MINUTES
GULF COAST PROTECTION DISTRICT

August 12, 2026

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Gulf Coast Protection District (the "District") met in regular session, open to the public, on the 12th day of August, 2026, 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:

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

and all of the above were present, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present for all or part of the meeting were: Coalter Baker, Executive Director for the District; Robert Thomas, Chief Program Manager for the District; Emily McGinty, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director for the District; Heather Betancourth, Communications Director for the District; Annie Linthicum, Grant Accounting Manager for the District; Bryan Williams, Non-Federal Sponsor WIK Accounting Manager for the District; Emily Williams, Government Relations Specialist for the District; Natalia Alanis, Community Relations Specialist for the District; Troy Griffin, Systems Administrator & IT Business Analyst for the District; Toby Davis of Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 ("DD7"); Don Carona of Orange County Drainage District; Sarah Purdon and Mary Davison of the Texas General Land Office ("GLO"); Chris Sallese of GFT Infrastructure, Inc.; Ross Gordon of Gordon Consulting Group; Rick Robertson and Ian O'Sullivan of Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. ("Jacobs"); Cameron Perry of HDR Engineering, Inc. ("HDR"); David Oliver, Kelly Hanen, and Cheryl Panozzo of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP; 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 comments from the public.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board considered approving the minutes of the July 8, 2026, regular meeting and the July 27, 2026, special meeting. After review and discussion, Director Combs moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2026, regular meeting and the July 27, 2026, special meeting as submitted. Director Ritter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Director Guenther reported regarding District public outreach efforts, including a meeting with the Pelican Island and Galveston Ship Channel Advisory Group that he attended with Ms. Alanis and Mr. Baker on August 10, 2026.

RENEWAL OF DISTRICT'S INSURANCE POLICIES

The Board reviewed a proposal from McDonald & Wessendorff Insurance for renewal of the certain District insurance policies in the total amount of $2,294.00. After review and discussion, Director Traweek moved to approve the proposal from McDonald & Wessendorff Insurance in the total amount of $2,294.00. Director Hulgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL AND BOOKKEEPING MATTERS AND

The Board reviewed the bookkeeper's reports for the month of July, the list of checks for payment of District bills, and a monthly expenditure report as of June 30, 2026. Copies of the reports are attached. After review and discussion, Director Bechtel moved to approve the bookkeeper's report and payment of the bills. Director Rutledge seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30, 2027

The Board reviewed a draft budget for fiscal year end September 30, 2027. Following discussion, the Board concurred to consider the budget at the September meeting.

RENEWAL OF THE DISTRICT'S HEALTH, DENTAL, AND VISION INSURANCE POLICIES

Following discussion, the Board concurred to defer this matter to next month.

LEASE FOR OFFICE SPACE AT 1150 GEMINI ST., HOUSTON, TEXAS 77058

Mr. Baker provided an update on a proposed lease agreement for office space at 1150 Gemini St., Houston, Texas 77058 (the "Agreement") and noted that the Agreement is being finalized. Discussion ensued.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, AND CHIEF PROGRAM MANAGER

Mr. Baker reported that the Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration Project ("Coastal Texas") was included in the fiscal year 2027 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill for appropriations in the amount of $10.6 million, and the House and Senate passed short-term Continuing Resolutions.

Mr. Baker reported that the District's next planning meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") regarding Coastal Texas funding is scheduled for next week.

Mr. Baker discussed the upcoming I-STORM annual meeting to be held during the month of September 2026.

SABINE TO GALVESTON MATTERS

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

Mr. Gordon updated the Board on efforts related to the Post Authorization Change Report ("PACR"), Task Order No. 12 (adaptability/cost optimization), Task Order No. 13 (35% design), and the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement ("SEIS"). He stated that the Draft SEIS is scheduled for public release later this year.

Mr. Sallese reviewed a summary of recent program management actions and provided an update regarding Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste policy compliance for the Orange County Project and other future District projects. He stated that the PACR Project Management Plan has been finalized and executed, and the Torrent subsurface utility engineering final report was submitted to USACE Galveston.

Mr. Sallese also reviewed a summary of upcoming program management activities for the next 30-60 days.

REPORT FROM JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7

Mr. Davis presented a report prepared by DD7 on the status of construction contracts, acquisition of land, and utility relocations for the Jefferson County Project, a copy of which is attached. He stated he anticipates that the contract for construction of PAV03C will be awarded in early 2027.

AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT NO. 22-074-000-D188 BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND GLO AND AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT NO. 24-109-000-E394 BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND GLO

The Board concurred to discuss these items during executive session.

