TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SHORE & BEACH
PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING

Minutes

Meeting Date: August 23, 2018

Meeting Location: Galveston Island Convention Center, Galveston, Texas

- Meeting called to order by Jerry Mohn at approximately 12:25. Officers and board members in attendance were introduced and corporate sponsors recognized. Elected and public officials at the meeting were also recognized.

- Welcoming remarks by City of Galveston Mayor – Honorable James D. Yarbrough

- Moment of silence in memory of A.R. “Babe” Schwartz

- John Lee presented draft legislative agenda for TX Chapter. Soliciting legislative and policy ideas/suggestions – email Jerry Mohn.

- Dr. Edmund Russo, Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management, USACE Galveston, provided presentation on “Watershed and Coastal Storm Flood Risk Management and Resiliency in Texas on America’s Energy Coast.” Provided examples of BBA 18 Program execution strategy including Port Arthur-Freeport-Orange Flood Risk Reduction; Lower Colorado River; Addick’s & Barker Reservoir Dam Safety; Coastal Texas Protection & Restoration Study. Click here to view

- Sharon Tirpak (USACE Galveston) provided a presentation on the status of the Coastal Texas Protection & Restoration Project. USACE is cost sharing 50/50 with GLO on ongoing Feasibility Study. Tentatively Selected Plan has been developed but will not be available for public distribution until end of September 2018. All flood protection concepts include a ring levee around Galveston. Public meetings will be held in Oct-Nov in Port Isabel, Corpus Christi, Matagorda, Winnie, League City, and Galveston. Chief’s Report scheduled for publication February 2021. Click here to view

- Tony Williams (TGLO) provided an update on implementation of the Texas Coastal Resiliency Master Plan published in 2017. GLO is hoping for 2019 funding from state legislature to execute priority projects in the plan. Click here to view

- Kelly de Schaun (Galveston Park Board) provided an update on the Park Board’s activities and projects, including challenges with local funding for beach operations and maintenance, and challenges with obtaining USACE permits for beach maintenance activities.

- Peter Ravella (board member of TX ASBPA and president of PAR Consulting) provided an update on TX ASBPA GOMESA Resolutions.
• Reuben Trevino provided an update on the upcoming ASBPA National Conference to be help in Galveston Oct 30-Nov 2, 2018. See http://asbpa.org/conferences/

• Next meeting will be help on December 10, 2018 at South Padre Island.