

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association (WGIPOA)

May 21, 2020

- 1. The WGIPOA meeting was held on May 21, 2022, in person, at the Galveston Country Club. The meeting was called to order by Jerry Mohn, President, at 9:00 AM. A quorum was not established with the attendance of Rosemarie Gonzalez – Acapulco Village; Craig Vance – Terramar; Barbara Hankins – Sportsman Road; Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach; and Jerry Mohn.**
- 2. Jerry Mohn introduced elected officials, Galveston County Commissioner Joe Giusti; City of Galveston City Council District 6 member Marie Robb; Galveston County Constable Jimmy Fullen; Other notables included City of Galveston Code Enforcement Officer Bill Herr; Sally Bakko – Galveston Director of Policy and Public Relations and Gulf Coast Protection District Director; Lt. Tim Buck – Galveston Police Department; and Jared Bargas, District Director for Congressman Randy Weber.**
- 3. Introduce candidates for office which were Patrick Gurski for State Representative and Terri Leo Wilson for State Representative**
- 4. Since no quorum, could not approve of April 23, 2022, minutes and April 30, 2022, financials.**
- 5. Karla Klay, Executive Director of Artist Boat.**
 - Talked about the program at the Heritage Preserve at Settegast Road today “Why Did Artist Boat Cross the Road?”**
 - Karla reviewed the history of Artist Boat and the property acquired over the years. So far, they acquired \$14.5 million of property on the west end and working to acquire 1400 acres at Anchor Bay property under a two-year option to buy the property. So far, they acquired 808 acres. And working on grants to buy the rest of the property.**
 - The main program of Artist Boat is to connect people to the Gulf and Bay.**
 - They have different programs like Eco Art Workshop and a Paint the bucket brigade.**
 - Kayak tours are very popular in the bay.**
- 6. District 6 Happenings - City Council Member Marie Robb**
 - There have been power outages on the west end and CenterPoint has been diligent in repairs.**
 - Still working with Texas Gas is bringing natural gas lines to the West End.**
 - Working on beneficial use of dredge material for west end beaches.**
 - Cars are still allowed on far west end beaches, and she is working with City and GLO to not allow them.**

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- 7. West End Police Report (Galveston Police Department Lt. Tim Buck)**
 - **The city is short 36 police officers**
 - **Keep lights on to deter burglaries**
 - **If you see packages on the beach, do not pick up but call the police. Could be Fentanyl**

- 8. Gulf Coast Protection District (Sally Bakko)**
 - **The Gulf Coast Protection District is a non-governmental group that sponsors and gathers information for the Coastal Texas Study Project, aka Coastal Spine or Ike Dike**
 - **42% of base chemicals is produced in Houston Ship Channel and vital to U.S. economy**
 - **WRDA (Water Resource Development Act) authorization to pursue funding for construction is due by August for the President's signature. Without authorization cannot get funding.**
 - **Looking at a pilot program for a fortified dune system**

- 9. Joe Giusti – Galveston County Commissioner Precinct 2.**
 - **His precinct has been expanded to include besides Galveston Island, also Bolivar County**
 - **With Commissioner Ken Clark passing, new Commissioner is Dr. Robin Armstrong**
 - **Joe passed out brochures to advise what the County does**
 - **Galveston County for small business ranked #2 and ranked #5 in U.S.**
 - **With the 2017 bond issue, roads in the County are doing well.**
 - **How many counties in Texas? 254**
 - **What is largest geographic City in Texas? Brewster City – 6192 square miles**
 - **Most populist Texas County? Harris**
 - **Project Lone Star is two years behind in getting county vehicles.**

- 10. Jimmy Fullen – Galveston County Constable**
 - **County is running on all cylinders**
 - **Operation Lone Star funding is \$2.7 million.**
 - **Usually sent down to the border for 1 to 2 weeks to help with illegal immigrants at Eagle Pass**
 - **Illegal situation is critical**
 - **274,000 illegals came into U.S. this year**

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Next meeting is joint Hurricane Preparedness and Recovery meeting with the City of Jamaica Beach on June 18 at the Jamaica Beach Firehouse starting at 10:00 AM. There will be snacks and hot dogs served.

Adjourned at 11:00.