TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SHORE & BEACH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Meeting Date: Date: March 4, 2013 Time: 11:30 AM

Location: Scholz Garten, 1607 San Jacinto Blvd, Austin, TX in the North Room

Lunch Sponsors: URS Corporation: http://www.urscorp.com
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Jerry Mohn - Call meeting to order.
• Moment of silence for departed members Joe Moseley and Lauren Augustin
• Introduction of Board members and sponsors present
• Introduction of elected officials:
  ➢ GLO Commissioner Jerry Patterson
  ➢ State Senator Larry Taylor
  ➢ Mayor Lewis Rosen – Galveston
  ➢ City Council Member Galveston – Marie Robb
  ➢ Brazoria County Commissioner Dude Payne
  ➢ City Council Member South Padre Sam Listi
  ➢ Former State Representative Eddie Cavasos
  ➢ Former Galveston Mayor Henry Fruedenburg
  ➢ Former State Senator Babe Schwartz
  ➢ Former State Representative Curtis Seidlits

Guest Speakers:
• Commissioner Jerry Patterson – GLO (General Land Office)
  ➢ Severance Case by the Texas Supreme Court did not affect the rolling easement in Texas, only West Galveston Island.
  ➢ Avulsive (storm event) accretion accumulates along the coast after an avulsive event, which does not mean the easement is now on the beach. The case did not consider avulsive accretion
  ➢ Seeking during the legislative session to give the GLO greater authority after a storm event. A bill would be directed toward the easement situation which would like a three year moratorium to determine the line of vegetation and to use the 200 foot landward of the mean low tide.
  ➢ Determine after 3 years what is avulsive and non-avulsive – base on BEG (Bureau of Economic Geology) and a more scientific basis.
  ➢ Note: Since the meeting, Representative Eiland filed HB 3459 and Senator Taylor filed SB 1561 to reflect the 3 year moratorium.
- House Bill 325 and HJR 54, which negates the Texas Supreme Court Severance decision, he feels neither will succeed since you have a constitutional and taking challenge.
- CEPRA – pushing to have CEPRA as a recurring item without legislative approval.
- CEPRA - last legislative session obtain $22 million, which $7 million was used for new projects, $6 million for administration, and $9 million for maintenance
- Trying to use the BP/Transocean funds that will be coming to the State but lots of strings attached. Emphasis will be habitat, land purchases, and recreation easements. Looks like $200 million for Texas but no funds to be used for sand nourishment projects.

- State Senator Larry Taylor – Windstorm Insurance
  - Fix or replace the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) is the message during the legislative session
  - Prefers to take the consigned risk policy of TWIA and give to the insurance carriers
  - TWIA lost $183 million last year, a real disappointment
  - Lawsuits continue and need to stop the madness
  - Due to increases in reserves to $500 million, with 2000 lawsuits since IKE, only $200 million to play with.
  - Need some spreading of risk and not always the 14 coastal counties but spread around the State.
  - TWIA existed 30 years but one storm, IKE, exceeded their limits
  - Suggest to have insurance companies write the policy and to get the carriers down here again
  - Need to get a program fast like for June 1 and not wait until September 1 when all new legislation becomes effective
  - TWIA paid a lot for water damage but these costs should have been covered by flood insurance
  - TWIA is not doing the job
  - Windstorm Rally March 5, 10:00 AM, North Steps – Foster Edwards, Chairman of Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce will take the lead on the event.
  - Note: Since the meeting, on windstorm legislation, Senator Taylor filed SB 1700 and Senator Corona filed SB 18, SB 19, and SB 311

- Next Texas Chapter Meeting: June, 2013 - possibly Matagorda County?


- Meeting adjourned 1:50 PM