

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

Minutes

Meeting Date: July 23, 2010

Meeting Location: Stahlman Park Reception and Conference Area, Surfside, TX

- Meeting called to order at 12:44 by Jerry Mohn
- Meeting introductions of guests and welcome by Jerry Mohn. Thanked our host, Brazoria County, and the lunch sponsors, the Port of Freeport and LNG.
- Brazoria County Commissioner “Dude” Payne had welcome remarks and introduced Brazoria County Judge Joe King, who also had welcome remarks. Commissioner Payne introduced Surfside Mayor Larry Davis, who had welcome remarks. Other elected officials introduced were: Jeff Pynes, Freeport City Manager; Bob Eastman, City Council, Surfside; Bill Terry, Freeport Port Commissioner; Dianna Kyle with Congressman Ron Paul’s office; Gloria Millsap with State Senator Joan Huffman; Bill Ghant with State Representative Dennis Bonnen. Brazoria County Commissioner Mary Ruth Rhodenbough was also present.
- Sidney McClendon: A moment of silence was given for Sidney McClendon, a founder of the Texas Chapter and a very strong coastal advocate, who died from an accident on June 12. Members asked if the Texas Chapter will make a contribution to a memoriam planned for him. Other members requested where they could contribute.
- Board of Directors and Corporate Sponsors were introduced
- Minutes of April 30 South Padre meeting were approved.
- Treasurer Larry Wise read the report with \$5,855 in the bank account.
- Technical Committee: Ron McPherson and Yu-Chun Su.
 - Matt Campbell – Coast & Harbor Engineering:
 - ❖ CR 257 Project or the Blue Water Highway Restoration Project (Dude Payne Highway): Matt Campbell described the repair of the Ike damaged road, approximately 12 miles long from the San Luis Pass to Surfside. One half of the road system was wiped out with 3.5 miles of the road partially damaged and 2.31 miles of the road completely destroyed. The goal was a design of a permanent road with repairs and structures that will protect CR 257. Total cost \$29 million.

- ❖ Surfside Revetment: The project held the road in place after Ike. The access points to the beach are the same as now. Two types of structures will be used in the repairs: one an over wash for scour protection; and, two a rock revetment with a sheet pile seal with a concrete back. Cost approximately \$2 million with construction to begin May/June, 2011 and take 6 months.
- Jody Henneke – Shaw Group: Discussed their involvement with the BP oil spill. Installing 40 miles of sand berms off the Louisiana coast. Major issue is cleaning the wetlands. Easier to clean up oil on sand and rocks but the marshes are almost impossible to clean. The berms on the Louisiana barrier islands should prevent the oil spill from getting into the marshes. This is a Herculean effort with the US Army Corps of Engineers and dredging firms. All major U.S. dredge companies are involved and they are dredging sand from the Mississippi River and Gulf. Bill Hansen from Great Lakes Dredging talked about their firm’s involvement. The project should be completed in 145 days. The sand berms are 6 feet above water with a 20 foot crest and a slope of 5 to 1. The depth below the surface is 4 to 5 feet.
- GLO Report
 - Oil Spill Response Program: Craig Kartye described the GLO’s roll with oil spill responses and the current BP oil spill. The GLO collects 1/3 cent per barrel of oil coming to the Texas coast and this goes into the coastal protection fund, which now is approximately \$20 million. The Oil Spill Response group covers three regions along the Texas coast and they respond to all oil spills. They emphasize the use of a unified command to ensure responses are conducted safely. The response offices are responsible for:
 - ❖ Spill Investigations
 - ❖ Spill Assessment
 - ❖ Spill Management
 - ❖ Documentation
 - ❖ Fine & penalty recommendations
 - GLO Shoreline Restoration Programs: Lorrie Council
 - ❖ West Galveston Island project involves approximately 6 miles of beach from the end of the Seawall to 13 Mile Road at a cost of \$42 million. It’s the largest beach and dune restoration project ever by the GLO with 1.2 to 2 million cubic yards of sand. The RFP will be going out and the project will begin in October with a 6 month construction period. Funding is through CEPR, CIAP, and FEMA. Matt Mahoney is the Project Manager.

- ❖ Surfside beach sand nourishment is a \$3.5 million project to address a chronic erosion of the area. They are doing biological assessments now. They will also repair the revetment damaged by Hurricane Ike at a cost of \$2 million. Ray Newby is the Project Manager.
- ❖ Texas Coastal Expo – Corpus Christi, July24: Lorrie spoke about the conference. The Texas Chapter has a booth and is being managed by Lauren Augustin of HDR.
- Legislative Committee: Marie Robb. The next meeting will be in Corpus Christi and we will invite the coastal caucus as well as lobbying firms to the meeting to develop plans for a permanent funding mechanism for shoreline restoration in the upcoming 82nd Legislative Session. With the projected State budget deficit of \$18 billion, there will be very little funds for CEPRAs and the coastal communities need to unite as one to go after funds for the Texas coast. CEPRAs will be up to the local coastal areas. The GLO will go after funding for administrative expenses and any funding for coastal projects will have to originate from the coastal communities.
- Education/Communications Committee:
 - Newsletter: Cris Weber and Rhonda Cummins: Newsletters about the Texas Chapter and coastal communities are printed 3 to 4 times a year. The Committee requests articles to be sent for the next newsletter. Please send to Jayne McClure at: jdmccclure@gba-inc.com; Cris Weber at: Cris.weber@leapengineering.com; or, Rhonda Cummins at: rdcummins@ag.tamu.edu
- Website: Larry Wise: We have a new website manager and we should have a new format in the near future. Larry Wise did the original when the Chapter first began and he will assist with the new one.
- ASBPA Technical Conference, Charleston, SC, Oct 12-14, 2010. The Texas Chapter will be a sponsor and have access to a free registration, which will be given to a student attending a Texas coastal university/college. We encourage organizations to become a sponsor for the Fall Conference. The program is available on the ASBPA website at www.asbpa.org. There will be presentations on beach nourishment, sediment transport, marsh restoration, sea level rise, and coastal policy.
- Next Texas ASBPA Chapter meeting is in Corpus Christi in September or October.
- Meeting Adjourned 2:35 PM