

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

Date: Monday, January 12, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Galveston Bay Estuary Program (GBEP), Virtual Teams

Minutes

Attendees

Members attended: Glenn Clingenpeel, Brian Koch, Mike Lee, Kerry Niemann, Nancy Parra, Lisa Rickards, Linda Shead, and Lori Traweek.

GBEP Staff attended: Cynthia Clevenger, Lindsey Lippert, Kristen McGovern, Lisa Marshall, Christian Rines, and Patricia Thompson.

Welcome and Introductions.

Lisa Marshall and Glenn Clingenpeel welcomed the members to the meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes from October 5, 2020 was made by Mr. Clingenpeel and a second was made by Brian Koch. The minutes were approved.

Galveston Bay Council Feedback

Ms. Marshall opened a discussion about having the GBC members provide feedback on the GBC and the GBC meetings. GBEP staff would like to find out what members believe to be the most valuable role of the GBC, what GBEP can do to best support the members and their organizations, and if the structure of the meetings is acceptable.

Members of the subcommittee liked the idea of the questionnaire. Linda Shead suggested we provide different options for the question regarding the role of the GBC. After discussion by the subcommittee members, alternate options were agreed upon and an additional question added – “What do you and your represented entity gain from being a part of the GBC?” Members also thought we would have more respond to the questionnaire if it were anonymous.

In a later discussion with Cherie O’Brien, she suggested one more question – “Is the information from GBC meetings shared with other individuals in your entity? Please select all that apply.”

The results for the questionnaire will be reported to the GBC at the April meeting.

Planning for the October GBC Meeting

Ms. Marshall will remind members that GBEP will be going to Commissioners’ Agenda to get new GBC members’ terms approved on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

Presentations

Pelican Island Bridge Replacement – Seeking Reef Enhancement/Mitigation/Re-purpose

Opportunities - Sue Theiss, Texas Department of Transportation

Galveston Bay Intertidal Oyster Reef Mapping and Analysis - Marc Hanke, Ph.D, University of Houston and Amanda Hackney, Black Cat GIS and Biological Services

Diamondback Terrapin: A Gem in Galveston Bay's Marshes - George Guillen, Ph.D, Environmental Institute of Houston, University of Houston, Clear Lake

Scheduling the next B&P Subcommittee meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Marshall offered to send out calendar requests for the B&P subcommittee meetings for the rest of the year. The members selected dates for the quarterly meetings for the rest of 2021:

- April 6 @ 9:00 a.m.
- July 7 @ 9:00 a.m.
- October 5 @ 9:00 a. m.

Announcements:

- Lori Traweek mentioned that she recently attended a presentation on the Buffalo Bayou & Tributaries Resiliency Study and Interim Report Alternative. She thought the GBC would be interested in this topic as well.

Upcoming meetings:

Galveston Bay Council: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 20, 2021, WebEx Virtual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.