Advance Funding from DWR**

Money Market is $30,933.82 (NWS Project)

Money Market is $61,430.57 (HEHE Project)

Money Market is $52,666.21 (HEHE NW Levee Project)

BETHEL ISLAND PARK COMMITTEE (AD-HOC)

Nothing to report.

DELTA INTERGOVERNMENTAL WATCHDOG COMMITTEE (AD-HOC)

Nothing to report.

LEVEE GATE COMMITTEE (AD-HOC)

Nothing to report.

SHEETPILE PROJECTS/NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURES (AD-HOC)

Nothing to report.

WEB SITE

Nothing to report.

BIMAC/FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE

Nothing to report.

SUGGESTION FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

None was discussed.

A motion was made by Director Knorr, Jr. and seconded by Director Kirk to adjourn the meeting. The vote showed three directors in favor (Director Smith was absent’ one board vacancy). Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Submitted by Denece Bixby, District Clerk