

Budget and Priorities (B&P) Subcommittee of the Galveston Bay Council (GBC)

Date: Friday, September 27, 2019, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Galveston Bay Estuary Program (GBEP), Conference room, 17041 El Camino Real, Suite 210, Houston, TX 77058

Call in information (was provided for those who could not attend in person)

Draft Minutes

Attendees

Members attending: Brian Koch, George Guillen, Linda Shead, Cherie O'Brien, Mike Lee, Sharron Stewart, Nancy Parra, T'Noya Thompson, Helen Paige*, Kerry Niemann*, Doug Jacobson*

GBEP Staff attending: Christian Rines, Patricia Thompson, Kristen McGovern, Lindsey Lippert, Mary Stiles, Lisa Marshall

*phone participants

Welcome and Introductions.

Action.

Review and approval of June 26, 2019 B&P meeting minutes. **Nancy Parra** moved to approve with changes. **Cherie O'Brien** seconded. Minutes were approved.

Acknowledgement of Bylaws

As part of the process to approve the work plan, the acknowledgement of bylaws form must be completed by subcommittee members to ensure transparency. This form is signed annually before discussion and approval of the work plan. Members are expected to announce their connection to any projects. Members signed the acknowledgement form and announced any connections they had to projects as they were being discussed.

FY 2021 Work Plan and Budget Review and Discussion

Patricia Thompson presented the FY 2021 budget with all projects and expenditures included. She then presented a second FY 2021 proposed budget that included the top ranked projects and justification for their selection. After the members discussed the projects and budget options, they approved a balanced budget. The final approved budget is attached.

Resolutions to Support the Galveston Bay Plan, 2nd Edition (GBP) Update:

Lisa Marshall reminded the members that the Galveston Bay Council is hoping to get resolutions approved from cities and organizations in support of the GBP. **Ms.**

Marshall read the list of submitted resolutions and those that have committed to approve a resolution but have not yet submitted.

Planning for October GBC meeting:

- The GBEP staff will present the proposed budget and FY 2021 projects to the GBC and request approval by the GBC.
- Two presentations have been scheduled. Andrew Myer with the Texas Department of State Health Services will present the results from their Seafood Evaluation project and Lauren Schmied from FEMA will discuss Coastal Flood Risk
- **New Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Representative:** Rebecca Hensley retired from TPWD in August. Bryan Eastham has been selected to represent TPWD. **Helen Paige** will introduce Mr. Eastham and read his bio at the GBC meeting.

Setting a date for the next B&P Subcommittee meeting:

Ms. Marshall suggested the meeting take place the second week of January so people will be back from holiday vacations. The members chose January 9, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Announcements:

- N/A

Action:

Select next B&P meeting date and time. Group suggested Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. CST.

Upcoming meetings:

Galveston Bay Council:

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Harris-Galveston Subsidence District, Wednesday, October 16, 2019

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Moody Gardens, Tuesday, January 21, 2020