

West Galveston Island Property Owners Associations

August 20, 2022

1. Call to Order (9:00)

2. Introduce Board Members (9:01)

Don Towner – Jamaica Beach; Boyd Carr – Isla del Sol; Rosemarie Gonzalez – Acapulco Village; Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach; Chris Lauer – Bermuda Beach; Craig Vance – Terramar; Dan Walsh – Spanish Grant Bay; Kim Van Camp – Condos; Doug Little – Pirates Property Owners Asso

3. Approve July 31st Financials and July 16, 2022 Minutes (9:02)

Approved by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Chris Lauer

4. District 6 Happenings – City Council Member Marie Robb (9:03)

No new changes over the last month. Working to keep property taxes down.

5. Introduce Elected Officials/Managers (9:05)

Jamaica Beach Alderwoman Taz Jones; Marty Fluke – Chair Galveston Parks Board

6. Galveston West End Police Report – Lt. Sean, Miguez (9:06)

New DWI initiative. Don't drink and drive. Please plan ahead and either designate a driver or call one. The new task force will designate units on the night shift to address impaired or intoxicated drivers. No additional officers are being brought in, but there are dedicated officers to this prolific cause.

The island police force is still understaffed and has 16 vacancies.

7. Gulf Coast Protection District Update – Sally Bakko (9:19)

The Gulf Coast Protection District is a non-federal sponsor of the Coastal Texas Study. The Coastal Texas Study is anticipated to be signed after the summer break of the congressional houses. This gives the Gulf Coast Protection District time to lobby for the \$100 million in appropriations and non-federal match of \$35 million. The non-federal portions of this funding are anticipated to come mainly from the state, with some coming from flood protection funds. There are also additional discussions of sequencing of the gate building and beach nourishment portions of this project. The next meeting will be on September 14th at 10:00 am at the Bay Area Community Center, 50002 E. Nasa Parkway, Seabrook, TX 77586.



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8. District 23 State Representative Candidate Forum – Terri Leo Wilson and Keith Henry (9:33)

Pre-approved questions were sent to the candidates prior to this meeting. Their comments to each question are summarized below.

Keith Henry, BOI and graduated for Ball High School, and is running on the democratic ballot.

- He was a city commissioner in Austin and worked through the TCEQ to work with the GLO. He has extensive experience in working with and through state governmental agencies.
- Keith understands parking issues on the island and brought up potential for state funded parking garages on the island. His office would help provide studies to help provide the most viable economic outcomes for Galveston and its tourism.
- Keith is in Galveston more than at his residence in Texas City. While he is not retired, he is willing to put in the time to meet with his constituents and get things done.
- Keith wants to pay it forward as a representative. He will collaborate with local and state leaders to create jobs and support the community.
- Keith will not vote to close the County Secretary's office. She believes this violates the separation of powers.
- Keith believes TWIA needs competition. State programs need funding and will continue to search for ways to offset costs.
- Keith grew up in a single parent household in Galveston. He believes that everyone deserves a quality education and deserves a spot in the room for every conversation. He will fight for any of his constituents and their needs.

Terri Leo Wilson, started as a teacher and student advocate in Minnesota. She is a grass roots activist who retired to Galveston and is running on the republican ballot.

- Terri has been working to rebuild and nourish beaches on the island since moving here. She is aware of ongoing struggles in working through state agencies. She will support state funded projects in the area.
- Terri discussed as local community issues like parking should be handled at the local level and not at the state level. Her office will gather data at the state level to collaborate with local agencies, but not to push legislation for local issues.
- Terri plans to stay involved on the island as her residence is on the West End. While she will be away for work more, she still wants to have a voice in Galveston and the counties that she represents.
- Terri cares about the issues of the community and believes that a representative should be involved in all aspects of the job. From discussions in primaries to voting, every aspect address concerns of her constituents.
- Terri will not vote to close the County Secretary's office. She believes this violates the separation of powers.
- Terri attended the last TWIA meeting and pushed for a zero percent rate increase. The increases were increased based on projected rebuild costs and inflation. In Galveston we are not subject to hail or tornado damage, but those insurance costs are mitigated by the state while windstorm costs are not. She believes TWIA offices or boards should

be placed in areas where the insurance needs are required. The reform will be for house as well as infrastructure.

- In closing, Terri is supported by Mays Middleton. She is bringing together the needs of Chambers and Galveston County. She also plans to bring together city and rural needs. She works with State and local governments.

9. Adjourn Meeting (10:22)

The next WGIPOA meeting will be held September 17, 2022 at the Galveston Country Club and will include a Galveston Parks Board Report.

Taz Jones took a video of the meeting on U-Tube and can be seen here:

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