

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

September 16, 2023

0900 **Call to Order**

0901 **Introduction of Board Members**

The WGIPOA meeting was held on September 16, 2023 at the Galveston Country Club. The meeting was called to order by Jerry Mohn, President. A quorum was established with the attendance of Jerry Mohn – President; Kim Van Camp – Condos; Sarah Hawkes – Sportsman Road; Julie Greenwell – Sea Isle; Boyd Carr – Isla del Sol; Craig Vance – Terramar; Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach; Chris Lauer – Bermuda Beach.

0902 **Introduction of elected officials**

State Representative Terri Leo Wilson; County Constable Jimmy Fullen; County Commissioner Joe Giusti; Jamaica Beach City Council Taz Jones; and Galveston City Council Marie Robb were in attendance.

0902 **Approval of August 19, 2023 meeting notes and August 31, 2023 Financials**

Moved by Peggy Zahler and approved by Craig Vance.

0903 **West End Police Report - Lt. Sean Miguez.**

If you see the street is full of people and the noise is increasing, feel free to call the non-emergency police number earlier rather than later. Doing this may prevent increased or more increased issues should the party get out of control. If you're worried about retaliation, you can ask for periodic home checks and an officer can drive by periodically to ensure you are not being hassled.

There are 4 officers on duty from 61st Street to the San Luis Pass. Most of the efforts are concentrated around Heards Lane and Wal-mart. Additional calls for assistance help shift the amount of officers to our area.

If you see something, say something. For all non-emergency issues, please call the non-emergency phone line right away at [409-765-3702](tel:409-765-3702). Getting the right information to the right people quickly is the best way to address your issues.

0915 **US Army Corps of Engineers Overview – Lt. Col. Ian O’Sullivan, Deputy Commander**

The Galveston District focuses on civil works and civil projects. The majority of the projects revolve around flood protection through dams and storm surge protection.

The Coastal Texas Project (Ike Dike) spans from south Padre Island through the Bolivar Peninsula. The Bolivar Roads gate system is planned to be 2-miles long. The current design includes 4 large swing gates that protect the two 650-foot wide channels, 2 small sector gates

for smaller craft, 15 intermediate lift gates (~3,900'), and 1,500' of flow through environmental gates.

These gates are planned to be constructed in conjunction with a dune system to help move water detoured by closed gates during a storm. The dune system will include extending the shoreline and ensuring there is a double dune system between the shoreline and housing areas.

Outside of Galveston Island, there will be other ecosystem restoration projects to protect the entirety of the Texas coastline. These projects include building breakwaters, replenishing marshes, rebuilding beaches, and bolstering oyster reefs.

The current project status is that we are through the initial study and are beginning the design phase. The project has received congressional authorization through the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The gates system design process is expected to be 7-9 years. The double dune system and ecosystem restoration design is expected to take significantly less time. The presentation by Lt. Col. Ian O'Sullivan, Deputy Commander, is as follows.



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1027 **District 6 Happenings by Marie Robb, Galveston Council Member - District 6**

Tax rates are being lowered, but the property taxes are going to increase. That being said, there is currently a “no net increase” in your total taxes.

The \$51 million bond for the additional construction efforts at the Port of Galveston was approved. This will be paid for by Carnival Cruise Lines, mainly for Pier 25 efforts.

The street study is ongoing. These studies measure the severity of roads and drainage issues to determine the order of maintenance efforts.

A Short Term Rental (STR) task force is being implemented. This task force will review occupancy rates, parking plans, and governing ordinances to better benefit our residents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please text Marie Robb at (409) 256-4518 or email at Marie@MarieRobb.com, and she will answer and/or forward the issues to the appropriate agencies.

1040 **Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD), Sally Balko**

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) and GCPD are the non-federal sponsor for the Coastal Texas Storm Surge Project (Ike Dike) for ecological and funding/planning portions of this project, respectively.

The Gulf Coast Protection Trust Fund will allow the GCPD to funnel allocated non-federal funds to the Coastal Spine Project. These funds are required to match half of the federal funds for the current and future projects. These state dollars have been acquired.

Bi-partisan infrastructure funding is on-going. Receiving federal money issued as part of the annual appropriations process is projected for 2025 at the earliest.

1045 **Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee (BMAC), Craig Vance**

No September meeting, but the meeting in October will start outlining new projects for next year. These meetings are held the first Friday of every month at 9:00 am at the Galveston Park Board Office (601 Tremont Street).

1100 **Adjournment of the meeting.**

The next meeting is October 28, 2023 at the Galveston Country Club. The guest speaker is Terri Leo Wilson, Texas State Representative.

Taz Jones made a Utube video of the meeting

Part 1 <https://youtu.be/6ZYvyvxOpnQ>

Part 2 <https://youtu.be/NELC-fn0fv8>