

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

Board of Directors Meeting

The West Galveston Island POA Board meeting on June 15, 2013 was held at the City of Jamaica Beach Public Service Building at 16628 San Luis Pass Road, Jamaica Beach, Texas. Jerry Mohn, President called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum of Directors was present with attendance of Jerry Mohn, Clay Lewis – Sportsman Road, and Tom Boothe- West Beach Grand, Jay Lendrum – Dunes of West, Ron Coker – Bermuda Beach, Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach, Dick Kuriger – Pirates Beach, Al Galli – Jamaica Beach, Jeff Southard – Dunes of West and Tom Gillespie – Sea Isle. Susan Gonzales (President of CKM Prop. Mgt.) – Secretary was also in attendance.

Discussion was held on whether to have meetings in November and December. Motion by Tom Boothe and second by Peggy Zahler, the Board voted unanimously to not have meeting in November and December.

The minutes and financials were reviewed. Motion by Peggy Zahler and second by Tom Boothe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes and financial & collection report.

HB 3459 was discussed briefly – this allows a moratorium after a storm and establishes a line of vegetation for three years. If the Governor signs it will go into effect 9/1/13. A study of the Ike Dike was inserted in HB 3459. Peggy Zahler stated that League City has agreed to support the Ike Dike.

Jeri Kinnear with the Coastal Beach & Bay Foundation was introduced and asked to make a presentation concerning the Foundation. Jeri stated that the Foundation is a 501 (C) (3) and was formed in 2002 as a non-profit to raise funds and seek grants that would be directed toward; beach & bay, hike & bike trails, parks, and assisting the Laffites Cove Nature Society (LCNS) at that time. The LCNS funds were refunded to them as they have the ability to raise funds and obtain grants. In 2002-2003 the Foundation participated in a Pirates Beach Project that raised matching funds on a FEMA Grant for shore protection.

Since 2003 the Foundation has participated in projects as follows:

1. Planted dunes several times in Pirates and other areas.
2. Participated with grants and funding for Isla del Sol's shore restoration project using dredge materials from their canals.
3. Participated with grants and funding for Terramar's shore restoration project using dredge materials from their canals.

4. Participated with grants and funding for restoration of “Bird Island” in Bay harbor using dredge material.
5. Matched FEMA grants to the county for sand nourishment in Pirates Beach, Pirates Beach West and Palm Beach.
6. Funded studies at Texas A & M University to Robert Webster’s ongoing Sargassum project.

Present projects are:

1. Funded a project at the request of the PPOA to the firm Humboldt Technologies to determine if their system of shore restoration was feasible for beaches on West Galveston Island.
2. Funded a study by Texas A & M University as part of the Ike Dike concept for dunes on the beaches of Galveston’s west end and what landscaping could be provided with those dunes.
3. Presently, we are participating in the Pirates Cove canal dredge project for shore restoration.

Presently the Foundation’s funds include money collected on the Pirates Dredge Project, money that Blackard donated for a Hike & Bike trail. If there are any unused funds from a project the money is given back to the donating Association. There are minimal expenses associated with the operation of the Foundation, which include a D & O Insurance Policy, CPA costs, a mailbox and administrative costs. The current Directors are Tom Linton, Ron Pearrow, Jeri Kinnear and Nichi Dunphy.

In order to obtain grants for projects the entity must be a 501 (C) (3). The grants are not in the Foundation name but are in the applying Associations name. The Foundation must oversee the project and grant.

Jeri Kinnear stated that the Board members of the Foundation want to turn it over to the WGIPOA. The WGIPOA Board discussed briefly the pros and cons of taking over the CB & B Foundation. It would not be joined with the WGIPOA but rather WGIPOA Board members would become CB & B Foundation Board members.

Motion by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Dick Kuriger, the Board unanimously agreed that prior to a decision the Board will review the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and minutes. The Board also asked to see a sample project. Susan Gonzales will obtain the information and distribute to the Board for review.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Susan Gonzales, Recording Secretary.