

**Minutes
Shoreline Restoration Task Force
December 2, 2009**

The meeting was held at the Town of Quintana.

Members Present:

Mark Fuqua, Treasure Island Mud	Lisa Bailey, Surfside Beach
Larry Fansher, City of Freeport	Kelly Hamby, Brazoria County
Lisa McMichael, Port Freeport	Tonya Barker, Town of Quintana.
Commissioner Payne, Pct. 1	Richard Hurd, Parks Department

Guests:

Bill Ghant, Rep. Bonnen's Office	Harold Doty, Town of Quintana
Roy Edwards, F.O.R.	Jan Edwards, F.O.R.
Gloria Millsap, Sen. Huffman's Office	Millie Walker, B.C. Parks Dept.
Bill Burton, B.C. I. S.	

The meeting was called to order by Mark Fuqua at 10:00 a.m.

Lorrie Council and Ray Newby with the General Land Office gave the following update via telephone to Task Force members and guests:

San Luis Pass Inlet Management Study - GLO is amending the PCA with Brazoria County to add \$100K of CEPRA Cycle 6 funds to the project. GLO and the PSPs met with USACE and State and Federal resource agencies in August 09 to discuss the main concerns with potential impacts to the surrounding habitats and water quality. There were significant objections voiced by TPWD, USFWS, and NMFS representatives over the proposed plan to use SLP as a sand source. We are currently working out the scopes-of-work for the professional services providers for the environmental assessment. A USACE permit application is expected to be submitted by September 2010.

CR257 - GLO has worked with the Division of Emergency Management (DEM), the Governor's Office, and the Legislative Budget Board to secure \$6.084 million in state funding (Disaster Contingency Funds) to use as match to Federal Highway Administration ER grant funding for installation of a revetment and road restoration of damaged sections of CR257 on Follets Island. The funding was approved after several meetings and GLO is now completing application paperwork to DEM to allow GLO to receive funding reimbursements from DEM. Several contractual documents and work orders are in the process of being established for the engineering work and the subsequent construction. In addition, GLO funded through other state funds the environmental assessment work for the project through a work order with Coast & Harbor Engineering. This was done in advance of the other funding being put in place, to keep the project on schedule.

Surfside Emergency Beach Nourishment - GLO has committed to using \$400,000 of CEPRA Cycle 6, \$2.5 million of 2008 State CIAP funds, and \$600,000 of the Village's

Hurricane Rita repair FEMA reimbursement to place up to 300,000 cy of sand on the Surfside Pedestrian Beach. Placement could occur as early as March 2010 if no permitting hurdles occur. We are also working with the Port of Freeport to explore the possibility of beneficially using dredged material from the Freeport Ship Channel widening construction by placing the material onto the beach at Surfside.

Surfside Revetment - FEMA recently approved the damage claim for the rock portion of the revetment, including the associated hazard mitigation grant proposal. The beach nourishment damage claim associated with the revetment will not be reviewed or approved by FEMA because FEMA is having to undergo a consultation process with USFWS on the upper Texas coastal projects, which may delay the obligation of funds for several more months. Work to repair the rock portion of the revetment is expected to occur late spring 2010.

Quintana Beach - FEMA is also working with GLO to finalize the Hurricane Ike damage claim as well as working through the consultation process with USFWS. The volume of sand lost during Hurricane Rita will be combined with the volume lost during Hurricane Ike. The Rita repair project did not occur since the only bid received for the project far exceeded the engineer's cost estimate and the available budget at the time. Re-nourishment at Quintana is expected to occur in Fall-Winter 2010-11.

Kelly Hamby updated members on WRDA 2010. The Task Force request for \$100,000 still needs to have Congress approve the appropriations. The Recon has been approved it just needs funding. If anyone has any type of contact with Senator Hutchinson, it would be useful to try and get her support to help with this issue.

No update was available for CMP Cycle 15 from the General Land Office; however, Kelly Hamby stated that \$50,000 was approved for a County wide Erosion Response Plan.

Bill Burton with Information Systems for the County has offered to help the Task Force with their website. He would like one person to work with him on the update. Kelli Smith with Commissioner Payne's Office had offered in the past to work on the website. She will be contacted to see if she still would like to. Everyone is encouraged to look over the Sheriff's Department site and if they have any ideas, please forward them to Kelli.

Future meeting dates were brought up for discussion. The Task Force will revisit the issue at the January meeting.

The next meeting will be hosted by Port Freeport on January 13th, 2010 at 10:00 am.

With a motion by Tonya Barker, seconded by Larry Fansher, Kelly Hamby was voted in as the new Task Force secretary for a two year term. The term begins January 2010.

Richard Hurd gave the following update for the Parks Department:

San Luis Pass will open on the next Friday for business. The staff will work out of the laundry building until an office is built. They have two CMP's signed. One will cover new decking at the Quintana County Park and the other will cover replacing the walk

over bridge at the Jetty Park or wetlands. One CMP is not approved and it was to put out native grasses. It is under environmental review at this time. Dunes Day is set for the end of January 2010. The goal is to have around 20,000 trees to put on the beach.

Roy Edwards reported that the mouth is still flowing. There is a sand bar forming that will allow sand to move and there is also a strong current running that is taking down signs and is dangerous.

With a motion by Commissioner Payne and a second by Larry Fansher members voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 am. All present voting aye.

Respectfully submitted:

Tonya Barker
Secretary