

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

**January 24, 2008**  
**MINUTES**

**BOD Members/Proxies Present**

Tom Bridges for San Patricio County  
Paul Carangelo for Port of Corpus Christi Authority  
Robert Corrigan for the Bays Council  
Gary Eddins for Port Industries of Corpus Christi  
Frank Newchurch for Port Industries of Corpus Christi  
Jay Reining for City of Corpus Christi  
Robert B. Wallace, Jr. for Coastal Bend Bays Foundation

**Others Attending**

Gail Rothe, TCEQ/Austin  
Tom Weber, TCEQ/Austin  
Jeff Foster, TCEQ/Corpus Christi  
Barbara Keeler, EPA/Dallas (via telephone)

**Staff Present**

Ray Allen	Jake Herring
Gene Blacklock	Anne Hulse
Jim Bowman	David Newstead
Flora Caylor	Alice Sanchez
Dustin Cravey	Leo Trevino
Monika De La Garza	Jace Tunnell

**1. Call to Order & Quorum Determination**

Mr. Robert Wallace, Jr., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:10 am and a quorum was set. Mr. Wallace welcomed Tom Weber, Gail Rothe, Jeff Foster, and Barbara Keeler.

**2. Consideration and Action re: Minutes of Meeting on October 25, 2007 – Ms. Anne Hulse (attachment 1)**

*Mr. Corrigan made the motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as written and was seconded by Mr. Bridges. The motion 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 Board member may request that an item on the consent agenda be discussed.**
  - a) **Monthly Financial Report, Local Government Funding Report, and Working Capital/Reserve Fund Report – Prepared by Ms Alice Sanchez (attachments 2 A, B, C)**
  - b) **Monthly Project Status Report – Prepared by Mr. Leo Trevino (attachment 3)**
  - c) **Grants and Proposals Update – Prepared by Mr. Dustin Cravey (attachment 4)**
  - d) **Public Relations and Outreach Update – Prepared by Ms. Monika De La Garza (attachment 5)**
  - e) **CBBEP Learning on the Edge (LOTE) Update – Prepared by Ms. Flora Caylor (attachment 6)**
  - f) **Future Meeting Schedule – Prepared by Ms. Anne Hulse (attachment 7)**
  
4. **Consideration and Action regarding the Acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$211,000 from the Texas Coastal Management Program for Nueces Bay Marsh Restoration Project (along Hwy 181) – Mr. Dustin Cravey and Mr. Leo Trevino (attachment 8)**

Mr. Cravey explained that this grant will require a commitment of \$140,000 matching funds in FY '09 and, if the GLO grants another \$200,000 next year as they have indicated, an additional match of \$210,000 would be required in FY '10. The project encompasses approximately 175 acres and this first phase would restore about 40 acres. The project is currently in the permitting phase with the Corps of Engineers. Likewise, Shiner Moseley has been asked to prepare an engineering proposal.

Mr. Newchurch expressed concern that this project has not been through the proper procedure of being recommended to the Board by the Habitat and Living Resources Team.

Mr. Wallace acknowledged the point and explained that because Mr. Allen will be required to enter into a contract with the GLO in order to receive the CMP grant, the Board is being made aware of this project in advance of the normal process. He further stated that the Habitat team is aware of and supports this project, but they are not aware the grant has been awarded by the GLO. They will be informed of the award at next week's meeting. Additionally, since Mr. Allen will not be signing a contract for a couple of months, the matter will be brought back to the Board after the Habitat team has formally approved the project for inclusion in the FY '09 Work Plan.

*No action was taken on this item.*

5. **Presentation: “Port Aransas Nature Preserve Shoreline Protection Event with Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson – Ms. Monika De La Garza (attachments 9)**

Ms. De La Garza detailed the successful ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the completion of the Port Aransas Nature Preserve Shoreline Protection project.

6. **Presentation: “Learning on the Edge Program and Student/Teacher Field Trips to the Nueces Delta Preserve” – Ms. Flora Caylor (attachment 10)**

Ms. Caylor described the student activities and experiences of the LOTE field trip participants at the Delta. She is re-evaluating the supplies provided to the LOTE teachers based on surveys they completed pertaining to utilization.

**7. Presentation: Enhancement and Protection of Causeway Island in Nueces Bay – Mr. Dustin Cravey and Mr. Leo Trevino (attachment 11)**

Mr. Cravey explained the recently-completed enhancement and protection of Causeway Island utilizing bags of Sakrete staked and pinned with rebar to form a revetment along the shoreline.

**8. Presentation: Donation of 53 acres on Mustang Island (and \$50,000) by Helix Energy Solutions – Mr. Jake Herring and Mr. Ray Allen (attachment 12)**

Mr. Herring described a property abutting the Mollie Beattie Habitat Community Preserve. This property has been acquired through mitigation funds from Helix Energy Solutions, along with \$50,000 for maintenance expenses and property taxes.

**9. Consideration and Action regarding Donation of 8 acres of Dunes and Beach-front Property on Mustang Island – Mr. Jake Herring (attachment 13)**

Mr. Herring explained that a small tract of beach front property is being donated by gift deed to the CBBEP. He proposed approaching other neighboring landowners to make the same donations in an effort to conserve the dunes.

*No action was taken at this time.*

**10. Consideration and Action regarding property acquisition in the Nueces Delta Preserve and other areas – Mr. Bob Wallace and Mr. Jake Herring (attachment 14)**

Mr. Herring stated that progress continues on the acquisition of 75 acres near Pollywog Pond. Mr. Wallace announced that the annual report was presented to the Federal Court this week and was well received. A formal presentation will be made to the Board in the near future concerning the Federal Court granting permission to put the \$4M into an endowment fund instead of having it sit in the bank. Having that much cash on hand has prevented the CBBEP from being awarded funding from other grant opportunities for land acquisition in the Delta.

*No action was taken at this time.*

**11. Executive Director's Report – Mr. Ray Allen (attachment 15)**

Mr. Allen stated that future Federal funding potential looks promising. The implementation teams have begun work on their FY '09 project recommendations. CBBEP is hosting a reception for the EPA Targeted Watershed Workshop next week. CBBEP is looking to acquire another vehicle for property management use and Delta maintenance. All of the FY '07 projects that were approved pending additional funding have now been funded and are moving forward. CBBEP met with representatives from 4Gas America to discuss their planned LNG facility in San Patricio County.

**12. Board of Director's Comments –**

Mr. Wallace stated that the program enjoyed a phenomenal year this past year and anticipates even greater accomplishments in the future.

**13. Public Comments** – None.

**14. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 10:07 am.

Approved by the Board of Directors on \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert B. Wallace, Jr., President and Chairman of the Board