

Minutes – September 8, 2010

Brazoria County Shoreline Restoration Task Force

The meeting was hosted by Town of Quintana, 814 N. Lamar, Quintana, TX 77541

Members Present:

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

Guests:

Bill Ghant, Rep. Bonnen's Office	Gloria Millsap, Sen. Huffman's Office	Jerry Mohn, TxASBPA
Roy & Jan Edwards	Matt Campbell, Coast & Harbor, Eng.	Luke Lucas, Worley
France Webster, Worley	Debbie Pennington, EDA	

The meeting was called to order by Mark Fuqua at 10:05 a.m.

John Gillian, Ray Newby, and Thomas Durnin with the General Land Office gave the following update via telephone to Task Force members and guests:

- Surfside Revetment - Design for repair is at 70% and hopefully will begin in March taking three (3) months to complete.
- Surfside Emergency Beach Nourishment – Construction Services of GLO are still reviewing bids. Notice to Proceed should be issued within two (2) weeks, and construction beginning Oct. 2010.
- Surfside Dune Restoration – will be the next phase after the revetment repair
- Quintana Beach Nourishment – Due to FEMA guidelines the area of Cortez Street is in the COBRA area and will be excluded from the Project Work Order. GLO is working on the PCA which will address the exclusion of the Cortez area. A five (5) year extension request is being submitted to the USACE for this project. Coastal Tech is the firm doing the design work.
- San Luis Pass Investigation – CHE and PBSJ are working on the 5 year regional permit, the environmental assessment, and the modeling. Timeframe for completion is eighteen (18) months.
- CR257 – Design is at 90%. Still working with TxDot, and doing formal review with USFW. Timeframe for beginning of construction is June 2011.
- GLO is working on a formal Beach/Maintenance Monitoring Plan that is being required by FEMA in order to be eligible for FEMA assistance under a disaster declaration. Presently working on putting the numbers together for Quintana and Surfside, since they both have engineered beaches. This plan will make it easier to file Project Work Orders after a declaration. Main issue will be source of funds for scheduled maintenance as determined by this plan.
- Since GLO will not be lobbying for specific CEPRAs funded projects this upcoming session, Commissioner Payne discussed possibly having Trace at our November meeting.
- GLO will be sending out request for applications Friday on the State CIAP funding.

Richard Hurd duly moved, seconded by Commissioner Payne, that the minutes of the May 12, 2010 meeting be approved. The motion carried with seven (7) ayes.

Jerry Mohn, President of the Texas Chapter of ASBPA gave some background on the Coastal Improvement Bill and applying for a special license plate to fund this bill. Gloria Millsap with Senator Huffman's office offered to do further research into the process of the special license plate.

Richard Hurd, Director of the Parks Department, gave an update on the CIAP and CMP projects. Note Attachment 1 regarding CIAP projects. The Parks Department has four approved CMP projects:

- Surfside Jetty Park wetland enhancement and new bridge
- Dune restoration project which will require volunteers and four (4) designated workdays to plant 50,000 plants. SOBA of Surfside has volunteered to help with this project.
- A small parking area and beach access via a walkover on a piece of donated property just West of Treasure Island
- Quintana Park project is comprised on new decking

Kelly Hamby mentioned that Floodplain was approved for a CMP 309 project of \$50,000 for a County wide Erosion Response Plan.

Discussion was opened on forming a legislative committee and the necessity of having one. The legislative session begins January 2011. It was decided that Richard, Larry, Commissioner Payne and Kelly would make up the committee members, and they would meet periodically in order to put together a list of coastal priorities and possible funding sources. CHE said that they would be able to participate in these committee meetings.

Jerry Mohn, President of the Texas Chapter of ASBPA gave a brief synopsis of what the Texas Chapter meeting will entail in Corpus Christi in November. He gave examples of possible dedicated funding sources i.e. transaction fee on sale of coastal properties (with Harris County being exempt), rental fee on short term leases, seawall tax, gas tax, request a portion of the SEP fines, and perhaps a windstorm fee. Emphasis will have to be on procuring matching funds for projects. Jerry also mentioned that the Coastal Caucus is usually in January.

Lisa duly moved, seconded by Richard, that we participate as a sponsor at the Oct. ASBPA conference by contributing \$800, putting out our brochures and paying for Kelly's expenses to attend, as the sponsorship includes a registration. The motion carried with six (6) ayes.

Tonya duly moved, seconded by Larry, that we change our November meeting date from Nov. 10th to Nov. 9th. The motion carried with six (6) ayes.

Under comments of visitors, Roy Edwards reported that July 4th flood had opened the mouth of the San Bernard, and that the sand is continuing to move toward Sargent.

Matt Campbell with CHE commented about the benefit of the GLO working on Beach/Maintenance Monitoring Plan being of benefit for all parties.

The next meeting will be held Nov. 9, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Brazoria County Parks Department, 313 W. Mulberry, Angleton, TX 77515. (979-864-1541 contact Richard Hurd)

Larry Davison duly moved, seconded by Tonya Barker, to adjourn the meeting. The ayes were unanimous.

Kelly Hamby, Secretary