

MINUTES
GULF COAST PROTECTION DISTRICT

June 11, 2025

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Gulf Coast Protection District (the "District") met in regular session, open to the public, on the 11th day of June, 2025, at Texas A&M University at Galveston, 200 Seawolf Parkway, Academic Complex (3034) first-floor classroom, Galveston, Texas 77554, 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 Traweek, Ritter, and Hulgan, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present for all or part of the meeting were: Coalter Baker, Executive Director for the District; Dedrea Norman, Chief Financial Officer for the District; Grace Bader, Administrative Assistant for the District; Emily McGinty, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director for the District; Allen Sims of Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 ("DD 7"); Kelly Burks-Copes and Toni Addison of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE"); Sarah Purdon, Stephanie Davidson, and Brent McNguyen of the Texas General Land Office ("GLO"); Chris Salles 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. Baker 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 May 14, 2025, meeting. After review and discussion, Director Combs moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2025, meeting as submitted. Director Guenther 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 Taylor moved to approve the bookkeeper's report and payment of the bills. Director Bakko seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Ms. Norman reported on financial and administrative efforts from the previous month. She reported that the Amended and Restated Local Cooperation Agreement ("LCA") No. 22-074-000-D188 between the District and GLO related to funds appropriated by Senate Bill 1, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session ("SB 1"), which allows for accelerated funds to USACE, has been fully executed.

Ms. Norman reported that all funds appropriated from Senate Bill 500, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session ("SB 500") have been disbursed and expended. She stated that DD7 is negotiating an amendment to the LCA between DD7 and GLO related to funds appropriated by SB 500 to include a budget reallocation to facilitate close-out of the LCA.

Ms. Norman reported on preparation and submittal of an Advance Funds Request to the GLO for funding appropriated by SB-1.

Mr. Norman provided a report on participation in the Morgan Stanley Gulf Coast Resilience Roundtable on May 20, 2025.

Ms. Norman reported on continued coordination with GLO on cash flow forecasting requirements associated with Advance Funds Requests.

Ms. Norman reported on the hiring and onboarding of Emily McGinty, Executive Assistant to Executive Director for the District.

Mr. Baker reported on 89th Texas Legislature matters. He reported that House Bill 1089 (Gulf Coast Trust Fund Bill) and House Bill 2970 (Two-Way Traffic Bill) were signed into law.

Mr. Gordon reported on discussions with Wes Coleman of USACE Galveston regarding the Chief's discretionary authority for the Orange County Separable Element of Sabine to Galveston (the "Orange County Project").

Mr. Gordon reported that 10% design plans were submitted by GLO to USACE for the initial segment of ecosystem restoration segment G-28, Bolivar Peninsula and West Bay Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Shoreline and Island Protection ("G-28-1"), a project included in Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration Project ("Coastal Texas").

Mr. Gordon provided an update on Coastal Texas matters and reported that (1) the Memorandum of Understanding for Coastal Texas construction work was fully executed on May 13, 2025; (2) the proposed amendment to the Design Agreement between the District and USACE for Coastal Texas remains at the Office of Management and Budget and GCPD staff is planning to engage with Washington, D.C.-level partners to advance the proposed amendment.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Director Bechtel reported on recent and upcoming meetings with stakeholders and elected officials and other events related to District projects and funding.

SABINE TO GALVESTON ("S2G") MATTERS

Messrs. Sallese and Gordon gave a presentation on District program management matters related to 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.

Mr. Sallese reviewed the status and schedule for the various rounds of phase II environmental site assessment reports by Geotest Engineering, Inc. and Terracon Consultants, Inc. and stated that all reports are complete and are under review by special counsel. He noted that Dow submitted a phase II environmental site assessment report to the District and the report is under review.

Mr. Sallese updated the Board on the status of design of the Arlanxeo Levee project and reported that 60% design plans for the project are currently under review by USACE.

Mr. Sallese then updated the Board on the status of design of the Torrent Floodwall project by USACE. He reported that design is on hold pending updated utility survey results and utility relocations and real estate acquisition for the project is on hold pending submittal of 60% design plans.

Mr. Sallese 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.

REPORT FROM JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7

Mr. Sims provided a report on the status of construction contracts and utility relocations for the Jefferson County Separable Element of S2G.

COASTAL TEXAS MATTERS

The Board concurred to defer discussion on this matter to later in the meeting during executive session.

REPORT FROM GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Ms. Purdon provided a report on design of G-28-1 breakwater feature by Ducks Unlimited, the design engineer for the project.

Ms. Purdon then reported regarding the GLO developing its own memorandum of understanding for Coastal Texas construction work.

Ms. Purdon gave an update on the report on sediment sources studies conducted by GLO to identify sediment sources for beach nourishment projects as part of Coastal Texas.

Ms. Purdon also reported regarding a meeting with representatives of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana related to moving Coastal Texas projects forward.

REPORT FROM REGION 6 STATE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

Director Bakko updated the Board on the Region 6 San Jacinto Regional Flood Planning Group. She reported on submittal of Amendment No. 2 to the 2023 San Jacinto Regional Flood Plan to the Texas Water Development Board. Discussion ensued.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

The Board concurred to defer discussion on this matter to later in the meeting during executive session.

SCHEDULE AND LOCATION FOR NEXT MEETING

Following discussion, the Board concurred to hold the District's next meeting on July 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at 1150 Gemini Street, Suite 1050, Houston, Texas 77058.

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

At 11:16 a.m., the Board convened in executive session pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, to seek the advice of its attorney on legal matters related to Coastal Texas matters. The Board determined that Mr. Baker, Ms. Norman, and Mr. Gordon's attendance in this executive session was necessary for the Board to obtain the necessary legal advice from its attorneys and requested their presence in the executive session. Present at the closed meeting were Directors Bechtel, Mitchell, Bakko, Taylor, Guenther, Combs, Petersen, and Roccaforte, Mr. Baker, Ms. Norman, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Oliver, Ms. Hanen, and Ms. Panozzo.

At 11:30 a.m. Director Guenther left the executive session.

At 12:06 p.m., the Board determined that Mr. Sallese's attendance in this executive session was necessary for the Board to obtain the necessary legal advice from its attorneys on legal matters related to the Orange County project, and Mr. Sallese joined the executive session.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATE ACTION

At 12:34 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session.

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.

CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE

At 12:35 p.m., the Board convened in executive session pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, to discuss employment matters related to District personnel. Present at the closed meeting were Directors Bechtel, Mitchell, Bakko, Taylor, Combs, Petersen, and Roccaforte, Mr. Baker, Ms. Norman, Mr. Oliver, Ms. Hanen, and Ms. Panozzo.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATE ACTION

At 12:47 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session. Director Mitchell moved to authorize preparation of Requests for Qualifications for Engineering Services for the

Bolivar Roads Gate System (RFQ-2025-01) and for the Bolivar and West Galveston Beach and Dune System (RFQ-2025-02) for presentation to the Board for approval at the July Board meeting. Director Bakko seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

(SEAL)




Secretary, Board of Directors

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