

Minutes - May 12, 2010

Brazoria County Shoreline Restoration Task Force

The meeting was hosted by Brazoria County Precinct 1, carpenter's building located at 1432 Highland Drive, Clute, TX.

Members Present:

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

Guests:

Bill Ghant, Rep. Bonnen's Office	Gloria Millsap, Sen. Huffman's Office
Jan Edwards, Friends of the River	Roy Edwards, Friends of the River
Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber	

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

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

- Surfside Emergency Beach Nourishment- Thomas said the GLO was in a meeting today with USFW, USACE, CHE and Blanton Associates regarding this project. Lisa Bailey said she would do a follow up with Thomas regarding this meeting. It has been determined though that a rigorous turtle monitoring plan will have to be developed and put into place 60 days prior to construction. The monitoring will have to be 15 hours every day. They will be using Andre Landry for this service. He also explained why the beach nourishment was necessary before the revetment repair, and that after the revetment project the dune project would follow.
- San Luis Pass Investigation – Thomas said that Ray Newby is the project manager for this CIAP project, the PCA language has been resolved, and the work orders are being put together.

Lisa Bailey duly moved, seconded by Commissioner Payne, that the minutes of the March 10, 2010 meeting be approved. The motion carried with seven (7) ayes.

Richard Hurd, Director of the Parks Department, gave an update on the CIAP and CMP projects:

- The Quintana Park Educational Center has been approved in the amount of \$57,000.
- The \$100,000 for the San Luis Pass Investigation has been approved and funds dispersed.
- The \$140,000 for the Bryan Mound Project has been approved and funds dispersed.
- These are 2007 projects, and there are three other projects awaiting final approval which are acquisition projects, San Luis Park Interpretive Center Touch Tank, and some wetland projects.
- The 2008 CIAP State Plan is in the review process.
- The 2009/2010 CIAP plans and projects will be combined. There will be meetings and public hearings to discuss proposed projects.
- The CMP Cycle 14 projects have been approved and include; the Surfside Jetty Park wetland enhancement and new bridge, a dune restoration project which will require turtle monitoring and most likely be done during October which is a better time to plant.
- Richard also said the Parks Department was given 5.5 acres beachfront in the Treasure Island area that will have a small parking area and beach access via a walkover of which the construction will all be done in-house.

- The Jetty Park restrooms will go out to bid in two to three weeks, with construction taking 30 to 60 days. Richard added that he would like to do some sort of erosion control project in the area of the cut where the new bridge will be built.

Roy Edwards with the Freeport Lion's Club asked the Task Force to consider participating in the Coastal Expo that will be part of the 53rd annual Fishing Fiesta to be held in Freeport at River Place. The Expo is on July 3 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Tables and chairs are provided, with the space being free. Commissioner Payne, seconded by Richard Hurd, duly moved that we participate in the Coastal Expo. The motion carried with seven (7) ayes.

Mark opened the floor to discussion regarding contributing to the production of "Save Our Beaches" license plates as a source for GLO beach restoration funds. It was decided to follow up with Jerry Mohn and TxDot as the question arose as to whom they will take monies from. This will be on the next agenda as old business.

Discussion was opened for any comments regarding the Erosion Response Plan (ERP) that the County will be taking the lead on. Lisa with Port Freeport asked who we would be using as our contractor. Kelly said that we would prefer Coast and Harbor as they have most of the data, but the County would have to do a RFPS. Kelly will be drafting a comment letter on the rules regarding the ERP and send to everyone for review before it is submitted.

Discussion was open regarding legislative strategy for the next legislative session. It was decided that we need feedback from Senator Huffman and Representative Bonnen's offices first. Sandra Shaw mentioned that we could also have something put together for Brazoria County Day in March. Lisa McMichael brought up the issues that we might be facing with the present oil spill in the Gulf and the costs that could be incurred are unknown. The Port Freeport was holding a meeting Friday to discuss impacts. Richard Hurd and Lisa Bailey said they would be attending.

Commissioner Payne gave an update on the status of the CR 257 project. He had a conference call yesterday at which they decided to do the formal report requested by USFW due to turtle season. This means that construction of the revetment will have to take place from Oct. 2010 to Mar. 2011. Blanton and Associates are putting together the formal report which will be completed in June.

Commissioner Payne encouraged everyone to attend the TxChapter of ASBPA meeting to be held at Stahlman Park, Surfside on July 23, 2010.

Under comments of visitors, Roy Edwards reported that the sand emerging from the mouth of the San Bernard is creating a beautiful beach at Sargent, and they now think that dredging will only have to occur every 8 to 12 years now as the cut is taking care of it self right now.

The next meeting will be held July 14, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Village of Surfside Beach, City Hall, 1304 Monument Drive, Surfside, TX. (979-233-1531 contact Lisa Bailey)

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

Kelly Hamby, Secretary