

Minutes

Brazoria County Shoreline Restoration Task Force

January 13, 2010

The meeting was held at Port Freeport.

Members Present:

Mark Fuqua, Treasure Island Mud
Larry Fansher, City of Freeport
Lisa McMichael, Port Freeport
Commissioner Payne, Pct. 1

Lisa Bailey, Surfside Beach
Kelly Hamby, Brazoria County
Tonya Barker, Town of Quintana.
Richard Hurd, Parks Department

Guests:

Bill Ghant, Rep. Bonnen's Office
Roy Edwards, F.O.R.
Gloria Millsap, Sen. Huffman's Office
Dianna Kile, US Rep. Ron Paul

Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber
Jan Edwards, F.O.R.
Matt Campbell, CHE

The meeting was called to order by Mark Fuqua at 10:09 a.m.

Commissioner Payne duly moved, seconded by Larry Fansher, that the minutes of the December 2, 2009 meeting be approved with the addition of adding the Treasure Island Feeder Beach CEPRA project. The motion carried with eight (8) ayes.

Matthew Mahoney and Thomas Durnin with the General Land Office gave the following update via telephone to Task Force members and guests:

- CR257 - Brazoria County will take over management of final design. PCA with GLO and County is still being worked out and will incorporate how the different monies will flow. An advance funding agreement with TxDot was discussed and also the EA that TxDot is reviewing. USFW main issues with project are the turtles and piping plover. Commissioner Payne said that an extension of project can be requested from FHWA, but they hope to start by July 1, 2010.
- Surfside Emergency Beach Nourishment - GLO is having the kick off meeting today with Village of Surfside officials. The debris removal project will be completed by the end of February. The PCA and work order are completed. FEMA is deferring to USFW for a full blown biological assessment, but this will not affect the nourishment project. Site visits are being made today to local sand sources. There are still some design and permitting issues, but said these would be taken care of between the end of February and May. Mark Fuqua asked if high tides would affect the project and Matt Campbell with CHE said they would not.
- Surfside Revetment - FEMA approved a 406 enhanced project for the rock portion of the revetment. USFW approval is necessary before monies are obligated. The footprint of the existing revetment will remain the same, but the rock will be of larger tonnage to withstand a 25 year storm. It will basically be a project of redressing and dismantling of the existing revetment. Approximately 40% of the revetment rock moved during Hurricane Ike. Additional surveying will be done for new project template. Matt Campbell with CHE said the revetment is not actually

causing erosion, as the entire beach is showing a loss. There has not even been much scouring. The source of larger rock will be addressed in bid package, but locations have been found in central Texas and Mexico. Dianna Kile with Representative Ron Paul's office asked why FEMA is deferring to USFWS on impact of projects to natural resources on the upper coast. Matthew Mahoney said this is the first time.

- San Luis Pass Inlet Management Study – Matthew Mahoney said that GLO is working on other priority projects right now. Thomas Durnin said that an additional \$100,000 is causing the PCA to be amended for EA review.
- Discussion of piping plover and turtle issues. Dianna Kile said she would look for method of removing piping plover from endangered list.
- It was decided that the Task Force should meet every other month instead of every quarter. A list was compiled and would be emailed to members.
- Richard Hurd, Director of the Parks Department, gave an update on the '07 and of CIAP funds and projects:
 1. Shoreline Stabilization Project is complete with monies going toward engineering services
 2. Under review are the San Luis Pass Inlet Study, Bryan Mound Project, and the Quintana Educational Center
 3. Submittals have been Land Acquisition Projects and Sand Sediment Management Project
 4. The Coastal Interpretive Center at San Luis Pass Park is still being researched.
 5. The '08 projects have been submitted to the GLO to be placed into the State Plan
 6. GLO is working on guidelines for the '09 and '10 projects submittals and should be ready in February. There are discussions going on about submitting the '09 and '10 plans together. If this is done public hearings will have to be held on the proposed new projects. \$850,000 has been allotted for each year for the County, and there will be approximately \$40M in State competitive projects. Commissioner Payne is going to call Kathy Smartt with GLO to find out what projects they have in mind for these State funds.
 7. Mr. Hurd announced the Dune's Day event to be held January 23, 2010. He said the first areas for placement of trees will where dunes are gone and illegal access areas off of Bluewater Highway. They are expecting 400 to 500 volunteers and over 10,000 trees. They are also going to put out 300 rolls of sand fencing.
- Discussion took place regarding exactly what area of the beach the City of Freeport has annexed. No one knew for sure.
- Roy Edwards, representing F.O.R., said that the red fishing has been excellent and no fish kill had been reported due to the freeze we experienced. He also mentioned an article about the SW portion of Brazoria County being in the Texas Highway's magazine. He also announced that the "Battle of the Bernard" would be taking place March 27 from noon to 6 pm.

Tonya Baker duly moved, seconded by Commissioner Payne, to adjourn the meeting. The ayes were unanimous.

Kelly Hamby, Secretary