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## TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SHORE & BEACH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

### Minutes

**Meeting Date:** August 18, 2008

**Meeting Location:** Saltwater Pavilion, Rockport, Texas

#### **I. Board of Directors Meeting (11:00 to 12:00)**

- Meeting called to order by Jerry Mohn at approximately 11:00.
- Costs for developing a Web site for Texas Chapter were discussed. Based on information provided by PBS&J, cost for a professionally-designed Web site (via commercial means) would likely exhaust Chapter's current budget. Dr. Seitz offered to develop and host a Web site at no cost to the Chapter using resources at TAMUG.
- Sponsorship opportunities at the upcoming ASBPA conference in Chicago were discussed. Dr. Seitz offered to sponsor a "Texas table" listed under TSBPA and paid by TAMUG.
- TSBPA will have a sponsorship booth at the TGLO conference in September. Cameron Perry will look into cost for printing new TSBPA pamphlets.
- The possibility of holding a chapter meeting at the upcoming TGLO conference was discussed and dismissed considering it will be so soon after the current meeting.
- TSBPA will organize in February 2009 in Austin during the state legislative session. A presentation prior to then by the TSBPA Legislative Committee was requested to help inform other members of the overall legislative coastal issues.
- TSBPA is still looking for BOD representatives for Kenedy, Calhoun, Orange, Jackson, Victoria, Refugio, and San Patricio counties.
- Dr. Seitz briefly discussed the TAMUG Center for Beaches and Shores. The Center is being given a higher priority for funding by TAMUG than since its inception several years ago.
- A suggestion to form an Advisory Committee to help support coastal communities who need help with grant applications was made. Development of this new committee will continue to be considered.

#### **II. General Meeting (11:45 to 2:30)**

- Meeting called to order by Jerry Mohn at approximately 11:45.

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- Mayor Todd Pearson and City Manager Tom Blazek provided welcoming remarks. Mayor Pearson described the significant economic benefits provided by nourishment of Rockport Beach via CEPRA in 2004.
- Report of the Treasurer
  - ⇒ Approximately \$2,500 in TSBPA account
  - ⇒ Corporate sponsorships projected to remain primary source of TSBPA funds; will be renewed in January
  - ⇒ Primary expenditure remains insurance, projected to be \$2,500 for 2009.
- GLO Report (Ray Newby)
  - ⇒ CEPRA Cycle 5 projects completed or underway include:
    - West Galveston Island beach nourishment (data collection underway; has received funding carry-over to 2011)
    - South Padre Island beach nourishment (sand source identified; still requires permitting/design; construction projected for winter 2009 or 2010)
  - ⇒ CIAP
    - Final state plan for the CIAP 2007 funds is still under review by MMS; GLO expecting funds to be available this winter
    - By mid November the priority ranking list should be finalized for the CIAP 2008 funds; money may be available by late summer 2009
    - HB 2819 was passed by the State legislature during the 2007 session; included proposed changes to the Beach and Dune program. Public comments on the proposed changes are due September 15. The GLO anticipates some changes to the proposed legislation based on the significant public comments they've received so far.
- Report of the Education/Communication Committee
  - ⇒ (see notes from BoD meeting; same discussed at general meeting)
  - ⇒ Quarterly newsletters continue to be prepared by Rob Kite; a sign-up sheet for writing articles was distributed.
- Report of the Legislative Committee (John Lee)
  - ⇒ John Lee is soliciting comments on HB 2819
  - ⇒ The annual "Coastal Summit" in Washington D.C. will be held in March.
  - ⇒ A senate subcommittee meeting will be held in Austin on August 26 to discuss/review funding of Texas coastal projects.

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- ⇒ TSBPA will hold a meeting in February during the state legislative session. Meeting will be coordinated/hosted by Sally Davenport and Peter Ravella.
- ⇒ FEMA has changed their policy so that repairs made with federal disaster recovery funds must be insured by the local entity. Clarification on the policy change, in particular how it might pertain to beach nourishment, has been requested.
- Report of the Membership Committee (Cameron Perry)
  - ⇒ Seeking renewal of annual corporate sponsorships at \$500/sponsor.
  - ⇒ A membership push will be made at the upcoming GLO conference.
- Report of the Technical Committee (Charles Hermansen)
  - ⇒ Hugo Bermudez with Coast and Harbor Engineering provided a presentation on shoreline stabilization planning and conceptual design for Live Oak Peninsula in Rockport.
  - ⇒ Impacts of the 2008 hurricane season is a tentative topic for the next meeting.
- Coastal Cities Report(s)
  - ⇒ Mike Wilson, Darla Lapeyre, and Alita Bagley described Hurricane Dolly experience and lessons learned. Of the four major hotels in South Padre Island, none will resume receiving guests until October/November. The convention center was also damaged. FEMA was slow to respond in Willacy County.
  - ⇒ Georgia Neblett, who is a member of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, reported that FEMA claims have been \$238 million so far; projected to be \$400 million total in Texas.
  - ⇒ The Town of South Padre Island has created a new position for a “Coastal Resources Manager,” considered to be the first in Texas, who will oversee all local beach and dune activity.
- Next meeting tentatively scheduled for November/December at South Padre Island; February 2009 meeting will be in Austin.