

MINUTES
GULF COAST PROTECTION DISTRICT

April 9, 2025

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Gulf Coast Protection District (the "District") met in regular session, open to the public, on the 9th day of April, 2025, at 1150 Gemini Street, Suite 1050, Houston, Texas 77058, inside the boundaries of the District, and the roll was called of the members of the Board:

Michel Bechtel	President
Bob Mitchell	Vice President
Sally Bakko	Secretary
Larry Taylor	Assistant Secretary
Roger Guenther	Director
Lori Traweek	Director
Billy Combs	Director
Tina Petersen	Director
Allan Ritter	Director
Kirk Roccaforte	Director
Sharon D. Hulgan	Director

and all of the above were present except Directors Bechtel, Bakko, Guenther, and Petersen, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present for all or part of the meeting were: Dedrea Norman, Chief Financial Officer for the District; Grace Bader, Administrative Assistant for the District; Don Carona of Orange County Drainage District ("OCDD"); Allen Sims and Toby Davis of Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 ("DD 7"); Ray Russo, representing OCDD and DD 7; Toni Addison of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE"); Sarah Purdon, Mary Davison, Stephanie Davidson, and Melissa Washington of the Texas General Land Office ("GLO"); Chris Sallese of Gannett Fleming, Inc.; Ross Gordon of Gordon Consulting Group; David Oliver, Kelly Hanen, and Cheryl Panozzo of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP ("ABHR"); and other members of the public, including those persons included on the attached list.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Gordon called roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board considered approving the minutes of the March 19, 2025, meeting. After review and discussion, Director Hulgán moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Director Ritter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL AND BOOKKEEPING MATTERS

Ms. Norman reviewed the bookkeeper's report, including the list of checks for payment of District bills, a copy of which is attached. After review and discussion, Director Combs moved to approve the bookkeeper's report and payment of the bills. Director Traweck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

LIST OF GOVERNMENT OFFICERS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 176 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

Ms. Hanen stated that pursuant to Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code, the District is required to maintain a List of Local Government Officers. Ms. Hanen reviewed the List of Local Government Officers with the Board. After review and discussion, Director Taylor moved to approve and authorize execution of the List of Local Government Officers. Director Hulgán seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mr. Gordon reported that Coalter Baker, Executive Director for the District, and Director Bechtel are in Washington D.C. and unable to attend today's meeting.

Ms. Norman reported on financial and administrative efforts from the previous month. She discussed receipt of an advance from GLO in the approximate amount of \$15,840,000 from funds appropriated by Senate Bill 1, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session ("SB 1") for the following: (1) OCDD design participation costs; (2) DD7's contribution for PAV04 construction costs; and (3) Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration Feasibility Study ("Coastal Texas") work-in-kind reimbursement. Ms. Norman then discussed receipt of an advance from GLO in the approximate amount of \$1,945,000 for design costs for ecosystem restoration segment G-28, Bolivar Peninsula and West Bay Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Shoreline and Island Protection ("G-28"), a project included in Coastal Texas, from funds appropriated by House Bill 1, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session ("HB 1").

Mr. Gordon noted that DD7 transferred \$21,830,000 to USACE for DD7's share of PAV04 construction costs, which included \$6,000,000 previously advanced to DD7 from GLO from funds appropriated by Senate Bill 500, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session ("SB 500"). He noted that all funds appropriated from SB 500 have now been disbursed and expended.

Mr. Gordon reported on continued negotiation with GLO regarding proposed Amendment No. 5 to Local Cooperation Agreement No. 22-074-000-D188 between the District and GLO related to funds appropriated by SB 1. He noted the proposed amendment will allow for accelerated funds to USACE.

Mr. Gordon then reported he anticipates that fiscal year 2026 Community Project Funding Requests will be submitted by the District to certain members of Congress this week.

Mr. Gordon reported on the publication of various news releases by the District, including a joint news release with GLO and USACE regarding the kickoff of design of the initial segment of G-28 ("G-28-1").

Mr. Gordon provided an update on continued efforts to recruit a Grant Accounting Manager for the District.

