

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

March 25, 2010
MINUTES

BOD Members/Proxies Present

Tom Bridges for San Patricio County
Robert Corrigan for the Bays Council
Tom Curlee for Port Industries of Corpus Christi
Bill Green for the Port of Corpus Christi
Jay Reining for the City of Corpus Christi
Tom Russell for Port Industries of Corpus Christi
Peggy Sumner for the City of Corpus Christi

Others Attending

James Dodson
Barbara Keeler – EPA/Dallas (via telephone)

Staff Present

Ray Allen	Rosario Martinez
Dustin Cravey	Alice Sanchez
Jake Herring	Leo Trevino
Anne Hulse	Jace Tunnell
Lari Jo Johnston	Beth Wilson

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

Mr. Robert Corrigan called the meeting to order at 8:06 am and a quorum was set. Mr. Corrigan noted that Mr. Wallace's expertise as Chairman would be missed today.

2. Consideration and Action re: Minutes of Meeting held on January 28, 2010 – Ms. Anne Hulse (attachment 1)

Mr. Reining made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2010 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bridges and passed unanimously, with Mr. Green abstaining.

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)**
- f. **CBBEP Property Management Update - Mr. Jake Herring (attachment 7)**
- g. **Future Meeting Schedule – Ms. Anne Hulse (attachment 8)**

4. Consideration and Action on a Resolution requesting the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to approve CBBEP for participation in the cooperative purchasing program – Ms. Anne Hulse (attachment 9)

Ms. Hulse explained that for a \$100 annual membership fee, this resolution would allow CBBEP to utilize the Electronic State Business Daily for posting requests for bid, as well as participate in the state purchasing program. Using the ESBD system would save CBBEP thousands of dollars annually over posting bid notices in area newspapers.

Mr. Reining made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Mr. Green. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration and Action regarding contract with San Antonio River Authority and amendment to contract with James Dodson for consulting services – Mr. Ray Allen (attachment 10)

Mr. Allen introduced Mr. James Dodson who presented a proposal he submitted to the San Antonio River Authority which they agreed to fund at \$25,000. Mr. Allen stated that the San Antonio River Authority funding sends a strong message to the importance of this effort. Those funds would pass through the CBBEP and Mr. Dodson's current contract would be amended to incorporate this additional scope of work.

Ms. Sumner made a motion to contract with the San Antonio River Authority and amend Mr. Dodson's contract with CBBEP to include this scientific data compilation project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Green and passed unanimously.

Mr. Dodson discussed the events of the first stakeholders meeting and future plans for the organization. Mr. Allen invited any CBBEP board members with counterparts in the Victoria area to encourage their participation in the stakeholder committee for the San Antonio Bay Partnership. Mr. Dodson and Ms. Keeler are working together on funding a project to identify, categorize, and prioritize area wetlands for future projects when funding becomes available.

Ms. Keeler stated that EPA is very impressed with the San Antonio Bay effort and will be looking to help fund the San Antonio Bay Partnership through CBBEP in the future.

6. Presentation of CBBEP Environmental Indicators Report, Executive Summary – Ms. Rosario Martinez and Mr. Leo Trevino (attachment 11)

Ms. Martinez presented the Summary Report for the Environmental Indicators Report which will be presented to the public as an insert in the newspaper in the near future. The Summary Report gives a broad overview of the state of our bays using six focus questions and nineteen indicators, while the full report goes into greater detail on each indicator.

Tom Russell requested a Summary Report presentation on the Environmental Indicators Report be made to a Port Industries meeting in the near future.

- 7. Executive Director Comments –** Mr. Allen announced that a Request for Bid on the marsh restoration project had been issued. Additionally, CBBEP will soon issue a Request for Qualifications for engineering services. The results of both items will return to the Board for review and approval.

The respective Implementation Teams are hard at work on next fiscal year's annual work plan which should be ready for the Coordination Team and Bays Council soon.

TCEQ recently rescinded their request for CBBEP to cut its current year budget by \$140,000, so the current funding level remains unchanged.

EPA will increase funding next year by \$200,000, but funding may decrease in subsequent years.

- 8. Board of Director Comments – Mr. Reining requested that the Nueces Delta Preserve Update be placed as a regular agenda item instead of a consent agenda item for future meetings.**
- 9. Public Comments – None.**
- 10. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.**

Approved by the Board of Directors on _____

Robert Corrigan., Treasurer and acting Chairman of the Board