

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

Minutes

Meeting Date: December 5, 2008

Meeting Location: The Shrimp Haus Restaurant, South Padre Island

- Meeting called to order by Jerry Mohn at 12:45 PM
- Introduction and welcome by City Manager Dewey Cashwell, and comments by Alderpersons Alita Bagley and Courtney Hayden.
- Minutes from August 18, 2008, meeting accepted and approved as written.
- Treasure Report by Jerry Mohn - \$2,892.18 in the bank account
- Board of Directors: Welcomed new member, Rhonda Cummins, representing Calhoun County
- GLO Report – Tom Durnin
 - CEPRA: Successful in working with the legislature to allow carry over of funds to capital funds from CEPRA V program to CEPRA VI and beyond.
 - ❖ CEPRA VI:
 - ✓ GLO will request \$42.5 million
 - ✓ Workshops are being set up in April and May
 - ❖ CEPRA: Senate Subcommittee to recommend a permanent dedicated fund. The GLO's expectation is that CEPRA will be funded for Cycle 6, but the subcommittee has not named a funding source, nor if this is to be a permanent source. We expect the subcommittee to release a report on its findings and with its recommendations by the end of the year.
 - ❖ Ike: Structure relocation projects up to \$50,000 will be available; use as a tool to avoid costly litigation. That will be up to \$50,000 in expense reimbursement per project/structure.
 - Surfside Revetment Project: A real success story. Completed 8/26 and withstood "Ike". The road was not lost.
 - Galveston: Partnering with the Parks Board to sand nourish the beach from 26th to 61st street. Permits are in place and will start by mid December for completion by

turtle nesting season. Park Board will be managing the project with sand hauling to begin in the next week.

- South Padre: US COE will dredge south channel 418,000 cubic yards of sand for placement on the beaches. Placement to be approximately 4 to 5 miles north of the north jetty.
- Rollover Pass: Emergency response dredge at Rollover Pass by US COE
- Legislature:
 - ❖ Economic cost benefit analysis of a 5 project study will be handed in that shows range of benefit-to-cost ratios was from 1.57 on low end to 5.92 on the high end.
 - ❖ HB 2819: GLO will look at again. Will seek authority from legislature to identify critically eroded areas on the Texas coast.
- CIAP:
 - ❖ '07 Funding: MMS Sent back comments. GLO will send a revised plan and anticipate approval in late January or February.
 - ❖ '08: Review applications now then to meet with CLAB.
- Ike:
 - ❖ Emergency rules in place; expire in January. Allows homeowners emergency repairs. Clay fill is allowed with sand to stabilize home foundations. Weekly conference calls with Brazoria and Galveston County.
 - ❖ 4.5 LOV: On the GLO website – Google earth based product that identifies line of vegetation at 4.5 feet elevation. This is not a representative of the LOV but allows permitting entities flexibility. GLO will allow one season to pass to determine actual LOV.
 - ❖ Mobil information unit in Jamaica Beach for 3 days and then move to Surfside. Staff on site to help with permit issues, 4.5 LOV line, etc.
 - ❖ Debris removal: Governor has asked for 100% reimbursement and to allow 18 months; FEMA came back with 6 month extension. The GLO received \$39 million through the Governor's Office, which is to be used to begin debris removal on State owned submerged lands and to clean the beaches, and hopefully be reimbursed by FEMA later. GLO will identify and remove debris on State owned submerged lands and clean the beaches. Bids out for Brazoria and Galveston County beaches.
 - ❖ Sunken vessels – identified 300 and bids are out for removal.

- ❖ Buy Outs: Structure relocation initiative. Two Buy Out programs: Regular and Fast Track. For fast track, must be owner occupied, primary residence, than 45 years old, and located in the flood plain. The CEPR-funded structure relocation/demolition expense reimbursement initiative is not (and per present statute cannot be) part of any buy-out program, but can serve as an alternative for homeowners in some cases, assuming eligibility requirements are met.
- Committee Reports
 - Website: Building a new one through Texas A&M in Galveston. Once completed, will transfer over to a Texas Chapter owned website with www.texasasbpa.org. Should be ready by year end. Board approved cost expenditure for maintenance of \$420 per year and hosting of \$100 for three years.
 - Newsletter: Rob Kite expanded recent Newsletter to 8 pages. Plan to run three times a year: Spring, Summer, and Fall. Will expand to 4 issues if there are more articles. Need volunteers to write articles and please send to Rob kite: rdkite@gba-inc.com
 - Legislative: Next meeting will be in Austin during the 81st Legislative Session, most likely in early February. Sally Davenport and Peter Ravella will coordinate. Possibly one or two days.
 - Technical: Neil McClellan, HDR Shiner/Moseley, Inc, presented: “Sand Source Investigations at South Padre Island, Texas”
 - ❖ Historically, accretion near jetties; erosion north of it.
 - ❖ Since 1997, 5 sand nourishment projects have taken place on South Padre where they dredge the channel. Anywhere from 275,000 to 400,000 cubic yards of sand are placed on the beach.
 - ❖ There is now erosion next to the jetties
 - ❖ Mansfield Ridge area shows 1 to 2 million cubic yards of sand is available for beach nourishment. It is 15 to 20 miles from the placement areas.
 - ❖ Use of hopper dredge is most cost effective
 - ❖ Summary: Beach quality sand is available. Plan to nourish 2 miles of beaches with 1 million cubic yards of sand and extending 75 to 100 feet out into the Gulf. Cost \$10 million with 75% GLO and 25% South Padre. Project should last 7 years – loose approximately 75,000 cubic yards per year.
 - ❖ New Committee formed to address trash and seaweed issues along the Texas Coast. Trash and rubbish litter the Texas beaches and it is costing coastal communities millions of dollars to clean up.

➤ Discussion:

- ❖ Neil McLellan discussed how coastal states like Louisiana and Mississippi pull information together on projects; send them through the US Army Corp to help with language; and, to establish goals. They use a lobbyist in Washington to push through funding for specific projects. The main emphasis here is for the Texas Chapter is to put together basic goals not only for Washington but also for Austin.
 - ❖ The group at the meeting suggested getting a list of legislators in Austin that could help on coastal issues. During the meeting in Austin, Texas Chapter people could meet with the legislators. Marie Garrett and Darla Lapeyre will put together a legislator contact list.
 - ❖ The group also suggested giving awards at the Austin meeting to specific legislators and State people that have been effective with coastal issues.
- Hurricane Review: Each affected member in the group gave a description of the impact of Dolly and Ike on their community.
 - ASBPA 2009 Coastal Summit Conference, Washington DC March 25-27: The Texas Chapter would like to get a group together to go to the conference and to meet with key legislators about Texas coastal issues.
 - Once again, we thanked our host, City of South Padre, and sponsor for the lunch, HDR/Shiner Moseley. Adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.