

## **West Galveston Island POA**

### **Board of Directors meeting**

The West Galveston Island POA Board meeting was held on July 18, 2015 at the Galveston Country Club. Jerry Mohn, President called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. A quorum was established by the attendance of Tom Boothe – Condo/W. Beach Grand, Tammy Kidd – Bermuda Beach, Gary Strom – Dunes of West Beach, Boyd Carr – Isla Del Sol, Steve Kendziera – Jamaica Beach, Bet Jennings – Laffite’s Cove, Jeannie Mason – Palm Beach, Charley Jones – Sea Isle, Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach, and Barbara Hankins – Sportsman Road. Susan Gonzales was present as Secretary and representing Pirates Beach.

Corporate Sponsors in attendance were Peggy Zahler- JSC Credit Union, Susan Gonzales – CKM Property Mgt.

Officials and Candidates in attendance were Judge Jim Schweitzer, Joey Quiroga – Galveston Police, Jimmy Fullen – Constable PCT 4, John Kinard – District Clerk, Carolyn Sunseri – City Council, Clint Wayne Brown – Constable Pct 2, and State Representative Wayne Faircloth also the speaker for today.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the special June 20, 2015, meeting and the July 7 Financial Statements. Motion by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Tom Boothe, the Board approved by unanimous vote approved the Minutes of June 20<sup>th</sup> and July 7, 2015 Financial Statements.

**District 6:** Carolyn Sunseri gave a District 6 update. Jerry Mohn complimented Carolyn Sunseri for all of her work for the West end. Carolyn stated that the sewers will be installed on the west end in FY2016 beginning at Gulf Palm through the Dunes of West Beach.

Bermuda Beach study is almost completed and the work is expected to start in September. The GLO and Texas Parks & Wildlife will remove abandon boats. Golf Carts on the beach and under age drivers if seen call the police non-emergency number, 409-765-3702, and keep calling for each incident

### **State Representative Wayne Faircloth and the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

HB 1 – Budget: Changes in the business tax and margin tax. Discussed doing away with it and that may occur in time. Economy is doing well. We have a lot of people moving to Texas.

Discussed Windstorm Insurance and securing the Border. Houston is the number one place for inflow from the border. We want to stop the inflow of guns, drugs and money.

The State of Texas will hire 250 State Troopers. The cost is \$362,000 to get a man on the street. It is hard to find qualified people. There is good leadership. On Proposition # 7 for \$2 million for transportation - please vote yes.

It takes 76 votes in the House to get anything done. There are a lot of good people who volunteer their time and they come from all walks of life. Many of them do not know Galveston. Wayne Faircloth stated that he would see items coming through and if they negatively affect Galveston he would let them know and was successful in getting the best for Galveston. Before he makes a vote he first looks at the effect on Galveston.

Whiskeys for drinking and waters for fighting. He stated we were not successful in obtaining support on the water issue. We needed more support from industry. Industry uses 60 million gallon of water per day. The systems are owned by the Gulf Coast Water Authority who gets \$45 million in sales, 75% comes from Galveston. There will be a \$100 million bond, which will get paid from the revenue, which 75% comes from Galveston.

He was successful in getting funding from the State of Texas for an Emboli Unit. The Causeway will be named the George & Cynthia Mitchell Causeway.

There were cuts in Education and the Parks & Wildlife. We will get some funding from BP. Vehicle sales tax will go to transportation.

Windstorm SB 900 –it passed with 97 votes. It is not everything we want but it is a start. The catastrophes with loss occur all over the State and not just in Galveston or on the coast.

He passed a resolution to establish a joint committee to study the Ike Dike. We need \$6 million, but work towards obtaining the money.

Other topics: Snakes in the dunes, Golf Carts on Beach, and Dogs without a leash on the beach. The Board asked Faircloth to put Galveston issues before the GLO and ask them to make us a priority.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

