

West Galveston Island Property Owner Association

October 22, 2022

1. Call to Order 9:15 AM

2. Introduction of Board Members

**Julie Greenwell - Sea Isle; Boyd Carr – Isla del Sol; Craig Vance – Terramar;
Jerry Mohn; Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach; Chris Lauer – Bermuda Beach;
Dan Walsh – Spanish Grant Bay**

3. Introduction of Elected Officials

Taz, Joe, Marie

4. Introduction of Candidates for Office

**Terri Leo Wilson running for State House Representative District 23; Michael
Williams U. S Congress, 14th Congressional District; Randy Weber – U.S. Congress
14th Congressional District**

5. Marie Robb, District 6 Happenings

- **US Corps of Engineers (USACE) the project for the beneficial reuse of dredged sand on the West End is still moving forward. This includes the “No Objection” letter for the Port of Houston and Port of Galveston amongst others. The sand nourishment is currently planned to extend from the end of the seawall to Dellanera Park.**
- **Commissioner of the General Land Office (GLO) position is up for election and could potentially change this year.**
- **Roads within the district are continuing to be repaved. While some areas are being addressed, there are multiple areas that have yet to be addressed. The budget for the city streets is divided equally into 6 parts, with one part going to District 6 which is 20 of the 32 miles of Galveston Island.**
- **Sally Balko and Marie met with various appropriation members to get funds for the Coastal Spine Project sand and dunes on the beaches. While the project has been approved, the funding is yet to be appropriated to the project.**
- **The US Post Office is utilizing postal inspectors to determine how mail is being stolen. Additional efforts are being looked into to increase the security of the mail going through our postal offices. Bermuda Beach, Spanish Grant Beach, and Spanish Grant Bay all have mailboxes in the neighborhoods. The other neighborhoods have postal boxes.**

- **If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call Marie Robb on her cell phone at (409) 256-4518.**

6. Sally Balko, Gulf Coast Protection District

- **Met with Congressional people in Washington, DC regarding the Coastal Spine Project appropriations. The main push was for the needs of the United State for semiconductors and petrochemicals that are supplied out of the ports that will be protected by this project.**
- **Additional efforts are being pushed to Congressional members discussing that if Texas is taken out of the supply chain by a hurricane, Texas can't support recovery efforts or supplying manufacturing materials to the rest of the US.**
- **The Coastal Spine Project will greatly improve the beaches in Galveston for protection of our homes. The project would approve maintenance efforts scheduled for every 6 years after the project is implemented.**
- **Due to the federal and state requirements for funding, multiple people need to be involved in the appropriations of funds.**

7. Craig Vance, Beach Advisory Committee

- **Federal seaweed inundation relocation permit is still in process. The City will apply for the federal permit and the HOAs can utilize this permit when needed.**
- **Pilot program being implemented to distribute grapefruit sacks for trash pickup along the island. This program has been successful in other areas of the state.**
- **Beach Ambassador program for people interested in protecting and cleaning our beaches. It includes a starting pack issued to those that apply.**
- **Sand renourishment program is continuing to gain traction with the permitting along the West End of the island.**

8. Congressman Randy Weber

- **Congressman Weber has been representing District 14 for 10 years (includes all of Galveston County).**
- **He has been looking for coastal protection since Hurricane Ike. This District currently covers 5 ports and soon to be 6 ports (Port of Orange to be added during the next redistricting).**
- **A very large portion of the strategic petroleum reserves are stored within District 14. There are discussions to slow and stop the depletion of these strategic resources.**
- **Texas is the #1 wind energy and #2 in solar energy production in the US. A reliable form of energy is needed in District 14 in order to meet the current demand, but with supplementation from renewable energies. He is in support of safe, nuclear energy and the technological advances of nuclear energy.**
- **Congressman Weber wants a strong economy, an accountable government, support of education and safety programs, and opening fossil fuel resources.**

- **Fentanyl is coming across the border in the US. ~300 people a day are dying from overdoses. Congressman Weber is pushing for stronger border security to slow and stop this issue.**
- **Congressman Weber is on the science, space and technology committee in congress and is in favor of continuing the research and development of aerospace projects within our district.**
- **There are discussions of merging the approvals and appropriations of the Coastal Spine Project in congress with bipartisan support.**

9. Sgt. Ashton Gill, West Galveston Island Police Report 409-784-8809

- **Auto theft is on the rise on the West End. Please make sure to lock your vehicles as most of these thefts are from unlocked vehicles. Also, please do not leave firearms in your vehicles.**
- **There is movement of the homeless population westward across the island. If you notice someone in your neighborhood who doesn't belong there, please contact the non-emergency police line 409-765-3702. They will receive the help that they need in a more appropriate way.**

10. Approve September 30 , 2022 financials and September 17, 2022 minutes, moved by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Dan Walsh.

11. Adjournment 11:00 AM

We thank Alderwoman Taz Jones from Jamaica Beach in taking a U-Tube video of the meeting, which can be seen at: <https://youtu.be/QPTbkVIHc0Y>