

MINUTES
GULF COAST PROTECTION DISTRICT

May 10, 2023

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Gulf Coast Protection District (the “District”) met in regular session, open to the public, on the 10th day of May, 2023, at the Kaila M. Sullivan Chapel & Hall, 5000 NASA Rd 1, Seabrook, Texas 77586, inside the boundaries of the District, and the roll was called of the members of the Board:

Michel Bechtel	President
Bob Mitchell	Vice President
Roger Quiroga	Secretary
Sally Bakko	Assistant Secretary
Roger Guenther	Director
Michael VanDerSnick	Director
Lori Traweek	Director
Billy Combs	Director
Adrian Garcia	Director
Allan Ritter	Director
Kirk Roccaforte	Director

and all of the above were present except Directors Bakko, Guenther, VanDerSnick, Traweek, and Garcia, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present at the meeting were: Nicole Sunstrum, Executive Director of the District; Grace Bader, Administrative Assistant for the District; Don Corona of Orange County Drainage District (“OCDD”); Allen Sims and Phil Kelley of Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 (“DD 7”); Ray Russo, representing OCDD and DD 7; Will Carter of the Office of U.S. Congressional District 36 Representative Brian Babin; Maj. Ian O’Sullivan, Bobby Petty, and Nicole Snyder of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”); Chris Sallese of DEC; Tony Williams, Danielle DaVacque, and Dianna Ramirez of the Texas General Land Office (“GLO”); Dawn Pilcher of Tidewater Professional Services LLC; Darren Shelton of Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee; Larry Dunbar of the SSPEED Center; Coraggio Maglio of DCCM; Chris Sallese of DEC; Margaret Dubbin of GeoConsultants; David Oliver and Duggan Baker of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP; Mark Burton of Municipal Accounts & Consulting, L.P.; Lars Zetterstrom of LAN; Leslie Holloway of Hollaway Environmental and Communications Services, Inc.; Ross Gordon of Gordon Consulting Group; Austin Ficken of Masterson Advisors LLC; Jeff Scarborough and Bob Esenwein of Stantec; Russ Poppe of HNTB; Augusto Villalon and Eric Potts of Freese and Nichols; Norman Kramer of Tetra Tech; Leigh Martin, Mark Dessens, and Steve Floyd of Schaumburg & Polk, Inc.; Wendall Braniff of Braniff Attorneys; Darrell Morrison of Ardurra; Simon VanDyk and Glamour Perry of Touchstone District Services; John Shanahan; and other members of the public.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Sunstrum called roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

The Board considered approving the minutes of the April 12, 2023, regular meeting. After review and discussion, Director Mitchell moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Director Combs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL AND BOOKKEEPING MATTERS

Mr. Burton 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 Quiroga moved to approve the bookkeeper's report and payment of the bills. Director Ritter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

REPORT FROM U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Maj. O'Sullivan updated the Board on efforts related to the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management Program ("S2G"). He discussed the schedule for upcoming contract awards for the Port Arthur Separable Element of S2G. Maj. O'Sullivan discussed a Memorandum of Record for geotechnical work in certain areas for the Orange County Separable Element of S2G. He also discussed an upcoming workshop.

Maj. O'Sullivan next updated the Board on efforts related to the Coastal Texas program, including the status of preparation of memorandums of understanding with the District and GLO. He also reported on participating with the Houston Pilots to observe ship piloting and navigation.

REPORT FROM GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Mr. Williams reported on the status of GLO projects and coordination with USACE on preparation of a memorandum of understanding. He discussed the upcoming State of the Coast conference in New Orleans and various meetings to be held in connection therewith.

REPORT FROM BOARD PRESIDENT

Director Bechtel reported on recent meetings with stakeholders and elected officials. He also discussed pending legislation related to the District.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Sunstrum reported on continued meetings and work on legislation and funding from the Texas Legislature.

REPORT FROM ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7; REPORT FROM DISTRICT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT TEAM

Mr. Salles reported on the Orange County Separable Element of S2G. He commented on the Memorandum of Record discussed by Maj. O'Sullivan, noting the ability to proceed with additional assessments of non-sensitive areas. Mr. Salles discussed an upcoming meeting with USACE to discuss proceeding with the remaining areas prior to preparing a proposal for the Board's consideration. He said the project management team continues to monitor DD 7's efforts on environmental remediation and disposal procedures. Mr. Salles then discussed strategic planning efforts.

Mr. Sims then updated the Board on the Jefferson County Separable Element of S2G.

UPDATE FROM REGION 6 STATE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

There was no discussion on this item.

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

At 10:43 a.m., Director Bechtel announced that the Board would convene in executive session pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATE ACTION

At 11:36 a.m., Director Bechtel announced that the Board was reconvening in open session. Upon reconvening in open session, no action was taken.

SCHEDULE AND LOCATION FOR NEXT MEETING

Director Bechtel reported that the District's next meeting will be on June 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the Kaila M. Sullivan Chapel & Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

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

/s/ Roger Quiroga
Secretary, Board of Directors



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