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

### Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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

## Minutes

### Attendees

**Members attended:** Glenn Clingenpeel, Albert Gonzales, Brian Koch, Helen Paige, Nancy Parra, Linda Shead, Philip Smith, Cindy Wilems.

**GBEP Staff attended:** Matthew Abernathy, Lindsey Lippert, Kristen McGovern, Lisa Marshall, Christian Rines, Vanessa Zemke.

### Welcome and Introductions.

Lisa Marshall welcomed the members to the meeting. Ms. Marshall introduced Matthew Abernathy, the new Education and Outreach Coordinator, who gave a brief description of his background.

The members reviewed the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes from October 5, 2021 was made by Brian Koch and a second was made by Glenn Clingenpeel. The minutes were approved.

**Planning for Field Trip**

Ms. Marshall outlined the itinerary for the GBC field trip that would take place on April 20th:

* Members will meet at Challenger 7 Memorial Park at 8:30 a.m.
* A brief GBC meeting will be held
* 9:00 a.m. - bus will depart for Coastal Heritage Preserve
* 10:30 a.m. – bus will depart for Galveston Island State Park
* 11:00 a.m. – bus will depart for Exploration Green
* 12:30 p.m. – bus will depart for Challenger 7 Memorial Park where Brittani Flowers, Bayou Preservation Association CEO, will give background information of the GBEP funded project at the park.

**GBC Vacancies**

Ms. Marshall announced that there are four vacancies on the GBC that need to be filled.

* Mary Beth Stengler - pop < 25,000 (Chambers County)
* Jeff Taebel – Houston-Galveston Area Council
* Bryan Eastham – Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
* Alan Black – Harris County Flood Control District

The B&P subcommittee members will need to find and present candidates to fill the local government with a population less than 25,000 position. Linda Shead suggested Ms. Marshall provide a list of cities that meet the population requirement. Ms. Marshall will send a list and the vacancy can be discussed at the next subcommittee meeting.

Todd Running has been appointed by Houston-Galveston Area Council to replace Jeff Taebel on the GBC. He will be introduced as the new representative at the July meeting.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has asked Emma Clarkson and Kelley Kowal to participate on the GBC until TPWD has filled Bryan Eastham’s position.

Jonathan Holley has been appointed by the Harris County Flood Control District to replace Alan Black on the GBC. He will be introduced as the new representative at the July meeting.

**Continuing Discussion of Panel**

* + Postpone until January?
	+ Plastic Pollution
	+ Conservation plans and frameworks
	+ DEI/EJ, if moving towards becoming more involved with watershed mapping

Ms. Marshall reminded the members of the panel topics that had been discussed at the past meetings. A short discussion took place to come up with other topics. A suggestion was made to pick a current, emerging issue topic but no specific idea was mentioned. It was decided by the members to postpone the panel discussion and to think about potential topics to be discussed at a later date.

**Announcements and Program Updates**

Cindy Wilems: Bay Day – May 14th at the Kemah Boardwalk

Lisa Marshall: Trash Summit – May 11th virtual

Brian Koch: Soil and Water Stewardship Week April 24 - May 1st, with a theme of Healthy Soil, Healthy Life

The next B&P Subcommittee meeting will be July 12, 2022.

### Upcoming meetings:

Galveston Bay Council: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2022, Field trip to GBEP funded sites

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.