

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

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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

Minutes

Attendees

Members attended: Brian Koch, Glenn Clingenpeel, Albert Gonzales, Mike Lee, Kerry Niemann, Lisa Rickards, Philip Smith, Lori Traweek, Cindy Wilems.

GBEP Staff attended: Matthew Abernathy, Lindsey Lippert, Lisa Marshall, Christian Rines.

Welcome

Lisa Marshall welcomed the members to the meeting.

The members reviewed the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes from July 12, 2022 was made by Brian Koch and a second was made by Lori Traweek. The minutes were approved.

Fiscal Year 2024 Section 320 Work Plan Project Review and Budget Discussion

The GBEP staff presented the proposed projects from each of the subcommittees. A short summary and budget was provided for each project. The proposals were discussed and a balanced budget proposed.

A motion to approve the projects and balanced budget was made by Brian Koch and a second was made by Lori Traweek. The motion was approved. The spreadsheet with the approved projects and budget is attached.

Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Work Plan Project Review and Budget Discussion

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GBC Vacancy Discussion

Two people were recommended to fill the vacancy for small cities with a population of less than 25,000. ·

- Ken Barnadyn, City of Mont Belvieu; he is on the Natural Resource Advisory Council for H-GAC.
- Teresa Vaquez Evans of Kemah, Director of Planning in the City of LaPorte and is an alternate H-GAC Board Member for small cities.

Ms. Marshall asked if anyone knew either of the people recommended. When no one was familiar with either of the recommended candidates, Ms. Marshall asked for other recommendations. Ms. Traweck suggested Julie Masters with Keep Dickinson Beautiful. There was consensus among members that Ms. Masters would be an excellent choice. Ms. Traweck volunteered to contact her to see if she is interested in serving on the GBC.

Planning for the October GBC meeting:

Ms. Marshall discussed the agenda for the GBC meeting. If interested in serving, Ms. Masters will be introduced and her bio will be read. The GBEP staff will present the B&P subcommittee approved projects and budgets for the CWA and BIL funds. Ryan Bare will present the first phase of the Regional Monitoring Database.

Setting a Date for the B&P Subcommittee Meetings in 2023

The members agreed to schedule the meetings at 1:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of January, April, July, and October. Ms. Marshall will send a Teams meeting request for each of the meetings.

Announcements and Program Updates

Ms. Marshall announced the status of vacancies for GBEP. PPE Subcommittee Coordinator will start on October 24th and the rest of the vacancies filled by the end of November.

Brian Koch: Regional Office and a vacancy for an NRS III - they will work on Water Quality Monitoring Plans and surveying, GIS is a plus. Temple office also has some vacancies.

Upcoming meetings:

Galveston Bay Council: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Meeting adjourned