Mr. Gordon then reported on 89th Texas Legislature matters.

Mr. Gordon also reported on a meeting with the Commissioner of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding District HTRW-related matters.

Mr. Gordon reported that GLO issued Work Order No. 1 to Ducks Unlimited on April 3, 2025, to begin design of the G-28-1 breakwater feature. Discussion ensued. In response to an inquiry by Director Combs, Mr. Gordon stated he anticipates that Ducks Unlimited will submit 90% design plans for G-28-1 within 9-12 months.

Mr. Gordon gave an update on submittal of the Memorandum of Understanding for Coastal Texas construction work to USACE for approval. He then reported that the proposed amendment to the Design Agreement between the District and USACE for Coastal Texas is at the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

SABINE TO GALVESTON ("S2G") MATTERS

Messrs. Sallese and Gordon gave a presentation on District program management matters related to the Orange County Separable Element of S2G (the "Orange County Project").

Mr. Gordon updated the Board on the Post-Authorization Change Report ("PACR") efforts and reviewed the current schedule for the various elements of the PACR process. He stated that USACE Galveston submitted the draft memorandum

regarding the Chief's discretionary authority for the Orange County Project to USACE Southwestern Division on April 1, 2025, and it is under review.

Mr. Sallesse reviewed the status and schedule for the various rounds of phase II environmental site assessments by Geotest Engineering, Inc. and Terracon Consultants, Inc. and HTRW-related planning efforts.

Mr. Sallesse updated the Board on the status of design of the Dow Levee and Arlanxeo Levee projects. He reported that 60% design plans for the Dow Levee project are on hold until consensus is reached with USACE on soil improvements. Mr. Sallesse noted that 60% design plans for the Arlanxeo Levee project will now move forward independent of the Dow Levee project design plans. Discussion regarding the Dow subsurface soil improvements analysis ensued.

Mr. Sallesse then updated the Board on the status of design of the Torrent Floodwall project by USACE. He also provided an update on coordination on development of utility relocation reimbursement agreements for the project.

Mr. Sallesse reviewed a summary of recent program management activities and upcoming program management activities for the next 30-60 days. He also reviewed financials for the program management team.

In response to an inquiry by Director Hulgán related the black rail listening survey, Mr. Sallesse provided a report on continued coordination with the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife on endangered species issues.

REPORT FROM JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7

Mr. Davis provided a presentation on the status of construction contracts and utility relocations for the Jefferson County Separable Element of S2G. He stated he anticipates that the design-build contract for PAV04 will be awarded either today or tomorrow, and the design plans for the project are expected to take 12 months to complete.

COASTAL TEXAS MATTERS

There was no discussion on this matter.

REPORT FROM GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Ms. Purdon reported that GLO executed a work order to Ducks Unlimited to begin design of G-28-1.

Ms. Purdon reported that the report on sediment sources studies conducted by GLO to identify sediment sources for beach nourishment projects as part of Coastal Texas is complete and under technical review.

Ms. Purdon reported regarding the visit from the Director General of the Netherlands on April 3, 2025.

Ms. Purdon discussed the upcoming Society of American Military Engineers ("SAME") Resiliency Workshop to be held on April 14, 2025. She noted that representatives from Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District will be amongst the featured SAME event speakers and a visit with Terrebonne Parish representatives is scheduled for April 15, 2025.

Ms. Purdon reported that the draft Amendment No. 5 to the Local Cooperation Agreement between the District and GLO related to funds appropriated by SB 1 is under review by GLO.

REPORT FROM REGION 6 STATE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

There was no discussion on this matter.

SCHEDULE AND LOCATION FOR NEXT MEETING

Following discussion, the Board concurred to hold the District's next meeting on May 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at 1150 Gemini St., Houston, Texas 77058. It was noted that the District's meeting on June 11, 2025, will be held in Galveston.

CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO CONSULT WITH ATTORNEYS

The Board did not convene in executive session pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.

CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.072, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY

The Board did not convene in executive session pursuant to Section 551.072, Texas Government Code.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

(SEAL)



Larry Taylor
Asst. Secretary, Board of Directors

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