

COASTAL BEND BAYS & ESTUARIES PROGRAM, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 22, 2011
MINUTES

BOD Members/Proxies Present

Tom Bridges for San Patricio County
Greg Brubeck for the Port of Corpus Christi Authority
Tom Curlee for Port Industries of Corpus Christi
Jay Reining for the City of Corpus Christi
Robert Wallace for Coastal Bend Bays Foundation

Others Attending

Doug Jacobson, EPA/Dallas (via telephone)
Jeff Foster, TCEQ

Staff Present

Ray Allen	David Newstead
Sara Bounds	Alice Sanchez
Dustin Cravey	Leo Trevino
Jake Herring	Jace Tunnell
Anne Hulse	Beth Wilson
Lari Jo Johnston	

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions, and Quorum Determination

Mr. Robert Wallace, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. and a quorum was set.

2. Consideration and Action re: Minutes of Meeting held on August 25, 2011 – Ms. Anne Hulse (attachment 1)

Mr. Bridges made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2011 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Curlee and passed unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda: The following items are of a routine or administrative nature and do not require an action of the Board. Any member of the Board of Directors may request that an item on the consent agenda be discussed in open session:

- a. **Monthly Financial Report, Local Government Funding Report, and Working Capital/Reserve Fund Report – Ms. Alice Sanchez (attachments 2A, B, C)**
- b. **Monthly Project Status Report – Mr. Leo Trevino (attachment 3)**
- c. **Grants and Proposals Update – Prepared by Dustin Cravey (attachment 4)**
- d. **Communications Activities Update – Ms. Beth Wilson (attachment 5)**
- e. **Environmental Education Activities Update – Ms. Lari Jo Johnston (attachment 6)**

Ms. Johnston informed the Board of fieldtrip funding issues connected with the Corpus Christi Independent School District's decision to prohibit their buses from traveling outside the city limits without reimbursement. At approximately \$200 per bus, the current approved budget for funding fieldtrips will be depleted by CCISD before any other districts in the program area have a chance to take fieldtrips. Alternative funding opportunities are being explored to resolve this issue.

Mr. Wallace requested that Ms. Johnston send him a letter explaining the issue and providing an approximation of the total funds needed.

f. CBBEP Property Management – Prepared by Mr. Jake Herring (attachment 7)

Mr. Herring discussed the tree planting and watering system installation performed by Port Industries at the Nueces Delta Preserve. Mr. Herring also announced that the Program had purchased two new trucks.

g. Coastal Bird Program Activities – Prepared by Mr. David Newstead (attachment 8)

h. Future Meeting Schedule – Ms. Anne Hulse (attachment 9)

4. Consideration and Action regarding FY 2012 Budget and Annual Work Plan – Mr. Ray Allen and Ms. Alice Sanchez (attachment 10)

Mr. Wallace read a letter to the Board from Mr. Corrigan, who could not attend the meeting, which encouraged the Board to approve the proposed FY 2012 Annual Work Plan and associated budget as recommended by the Bays Council on September 14, 2011. The letter further reminded the Board that the Administrative Budget was previously approved at the August meeting and designated Mr. Reining to act as Mr. Corrigan's proxy for today's meeting.

Mr. Reining made a motion to approve the FY 2012 Annual Work Plan as presented by the Bays Council and was seconded by Mr. Curlee. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Executive Session: Public Notice is given that the Board of Directors may go into an Executive Session as authorized by the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551.072 to deliberate regarding real property acquisition of Whooping Crane Habitat on Copano Bay and in the Nueces Delta and may in open session take such action as appropriate on items deliberated in Executive Session

The meeting remained in Open Session. Mr. Herring announced that title and survey work continues on the Hammett Property. The Whooping Crane Habitat appraisal at Holiday Beach on the Lamar Peninsula came in substantially lower than the property owner is willing to sell for. One alternative is to take NRCS look at the property to see if it qualifies for the Wetland Reserve Program.

6. Executive Director Comments –

Mr. Allen announced that TCEQ had contacted him for a list of potential mitigation projects to present to the Federal Court in connection with the CITGO case.

Mr. Reining suggested the Wilson's Cut Public Access Site Improvement project and the Education project.

Mr. Wallace suggested the Wyatt Property acquisition and wetlands project, the Water Diversion project at the Nueces Delta Preserve, and the Nueces Delta Shoreline Stabilization project.

Mr. Bridges suggested the Indian Point project.

Mr. Reining also suggested oyster reef creation and island creation for erosion control.

Mr. Wallace recommended rookery island creation and extending the storm drainage system further into Corpus Christi Bay.

Mr. Allen also announced the \$2,000 grant awarded by LyondellBasell and the recognition award received from the Port of Corpus Christi.

7. Board of Director Comments –

Mr. Wallace stated that City's Destination Bayfront project continues moving forward.

Mr. Brubeck announced the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the extension of the LaQuinta Channel will take place on Monday, Sept. 26th. Dredging should begin in October.

Mr. Brubeck also announced that 5-6 more wind turbines are going up around the southern end of Nueces Bay.

8. Public Comments - None.

9. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:25 am.

Approved by the Board of Directors on _____

Robert Wallace, Jr., Chairman of the Board