

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

July 19, 2025

0900 Call to Order

0900 Introduction of Board Members

The WGIPOA meeting was held on July 19, 2025 at the Courtyard by Marriot. The meeting was called to order by Craig Vance, President. A quorum was established with the attendance of Craig Vance – President; Boyd Carr – Isla del Sol; John Lightfoot – San Luis Pass; Rosemarie Gonzales – Acapulco Village; Julie Greenwell – Sea Isle; Kim Van Camp – Condos; Doug Little – Pirates POA; Sara Hawkes- Sportsman Road; Guy Sullaway- Pointe West; and Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach

0902 Introduction of elected officials and corporate sponsors

Peggy Zahler with Selby Financial was introduced by Craig Vance as our corporate sponsor.

0910 Approval of May and June meeting minutes and financials

Moved by Boyd Carr and seconded by Kim Van Camp. Minutes and Financials approved.

0912 Craig Vance gave update on June's Hurricane Preparedness meeting

It was terrible weather the day of the meeting with power going on and off and flooding from the rain. There were 17 speakers including city officials and the former Director of the National Hurricane Center. There will be 60 hours' notice for an evacuation for a storm. When officials say to evacuate, you need to evacuate!

0920 Keynote Speaker- Sally Bakko, Gulf Coast Protection District

Sally introduced Dr. Kelly Copes with the Army Corps of Engineers to speak on the progress of the Texas Coastal Project (aka Ike Dike Project). After Hurricane Ike this project was initiated (in 2015). This project is aimed to create a coastal barrier using a series of gates and dunes to prevent storm surge from inundating Houston/ Galveston area. The project is in pre-construction Engineering and Design (PED) and will take over 20 years to construct. We are hit with a Cat1 about every 7 years, the sea level is rising and we have severe erosion on the Gulf Coast. There are 22 features of this project. We have only received 500K of 34.4B that is projected to complete this project. Eco system restoration which is 4 miles of Breakwater in Bolivar is currently in construction.

Sally Bakko is on the Board of Directors of the GCPD (Gulf Coast Protection District). Sally informed us that GCPD Board has approved Prelim Design on the Double Dune System and Gates. Breakwater is 30% design deliverable. Completed: Memorandum of Construction, Design Agreement Amendment and the Gulf Coast Protection Account, which will provide future support of the project.

Informative Social Media regarding the Texas Coastal Project:

Facebook: Coastal TX Study

Coastaltexasproject.com

<https://coastal-texas-hub-usace-swg.hub.arcgis.com/> Story map homepage. This is a visual representation of the 2021 final report for the Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration study.

Craig presented our guest speakers with a large WGIPOA mug and gave away a door prize.

1010 Galveston West End Police Report- Lt. Sean Miguez

There is a fee to park at Sunny Beach parking lot. There is a seasonal paid parking fee of \$45. Sean has not seen Sunny Beach safer than it is now. Beaches are good. 13 Mile beach is good, no bonfires. There has been more patrolling in west end neighborhoods. 10 Mile beach still allows driving on the beach.

Kids are traveling to beaches on the East end of the island. This is good because there are more amenities there.

1030 District 6 Happenings by Marie Robb, Galveston Council Member - District 6

It is budget season at the city. Pressing no revenue so taxes are not raised.

Beaches- Beneficial Use project is going to start in ~2 months. It will consist of dredging ship channel for sand. There will be many public meetings to update citizens on project. CEPR (Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act) project will address 7 mile/8 mile Road to 13 Mile Road, once 200 ft of sand is obtained from dredging, dune projects will start. This is some of the most erosive areas.

Rosemary asked Marie about the red sand located on the beaches of Jamaica Beach. Marie stated that this is an experimental project by the GLO to see how the sand from river bottoms work for the nourishment project. Surfside has used this sand and it has been there a year. It is still pink in color. The GLO said that it will eventually bleach to our normal sand color. The city will start harvesting sand from San Luis Pass.

The question was asked if you need a permit to remove seaweed from the beach. Per Marie, you can hand rake seaweed and push it to the dunes without a permit. No equipment can be used on removing seaweed unless it meets certain guidelines on size.

There is a bond in November to mill and overlay every street in Galveston.

1050 Announcements- Craig Vance

WGIPOA was awarded an Adopt-a-Highway on 3005 between Jamaica Beach and blinking light as Sea Isle entrance on the south side of the road. We are planning on cleaning this stretch of highway on Sept 27th. We need volunteers to help! More details to come.

1100 Adjournment

The next WGIPOA meeting will be Saturday, August 16 at the Courtyard by Marriot at 9am.