COASTAL TEXAS MATTERS

Mr. Robertson reviewed a presentation prepared by Jacobs regarding design of the Bolivar Roads Gate System, a copy of which is attached. Mr. Robertson responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Thomas stated that Task Order No. 3 to the Master Services Agreement for Engineering Services with Jacobs ("Task Order No. 3 to Jacobs") will be discussed during executive session.

Mr. Perry reviewed a presentation prepared by HDR on design of the Bolivar and West Galveston Beach and Dune System, a copy of which is attached. Mr. Perry responded to questions from the Board.

Mr. Baker discussed alternatives to State funding for the District and reported that the District was invited to apply for a grant.

Mr. Thomas provided a report regarding Coastal Texas Research Council matters, including status updates on Task Order Nos. 2 and 3 to the Master Research Agreement with Texas A&M University.

Ms. Alanis reviewed a presentation regarding the District's strategy for stakeholder engagement for Coastal Texas, a copy of which is attached. Discussion ensued.

Director Traweek provided a report on the District's Environmental Advisory Committee and noted that the next committee meeting will be held on September 24, 2026.

Director Hulgan provided a report on the meeting of the District's Industry Advisory Committee held on July 21, 2026.

Mr. Thomas gave an update on the initial segment of the ecosystem restoration segment G-28, Bolivar Peninsula and West Bay Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Shoreline and Island Protection and stated that the District's comments on the Engineering Documentation Report were returned to USACE.

REPORT FROM GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Ms. Purdon provided summaries of proposed Amendment No. 6 to 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") and Amendment No. 3 to LCA No. 24-109-000-E394 between the District and GLO for funds appropriated by House Bill 1, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session ("HB 1").

Ms. Purdon reported regarding an I-STORM workshop hosted by the District, which included updates on the Bolivar Roads Gate System design.

Ms. Purdon then reported that the memorandum of understanding for Coastal Texas construction work submitted by the GLO to USACE is ready for execution.

Ms. Purdon also reported that USACE agreed to contribute $325,000 in funding for GLO's ecosystem restoration project CA5.

Ms. Purdon provided a report regarding preparation of the GLO's Legislative Appropriations Request for the 90th Texas Legislative Session.

Ms. Purdon reported regarding the advance funding requests submitted by the District for funding appropriated by SB 1 and HB 1.

UPDATE ON STATE AND REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING MATTERS

Director Bakko provided a report regarding Region 6 State Flood Planning Group matters. She noted that the next meeting of the Region 6 State Flood Planning Group is scheduled for August 18, 2026, and GLO will conduct a presentation regarding the River Basin Flood Study at the meeting. In response to an inquiry by Director Bechtel, Mr. Gordon stated that the Sabine to Galveston project is included in the State Flood Plan.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

The Board concurred to discuss employment matters during executive session.

SCHEDULE AND LOCATION FOR NEXT MEETING

Director Guenther reported that the District's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at 1150 Gemini Street, Suite 1050, Houston, Texas 77058.

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 11:57 a.m. the Board convened in executive session pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, to discuss employment matters related to District personnel. The Board determined that Mr. Baker's attendance was necessary and requested his presence in the executive session. Present at the closed meeting were all Directors, Mr. Baker, Mr. Oliver, Ms. Hanen, and Ms. Panozzo.

At 12:33 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session.

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

At 12:34 p.m., the Board convened in executive session pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, to consult with its attorneys regarding Coastal Texas and Sabine to Galveston project matters. The Board determined that Mr. Baker, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Betancourth, and Mr. Gordon's attendance was necessary for the Board to obtain legal advice from its attorneys and requested their presence in the executive session. Present at the closed meeting were all Directors, Mr. Baker, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Betancourth, Mr. Gordon, Ms. Hanen, and Ms. Panozzo.

At 12:54 p.m., Mr. Gordon left the executive 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.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATE ACTION

At 1:26 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session.

Director Mitchell moved to approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order No. 3 to Jacobs for the Bolivar Roads Gate System in an amount not to exceed $20,000,000, subject to final approval, and direct that such task order be filed appropriately and retained in the District's official records. Director Bechtel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Director Bechtel moved to approve and authorize execution of Amendment No. 6 to LCA No. 22-074-000-D188 between the District and GLO and Amendment No. 3 to

LCA No. 24-109-000-E394 between the District and GLO and direct that such agreements be filed appropriately and retained in the District's official records. Director Bakko seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Asst. Secretary, Board of Directors

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## LIST OF ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES