Meeting Date: June 4, 2009

Meeting Location: Mario’s Italian Restaurant, Galveston, Texas

General Meeting (11:45 – 2:10)

• Meeting called to order by Jerry Mohn at approximately 12:30

• City Manager of Galveston, Steve LeBlanc, and Commissioner Jerry Patterson provided welcoming remarks.

• Commissioner Jerry Patterson provided an update on the Texas State Legislature Session:
  ○ The Commissioner stated that there would be a general appropriation of 25 million for CEPRA, of which approximately 17.5 million will be applied for coastal projects. Texas was unable to get a dedicated revenue source for CEPRA because of oil and gas lobbyists.
  ○ The state received 5.8 million for the closure of the Rollover Pass, which is a significant cause of erosion along Bolivar Peninsula.
  ○ The state received 10 million for home buyouts for damages caused by Hurricane Ike. The GLO also has the ability to use CEPRA funds for buyouts.
  ○ House Bill 770 has been sent to the Governor and the Commissioner has requested the Bill to be vetoed because it violates the Open Beaches Act and could set a dangerous precedent.

• Election of Directors
  ○ Director’s terms were approved and extended for an additional 3 year term for.

Darla Lapeyre – Cameron County
Dan Heilman – Nueces County

Commissioner Dude Payne –
Brazoria County
County
Aransas (At Large position)
Large position)

Andy Elms – Jefferson
Michael Kovacs – Port
Peter Ravella – Austin (At Large position)
• **GLO Report**

  - Lorrie Council provided a summary of projects that the GLO has worked on under CEPRA Cycle 5. The GLO partnered up with The Park Board of Trustees to nourish the Galveston Seawall from 61st to 10th Street, provided a building project for the City of La Porte in Harris County, and is actively working on the large-scale beach nourishment project for West Galveston Island. The GLO is working on damage assessments (from damages caused by Hurricane Ike) for FEMA claims along Galveston Island.

  - Project Goal Summary Forms for CEPRA Cycle 5 are available on the GLO website and should be submitted to the GLO by July 1st. The GLO will score and then recommend projects to Commissioner Jerry Patterson. No applications have been received for CEPRA Cycle 6.

  - Jody Henneke provided an update on the CIAP program and stated that Texas has a fully approved plan. Each project that was approved had to be resubmitted, and out of the project submitted for 2007, approximately 8 (30%) have been selected. Jody also provided welcoming remarks for the GLO’s “Caring for the Coast” Conference.

  - Eddie Fisher provided an update on grants and the GLO’s work with FEMA. The GLO is assisting with FEMA project damage assessments; approximately $50 million dollars in claims has been submitted. The budget for the large-scale beach nourishment for West Galveston Island was also discussed, and is expected to reach $40 to $60 million dollars from FEMA contributions.

• **Windstorm Insurance**: Otie Zapp provided a report on the Windstorm Insurance Bill. Thank you to all those who participated in the rally held in Austin on May 5th. House Bill 4409 was passed, the biggest success of this bill was that action was taken to provide new funding to pay TWIA claims and avoid a special session. The bill requires that homeowners in a FEMA “V” zone have a flood policy in order to get a wind policy. The bill is not perfect, and new funding is limited, which substantially reduces incentive for insurers to write policies voluntarily in the Catastrophe Area. The final version of the bill passed, along with a one page summary of major aspects of the bill, can be found on the Coastal Windstorm Insurance Coalition’s website ([www.cwictx.org](http://www.cwictx.org)).
• **Report on Membership Committee** (Cameron Perry): The ASBPA gave their booth space to the Texas Chapter. The Committee had a counter display made as well as hand out pamphlets about the Chapter and how to join the ASBPA.

• **Report on Beach Maintenance** (Tom Linton and Fred McCutchon): The extra funding requested for beach maintenance did not pass this session and we will try again for the 82nd Legislative Session.

• **Report on Technical Committee**: (Lauren Augustin) with HDR Engineering provided a presentation on emergency beach nourishment for the Galveston Seawall. In late September 2008 following Hurricane Ike, the Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston, in a joint effort with the Texas General Land Office, issued an emergency beach nourishment contract to place as much sand as possible by March 31, 2009 on the beach fronting the Galveston Seawall. The sand for the beach nourishment was dredged from a borrow source located on the south side of the Galveston Entrance Channel offshore Big Reef, and then discharged into a temporary dredged material placement area located on East Beach. After the material dewatered, it was then truck hauled to the beach fronting the seawall. To jump start construction sand was also truck hauled from Stewart Beach, a naturally accreting beach along the east end of Galveston Island. Despite the funding and time restrictions, the overall project cost was approximately $11 million, which placed close to 500,000 cubic yards of beach quality sand between 61st Street to 17th Street.

• **Report on Education/Communications Committee**: (Marisa Weber and Larry Wise)
  
  o The website, [www.texasasbpa.org](http://www.texasasbpa.org), is now operational so please visit. Rob Kite will prepare one more newsletter since he no longer is involved with coastal areas. A request was made at the luncheon for newsletter volunteers and we had three:

  Rhonda Cummins – Seagrant
  Jayne McClure – Gahagen & Bryant
  Cris Weber – Leap Engineering

• **Report on Legislative Committee**: Marie Garret is the new Chair and is looking for Committee Members. We thank past Co-Chairs John Lee and Sidney McClendon for all the past efforts and success with the Committee. The Chapter was much unified with the “Windstorm Insurance Rally” in Austin on May 5. A call went out to all coastal areas and over 150 people attended the Rally with Corpus Christi taking the charge.
• The ASBPA National Coastal Conference “Integrating Coastal Science and Technology” will be held in St. Pete Beach, Florida from October 14-16, 2009. Cameron Perry spoke about sponsorship opportunities.

• Next meeting tentatively scheduled for August/September at Bolivar Peninsula in August or September.

• Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:10 PM.

Special Board of Directors Meeting: Convened 2:30PM

Minutes: Minutes of the December 5, 2008, meeting were approved: Larry Wise made the motion and seconded by Darla Lapeyre

Treasurers Report: Larry Wise advised approximately $2100 is in the account. Lamont Meaux made the motion to approve and Darla Lapeyre seconded.

Officers: Lamont Meaux made the motion and seconded by Rhonda Cummins that the following Officers will serve for the next year:

Jerry Mohn – President
Upper Coast
President Middle Coast
– Vice President Lower Coast
– Treasurer
Heilman – Secretary

John Lee – Vice President
Michael Kovacs – Vice President
Darla Lapeyre
Larry Wise
Dan

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