

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

**May 28, 2009**  
**MINUTES**

**BOD Members/Proxies Present**

Robert Corrigan for the Bays Council  
Tom Curlee for Port Industries of Corpus Christi  
Gary Eddins for Port Industries of Corpus Christi  
Bill Green for Port of Corpus Christi Authority  
Peggy Sumner for the City of Corpus Christi  
Robert B. Wallace, Jr. for Coastal Bend Bays Foundation

**Others Attending**

Jeff Foster – TCEQ  
Barbara Keeler – EPA/Dallas (via telephone)

**Staff Present**

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

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

Mr. Robert Wallace, Jr., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:03 am and a quorum was set, with Mr. Bridges being absent.

**2. Consideration and Action regarding election of new Directors to the CBBEP Board – Mr. Bob Wallace, Chair**

Mr. Wallace nominated the following individuals to the Board of Directors:

Gary Eddins representing, and appointed by, Port Industries of Corpus Christi  
Francis Gandy representing, and appointed by, the Port of Corpus Christi  
Mayor Joe Adame representing the City of Corpus Christi, by honor of elected title  
Judge Terry Simpson representing San Patricio County, by honor of elected title  
Mr. Robert Corrigan representing, and appointed by, the CBBEP Bays Council  
Mr. Robert Wallace representing, and appointed by, the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation

*Mr. Green made a motion to elect these representatives to the CBBEP Board of Directors and was seconded by Mr. Corrigan. The motion passed unanimously.*

**3. Consideration and Action regarding Minutes of Meeting on April 23, 2009 – Ms. Anne Hulse (attachment 1)**

*Mr. Corrigan made a motion to accept the minutes as written and was seconded by Mr. Green. The motion passed unanimously.*

**4. 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) **Communications Activities Update – Prepared by Ms. Beth Wilson (attachment 5)**
  - e) **Environmental Education Activities Update – Prepared by Ms. Lari Jo Johnson (attachment 6)**
  - f) **Nueces Delta Preserve Update – Prepared by Mr. Jake Herring (attachment 7)**
  - g) **Future Meeting Schedule – Prepared by Ms. Anne Hulse (attachment 8)**
- 5. Consideration and Action regarding appointments to the CBBEP Financial & Human Resource Committee and to the CBBEP By-Laws & Corporate Structure Committee – Mr. Bob Wallace, Chair**

Mr. Wallace explained that representatives from no more than three organizations may serve on any one committee, but that more than one representative, Director and/or proxy, from a single organization may serve on a committee.

*Mr. Wallace appointed Mr. Green and Mr. Eddins to serve on the Finance and Human Resource Committee, chaired by Mr. Corrigan, with Mr. Curlee receiving meeting notices and pertinent information. The Finance Committee meets when needed to review the Annual Audit and assist with human resource issues.*

*Mr. Wallace also appointed Mr. Bridges and Mr. Reining to serve on the By-Laws & Corporate Structure Committee which Mr. Wallace chairs, with Ms. Sumner receiving meeting notices and pertinent information. The first annual meeting of the By-Laws Committee will be in September or October.*

**6. Presentation and Discussion of the results of the Port Industries of Corpus Christi/CBBEP Public Opinion Survey – Mr. Renny DeVille of Harris, DeVille and Associates, Inc.**

Mr. Curlee introduced Mr. DeVille and explained the history of the public opinion telephone survey conducted by Harris, DeVille and Associates over the last 14 years. The most notable differences between this year's survey and previous years included an increased public awareness that humans are responsible for visible pollution in the bay, the bay has aesthetic and ecological value, and fresh water inflows impact the health and productivity of the bay. Additionally, 50% more people are familiar with, and feel favorably toward, CBBEP than in 2003.

**7. Presentation on “Water Circulation Improvements and Wetland Enhancements at Aransas/Matagorda Island National Wildlife Refuge” – Mr. Leo Trevino & Mr. Dustin Cravey**

Mr. Cravey outlined the 15,000 acre Matagorda Island Marsh Restoration project utilizing culverts and removing existing berms to restore water circulation. Total funding for this project to date is \$1.1 million stemming from the initial \$100,000 TCEQ and EPA investment to develop the management plan.

- 8. Executive Director's Comments** – Mr. Allen announced the various Implementation teams have been busy evaluating and ranking projects for FY 2010 implementation. The Coordination Team will meet soon to develop a work plan for presentation to the Bays Council and, subsequently, the Board of Directors. CBBEP's funding from EPA for FY 2010 increased to \$600,000 and TCEQ funding maintains at its current level.

Additionally, CBBEP is hosting a barbeque at the Nueces Delta Preserve for members of the Coral Triangle Group on June 12<sup>th</sup>. They will also be attending the Texas Seagrass Conservation Plan Review Workshop.

Record numbers of students have taken the Nueces Delta Preserve educational fieldtrip this spring, up to 150 kids per day, necessitating the enlistment of assistance from several local graduate students.

*Mr. Wallace suggested recruiting members from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Master Naturalists to help because they are required to perform 40 hours of community service each month to maintain their certifications.*

- 9. Board of Director's Comments** – Mr. Curlee encouraged the Board to utilize Mr. DeVille, as he is in town frequently, and also to review the Public Opinion Survey results so we, as a group, can implement new strategies to engage and inform the public.

Mr. Green announced that the Port of Corpus Christi opened bids on the revamped Pelican Island shoreline erosion protection project. One of the three bids received was below the project budget so this contract may go to the Port Commission as early as June.

- 10. Public Comments** – none.

- 11. Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 10:09 am.

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

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